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HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1478	1470	1567	1610

Lowry and Peel are pulling away...come on Bridgewater & Ellesmere!

Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about making the world a better place....

1. Do you put yourself out for others?

Sometimes, well it depends on the situation. For example if I had £100 and there was a homeless man on the streets, I wouldn't give him the whole £100 but I wouldn't mind giving him £5 because it's the thought that counts.

2. Who has been kind to you?

My parents because they are very loyal and are always my helping hand. I can count on them and I can trust and rely on them.

3. Who do you find it hard to love?

My little brother, he may be 4 years old but he has broken so many of my toys, steals things which are mine and annoys me a lot. **Year 4, Peel**

1. Do you put yourself out for others?

Yes because I treat other people how I want to be treated for example at my caravan my sister was really stressed out with revision so I put relaxing music on and made her a drink.

2. Who has been kind to you?

People from dancing because if I've missed a week they will teach me what I have missed.

3. Who do you find it hard to love?

Myself sometimes because say if I don't get in a competition I will be hard on myself and think I didn't try my hardest **Year 6, Bridgewater**



THE KEY 2 LIFE

TRUE LOVE

Are you a helper or a healer?

That was quick....!

Welcome back I hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable half term despite the weather. It was so wet we almost built an Ark in my house!

It's been a very good first week back at Ellenbrook and we are all really looking forward to Book Week next week. We are really emphasising the importance of Reading this year and Book Week is a key part of that. It would be great if you could spend a few minutes talking to your children about what they have done each day next week as we have so many wonderful activities going on. Of course, there is always Twitter to see pictures and get a feel for the experiences your children will be having.

New topics are in full swing and it's has been great to see the children so enthralled in their learning. It's been havoc in Reception this week with the Naughty Bus making an appearance and turning everything upside down...I am not sure how the Reception staff have coped! Year 6 have begun their topic on World War I as well as preparing for the SATs and the rest of the classes are working hard.

I sent out a WEDUC message today about debt owed to the school. I know we live in difficult times, but as a school we have to ensure we balance the budget in order to provide the education every child deserves and is entitled to. As we stand today, we have over £20,000 owed to the school by parents for residential trips, after school clubs and lunch money. We will no longer be able to allow parents to run up such debts and next week I will be sharing with you our new debt recovery policy. We will be much more proactive in terms of school lunch debt and we will stop children having school lunches if the account is in arrears. As we stand today, we have 22 parents with a lunch debt of over £75.00 and 12 with a debt of over £100. As a school we need to be responsible and ensure we don't allow you to get into debt that you are unable to pay back. These debts take money out of the budget that benefits everyone. If you do have a debt, please can I ask that you clear it as quickly as you can, Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Important reminder... Important reminder...

- * Book Week Next Week!
- * English Workshop for Parents—CANCELLED

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—3/3/2020—Year 2 Bring yer wellies • 28/3/2020 - Family Bingo Night 	<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.



Ellenbrook Village Association

Ellenbrook Village Association are holding the AGM on Tuesday 10th March 2020 @ 19.30 in the Boundary Stone. The Police will be in attendance talking about crime in the area and giving away some freebies. They will also be holding a litter pick on Sunday 5th April 2020, meeting @ 2pm at the Christmas Tree on The Green.

Nutella

This week we have noticed a number of children with Nutella or other chocolate flavoured spreads in their lunches. Most of these spreads contain hazelnuts and as such are not allowed in school due to allergies. Please make sure your child does not have this filling in their sandwiches.



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.

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.



Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

1. Whole School – Book week, book fair information
2. Whole school – Author Visit
3. Netball cancellation (named children)
4. Yr6 Hoody & year book orders
5. Yr6 SATS Trip
6. Book breakfast

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

UPDATE! Nursery have since discovered that the villain destroying our Nursery is in fact EVIL PEA from the story Super-tato! We are currently making traps and drawing maps to help catch him. [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#nowheretohide](#)

Reception!

Reception were shocked to discover their Naughty Bus escaped last night! After placing him securely in a box, he broke free and left green paint tracks all over our classroom! We made traps & posters to try and catch him... [#receptionmaple](#) [#hesnotagoodbus!](#) [#writingforapurpose](#)

Year 1!

Year 1 are starting to think about recording sound in their computing sessions. They were busy yesterday exploring sounds to enhance an audiobook, using instruments to show a given character. [#ellenbrookyear1](#) [#elm](#) [#oak](#) [#crosscurricular](#)

Year 2!

Voyagers have been measuring in maths today, each ribbon should have been 20cm. We used our number bonds to measure out how many more.

Year 3!

Wow, Miss Wilks has changed! Amazons have been taking the role of the teacher to read our class story, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, to the rest of the class. Beautifully clear reading and lovely expression Amazons [#year3amazons](#)



Year 4!

Today Year 4 had great fun learning about how the digestive system works, following the journey from food to waste (or poo as the children like to call it)! [#year4jets](#) [#year4sharks](#)

Year 5!

[#year5rockets](#) are using their own prior knowledge, internet sources and videos to create a timeline of Neil Armstrong's life. We cannot wait to write up our biographies tomorrow! But wait, can we trust all these sources? Are they reliable?

Year 6!

Year 6 have had such a great morning [#workinghard](#) [#year6falcons](#)

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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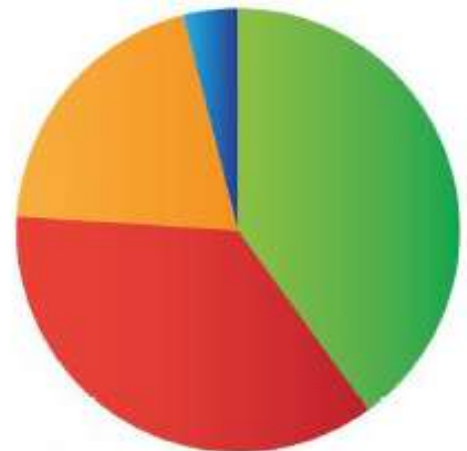


The maths...

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