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HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1266	1243	1324	1382

Wow ...way to go Ellesmere and Bridgewater...you've really caught up!

Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about wisdom....

1. When have you felt like giving up?

I remember one time in cross country when it was snowing and it was -3 and I was really tired but I remembered what my mum said at the beginning of the race 'imagine that your puppy is running away and you have to catch her.' That encouraged me a lot in the race that day in cross country when I felt like giving up.

2. Who encourages you to keep going?

My mum and dada because they supported me when I did an exam and encourage me to do what I enjoy.

3. Who could you encourage today?

I could encourage my sister to be happy because she is upset with me and a bit tired. **Year 6, Bridgewater**

1. When have you felt like giving up?

Yes when I was making a puppet I felt like giving up because I kept cutting the legs off.

2. Who encourages you to keep going?

My mum and dad, Miss Clarke, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Rendel, and Mrs Bray

3. Who could you encourage today?

I could encourage Joe my baby brother because he is learning to talk so I really want to encourage him. **Year 3, Lowry**



It's Here Alright...That was quick!

This week I have been thinking a lot about our wonderful school and the people who work in it. According to the British Social Attitudes survey, nearly 50% of the British Public believe teachers work too hard with 40% also believing teachers are underpaid. I would extend that figure to all school staff not just teachers, but it is interesting that such a high number of people have the view that teachers work too hard and are underpaid. With teacher numbers falling by about 1,300 a year it's clearly going to be a big focus for the Department for Education over the next few years. With figures also showing that 24% of teachers face violence in their jobs on a weekly basis it's clear we need to do something to change the situation in schools.

At Ellenbrook we have an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect between adults and children and the behaviour of our children is excellent. We do work hard on this and all school staff form excellent relationships with the children in their care in order to support their learning. I am often outside at lunchtime and it is so nice to see staff and children chatting, laughing and occasionally playing games. That's the heart of our school ethos and one we know you respect and support as parents.

I have also completed our half termly review of attendance this week which currently stands at 95.2% which is the lowest it has been for some years. Of that number, 3.8% is authorised and covers the huge number of bugs the children have had this year but 1% is unauthorised which equates to 350 lost school days since September. That is far too high and next half term we will be writing to you to encourage you to ensure your child attends Ellenbrook as much as possible as every lost day impacts their education.

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Cohen today as she begins a new chapter in her career. We want to thank her for everything she has done for Year 6 and wish her the very best for the future.

We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Important reminder... Important reminder...

- * School re-opens on Monday 24th February!
- * WEDUC - please register!

THE KEY 2 LIFE

ALWAYS KEEP GOING

Are you a persistent person?

ELLENBROOK DIARY DATES

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/3/2020—6/3/20 - Book Week- all year groups • 2/3/2020—English workshop for parents • 2/3/2020—3/3/2020—Year 2 Bring yer wellies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/4/20 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm • 2/4/2020 - PTA Spring Disco • 3/4/2020 - Last day of Spring term • 20/4/2020 - Start of Summer term • 20/4/2020 - Year 2 trip to Lytham 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/5/20 - Year 2 class assembly— Parents invited • 5/5/20 - Parents' Evening • 6/5/20 - Year 1 trip to Clitheroe • 7/5/20 - Parents Evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/6/20 - INSET Day—School closed • 4/6/20 - Early Years Sports day @12pm • 5/5/20 - Sports Day for KS1 (am) & KS2 (pm)

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 know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up.
- 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.



Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

1. Whole school – Weduc Clarification
2. Protecting the Environment (Whole School)
3. Year 2 Bring Yer Wellies
4. Year 1 Library Visit cancelled
5. Year 5 & 6 High Five Netball
6. Reminder to parents to sign up to Weduc

Sporting Achievements this week!

Our Year 5 and 6 gymnasts (the elite squad!) took part in the Salford Gymnastics Completion on Monday. They demonstrated what a wonderful group of gymnasts they are and very closely missed out on first place by 0.7 points! We are all very proud of their silver medal position.

WEDUC

The take up for WEDUC has been great so far and thank you all so much for signing up. ParentPay will only be used for making payments after half term. All communication from the school will be through WEDUC so please sign up over the break if you haven't already!

Pick Up and Drop Off

I am aware I constantly moan about parking around the school but the situation is now becoming very dangerous. Hardly a day goes by without someone mentioning to me that they had seen a near miss, or incident of road rage or irresponsible parking.

Please, for the safety of your children can I ask you to drive, drop off and park sensibly and safely. Don't let our school be mentioned in a local news report for a child being hurt outside its gates.

Help We Need Somebody!

We are about to submit a full planning application to the council regarding some fence replacement works we need to make.

Having never done a full application before, we are looking for a parent volunteer with experience to help us to ensure we submit the document correctly.

Please catch me or Mr Marks if you think you can help.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Lots of investigation building towers this morning in Nursery! We have been using vocabulary such as tallest, shortest, big, small, tall and short. The children also compared each other's towers and discussed why. [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#skysthelimit](#)

Reception!

Reception have been looking at the artist Kandinsky today. They looked at his artwork 'Squares and Concentric Circles' and then made their own Valentines art in this style! Lots of colour mixing fun [#amazingartists](#) [#receptionmaple](#) [#receptionbeech](#) [#finemotor](#) [#creativity](#)

Year 1!

This week maths in Year 1 is all about time. Today the children investigated cars and ramps timing how long it took the car to race down the ramp. They then tested how making changes could change the time it took for the cars to travel down the ramp [#ellenbrookyear1](#) [#elm](#) [#oak](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 are busy researching different facts about the 7 continents so they can include them in their very own non-fiction book.

Year 3!

Year 3 are enjoying eating the healthy pasta salads they made this morning clean plates all round! This has been a great D.T project planning and preparing healthy food. Well done Year 3!

Year 4!

are discussing common features of individual artists and are experimenting with the style of Françoise Nielly using portraits of refugees from 'The Arrival'. [#year4sharks](#) [#art](#)

Year 5!

[#year5rockets](#) are playing bingo to help become familiar with multiplying fractions.

Year 6!

Year 6 are starting to think about their next topic -WWI.

Lost Property

Final reminder that all lost property not claimed at the end of school today that is unnamed will be going to charity.

Please have a look and claim anything you think may be yours.



CLUBS

KEY STAGE	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2	MONDAY	Girls' Football
KS1	MONDAY	Dance
KS1	WEDNESDAY	Dodgeball
Year 5 & 6	WEDNESDAY	High Five Netball - (starts Wed 4 th March)
KS2	THURSDAY	Football
KS2	FRIDAY	Chess
Year 6	THURSDAY (3.30 pm)	Boosters

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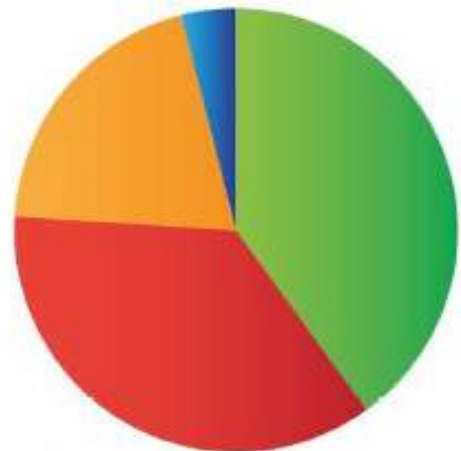


The maths...

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