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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

<b>BRIDGEWATER</b> .....	463
<b>ELLESMERE</b> .....	510
<b>LOWRY</b> .....	480
<b>PEEL</b> .....	497

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

## Ellenbrook Diary Dates

### JANUARY

28/01/2019 SATs Assessment Meeting (Year 6 only)

### FEBRUARY

08/02/2019 PTA Quiz 7.30pm—10.30pm  
 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  
 25/02/2019 Back to school!

### MARCH

26/03/2019 Worsley Swimming Gala

## **Important reminder... Important reminder...**

Just a reminder that in case of heavy snow your first port of call will be 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**

## **One Piece of the Jigsaw....**

It has been a very busy and exciting week at Ellenbrook topped off with seeing some snow at last albeit only for 20 minutes or so! I hope you have been following our Twitter feed this week as there has been some amazing learning going on in the classes. The Early Years in particular really enjoyed the snow and it's one of those things that excites everyone, children and staff alike.

This week Mr Marks and I went on our training for Operation Encompass. It's a new initiative for Salford and it centres on the Police informing schools directly of incidents of domestic abuse within the household that are witnessed by children or where children are present. The statistics for this are increasing rapidly in the national context and it was very sad to learn that 1 in 5 children in the UK will have been or are exposed to DV with 130,000 currently in abusive homes. Next week we will be sending out a letter about Operation Encompass to explain you how it works. This is a letter Salford have prepared and it has been distributed to all schools in the authority.

I did mention the Parental Survey last week and I had hoped to have the analysis completed for you this week. It's been such a full on week that this hasn't quite been finished but it will be with you next week and is well worth reading. As I have said many times, we run this school as a partnership between us as staff, you as parents and the children as learners. I am not one for clichés such as...better together...stronger for longer but for me, we will achieve a lot more as a partnership than we will individually. Some of you have, quite rightly, commented on the changes made to the school in the survey and it's clear to me there are so many things we are doing to take the school forward that you have been a key part of. As I have said, we have not dismantled anything for the sake of it. We look forward to working even more closely in the future. Have a really great weekend!  
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about our life goals....

### **1. How do you think people see you?**

I think people see me as energetic and funny. Smiley and a very fast writer!

### **2. Do you ever think about your life?**

Yes I do think about my life. I think about the fact I am getting older and older every year.

### **3. How does it make you feel?**

It make me feel happy and sad at the same time because I am getting older and older and happy because I am lucky enough to have everything I need.  
**Ellesmere, Year 5**

### **1. How do you think people see you?**

People see me as quiet, shy, funny and kind I hope. I am a very happy person and I think people see that.

### **2. Do you ever think about your life?**

I think about my life and I realise I am lucky enough to have everything I need.

### **3. How does it make you feel?**

It makes me feel very happy as I have a good life and not all people have what I have, I am lucky  
**Peel, Year 2**



## 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...

- Yr 6 - Bury Fusilier Museum
- Before & After School Club new contact details (outside of core hours, please leave messages on the phone )
- After School Activities (Netball) KS1 and KS2
- Orthoptic screening (Reception only)
- Yr6 SATS Meeting reminder



## In the classroom this week.....

### Nursery!

"Can you believe we saw real life snow?" We loved playing out in the snow and catching it on our tongues. The tiny snowflakes melting very quickly! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

### Reception!

Such a brilliant day in Reception Elm! After playing in the snow (see previous tweets) we finished the day with a visit from the author Dawn Robertson-we loved her book 'Lizzie and the birds' and had fun getting into role! Someone in Reception has just said " THIS IS THE BEST DAY EVER!!" We are having so much fun playing in the snow with our friends! [#winterfun](#) [#investigatingseasons](#)

### Year 1!

Year 1 loved learning all about Lizzie's bird friends with Dawn! [#lizzieandthebirds](#)

### Year 2!

Year 2 enjoyed playing and learning about the glockenspiel in music today. What wonderful performances! Well done

### Year 3!

We have been subtracting and exchanging in Year 3 today. What a fab game! Playing the exchange game in Year 3 to help with our column subtraction.

Figure drawing in art today. Year 3 are really learning to draw what they can see and are developing their observational drawing skills nicely.

### Year 4!

Year 4 are comparing climate zones around the world. [#year4rockets](#) [#geography](#). Lots of great discussion happening in Year 4 - reasoning and problem solving with fractions. [#year4rockets](#) [#workingtogether](#) [#solvingproblems](#)

### Year 5!

Reflecting on our lives in thoughtful time this morning - think about your life...rewarded with wisdom you will be [#year5falcons](#)

### Year 6!

Year 6 explored percentages of amounts using sweets this morning! [#mathsisfun](#)

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## PTA QUIZ NIGHT

(Adults Only)

Friday 8th February 2019

7.30pm in the School Hall



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.

Cost 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
- Prizes for the winning and losing teams
- 50 / 50 Stand-up Bingo game (£ 1 per participant - prize for the winner!)

Please return the form issued via [Parentpay](#) (also available from the school office entrance) with cash payment in a sealed envelope marked 'PTA Quiz' to the white school post box inside the school office entrance by 4pm Friday 25th January 2019.

Places are limited so please book early!!

[facebook.com/ellenbrookpta](https://www.facebook.com/ellenbrookpta)

[www.yourschoolptasociety.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolptasociety.co.uk)

[info@ellenbrookpta.co.uk](mailto:info@ellenbrookpta.co.uk)

## 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.



## Manchester United Football Tournament

On Tuesday, we took a Year 5 and Year 6 team to the Cliff training ground to take part in a football tournament organised by Manchester United.

It was a day of mixed fortunes for our teams with Year 5 in particular playing some exceptionally strong teams from Year 6 in others schools. They played very well making Miss Hale and I extremely proud.

Year 6 won every game meaning they won the entire tournament. This was the last round of 16 and Year 6 will now move forward to the Final of the whole competition where they will play the 15 other tournament winners. Well done to all of the players played superbly and congratulations Year 6!

