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The Ellenbrook News

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House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

BRIDGEWATER.....	691
ELLESMERE.....	737
LOWRY.....	716
PEEL.....	718

Well done to all the children earning a house point this week. It's so close.....all to play for!

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

08/02/2019	PTA Quiz 7.30pm—10.30pm
12/02/2019	Book Bus Visit
13/02/2019	Year 6 trip to Fusilier Museum - Bury
13/02/2019	PTA Meeting @ 7.00pm
15/02/2019	School closes for half term & Go red for Joshua
25/02/2019	Back to school!

MARCH

04/03/2019 -	Book Week (All week)
07/03/2019	World Book Day
26/03/2019	Worsley Swimming Gala

Important reminder... Important reminder...

Just a reminder that in case of more heavy snow your first port of call is always the School's Twitter page and the Salford School Closure webpage

<https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-closures/>

<https://twitter.com/EllenbrookComm1>

PROMISE OF THE WEEK



**THINK ABOUT
YOUR LIFE
REWARDED WITH
WISDOM YOU
WILL BE**

THINKING ABOUT YOUR LIFE ...WILL MAKE YOU WISE

Awe and Wonder....

What a fantastic week we have had at Ellenbrook! I loved the snow so much and it was great to get the children out on the field to enjoy the snow. More importantly than that, it was great to see the children mixing together. Year 6 children helping Year 2 children to build snowmen, girls and boys working together, it was really great to see. If you missed it, we have some excellent pictures on Twitter of the children playing in the snow. Ironically, Nursery went to the Chill Factor this week to play in the snow...typical!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Ellenbrook staff. Some of them had very long and quite treacherous journeys to school and they were so determined to get here and teach the children. I know a number of other local schools had to close and I was so pleased we could stay open. A special thank you to our caretaker Mr Chisnall who spent hours shovelling snow and salting paths. I was lucky enough to be able to lend a hand and I was exhausted afterwards, I don't know how he managed it. I did manage to rack up 25,500 steps on my fit bit though!

A huge congratulations also goes to our gym teams this week. Years 3-6 competed in the Key Steps Competition with other Salford schools and they both did exceptionally well with Year 5 & 6 winning the trophy. It was a an excellent effort and I am so proud of them. It is Year 1 & 2 next week and I wish them the best of luck in advance.

Year 6 also have two football competitions on Tuesday next week with the final of the MUFC indoor tournament and the Year 6 football cup. Again, best of luck to both teams next week. I am going with the MUFC competition team and I am looking forward to seeing an excellent competition.

It only leaves me to wish you all a great weekend. Just a reminder it's the PTA quiz on Friday next week. Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about what we are passionate about in lives....

1. What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about cross country as my scores in every race are good. I have come 27th, 15th, 16th & 17th. I run very fast but I could not have done any of it without the support of Mr Marks who is passionate about running too.

2. What makes you strong inside?

I get the strength from people who support me. Every cross country race Mr Marks supports me and my other friends too. They are a great help!

3. Do you stand up for right?

I do. I stand up for rights so that I can be a true friend to other people as they are a true friend to me.

Ellesmere, Year 5



Things to Remember from the Office....

- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible by calling or emailing the school office. If your child is off for more than a day, we still need you to call in with a detailed message explaining their absence.
- Please can you let the office or your child's class teacher know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up.
- Can we remind you all to check your Parent Pay account for messages and communications from the school. Please can we also ask you to read the e-mails sent from the office. We currently have 13 Parents Pay accounts that need to be updated!
- Any reply slips or other correspondence for the office should be posted into the white metal letterbox inside the entrance to the school office.
- Please remember we need two weeks notice if your child is changing from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa. Please do not change without informing the office.
- Answerphone messages are picked up throughout the day, we may not always respond immediately if the office is very busy. We would ask you to be patient if you haven't heard from us, your query will be answered the same day.



Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- Nursery – Yr2 Parent Phonics meeting
- EYFS – Chinese New Year
- Operation Encompass



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We have been working on our gross motor skills today by giving our arms a good work out. We used the parachute to act out the storm scene from our story Lost and Found [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#earlywritingskills](#)

Reception!

What an eventful afternoon we have had in reception. Our egg was stolen by the Nastysaurus and we have been building traps to catch him and following maps! The egg arrived back safe with a sorry letter - the Nastysaurus was just playing a trick on us-he is nice really!

Year 1!

This week Year 1 have been super busy halving in maths! We have been halving shapes, groups of objects and numbers!

Year 2!

News flash! A tornado hit year 2 Amazons. The children were so exciting to discover what happened and decided to write a newspaper report about it.

Year 3!

So proud of Sharks for peer editing their writing this afternoon...great team work!

Year 4!

Year 4 have been working hard on coordinates. We started our lesson as a human grid, plotting our movements!

[#year4rockets](#) [#mathsisfun](#)

Year 5!

Developing our own Ordnance Survey maps of Ellenbrook using our own symbols! Some very creative symbol designs

Year 6!

We have all created shops today. We worked in partners to work out how much money we would need to buy items in our shops to practise using percentages.

Want to showcase your general knowledge?

QUIZ Night

Ellenbrook School PTA Quiz Night
8th February 2019

You are invited to our first PTA Quiz Night (adults only), compiled by our very own Mr Blackburn

Please join us for a fun filled evening of quizzing with either your own team (max 6 per team) or join in with another table on the night. The cost of the quiz is £5 per adult with all proceeds going to the PTA funds.

- Doors open at 7.30pm
- Quiz starts at 8pm to approx. 10.30pm
- Bring your own food / nibbles
- Bar - serving beer, wine, cider & soft drinks (please do not bring your own drinks!)
- Prizes for the winning and losing teams
- 50 / 50 Stand-up Bingo game (£1 per participant – prize for the winner)

There is still time to register as a team or individual, please complete the reply slip at the bottom of the quiz letter (raised via parentpay and available from the school office) or alternatively email info@ellenbrookpta.com and arrange to pay on the night.

Forms need to be posted (with cash payment) via the white post box inside the school office entrance.

Places are limited so please book early!!

Please note that we are not issuing tickets but your name will be on a guest list at the door.

Please direct any queries to: info@ellenbrookpta.com

Kind regards,

Ellenbrook PTA

Don't forget to post your completed forms (with payment) in the white school post box to secure your place(s)

Parking

Please be respectful when dropping off and picking up and not double parking or parking half on the curb and half on the road blocking the walkways.

Let's keep the roads around the school safe for everyone who uses them and the paths too.



Young Voices

Our school choir is going to the Young Voices concert in the MEN Arena on the 12th February. They have been rehearsing for a long time and we are really looking forward to the concert!



Measles

We have been made aware of a number of cases of measles in the Salford area. If you have any concerns, contact your GP or get more information at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles>

School's Gymnastics Tournament

On Tuesday, two groups of Ellenbrook children attended the Key Steps Gymnastic Competition at Ordsall Leisure Centre.

The teams performed very well and we are so proud of how they did. The Year 3 and 4 team came third overall which was a great achievement. The Year 5 & 6 team won their competition! A huge congratulations to them.

