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# The Ellenbrook News

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## HOUSE POINTS

<b>BRIDGEWATER</b>	<b>ELLESMERE</b>	<b>LOWRY</b>	<b>PEEL</b>
<b>1036</b>	<b>1019</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>1079</b>

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. Do you always do what you say you do?**

Most of the time I do because I don't lie to those who are close to me

**2. Do you do as you are told?**

If it is good advice or a command that I think is ok like 'go to the shops please' I would, but if it is something like 'go into the forest at night' I'm probably not going to do it because I have common sense!

**3. Are you true to your word?**

Yes because if I say I will help someone I help them and if I say I will play with someone I will play with them.

Year 6, Bridgewater

**1. Do you always do what you say you do?**

No because sometimes I get distracted like when I was supposed to tidy my bedroom but I ended up going on my iPad and watching Saturday Mash Up.

**2. Do you do as you are told?**

Yes and no because sometimes I listen to my heart and my head

**3. Are you true to your word?**

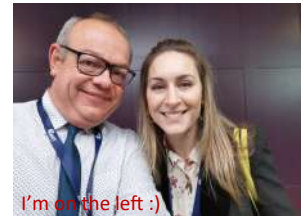
Yes and no again because sometimes I do and sometimes I don't but it is better to do it.

Year 4, Bridgewater



## Strength Comes From Within...!

Not like to me to put a picture of myself on the newsletter ;), but this week I have been reflecting a great deal on a range of things relating to school. Do you know who the famous Olympian is? If you don't, just read to the end and all will be revealed! I



attended a leadership conference this week and the theme was 'owning the story' and it focused on resilience in leadership as well as developing leadership to make it reflect your vision as a Head Teacher. Resilience is such a key part of life and as we develop as a race, resilience will become even more important for our children as they take the step into their first career. The statistics from the World Economic Forum suggest that 65% of children entering primary school this year will have jobs that don't exist yet. You have to balance that with 13,000 children in Greater Manchester not being school ready when they begin nursery. We live in very changing times and it's clear the children we are educating now will need resilience to not only survive but flourish in the future.

It's been a great week at Ellenbrook with the children working hard on their new topics. It's hard to believe we are rapidly approaching half term, it really is true what they say... time flies when you are having fun!

We have started our first wave of Governor visits this term which has been very successful so far. The Governors are a key part of leading the school and we are grateful to have such supportive Governors at Ellenbrook who challenge and support in a positive way which helps us to develop as a school.

Have you got this far? If so, you will recognise that the Olympian in the picture is Amy Williams who showed an incredible amount of resilience in winning the gold medal at the 2010 Olympics on the skeleton. I wonder if we have any future gold medallists in our midst? Have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

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

- \* Class Photo retake is on Tuesday next week!
- \* WEDUC letters out—please register!

## THE KEY 2 LIFE

# TRUE WISDOM

Who do you respect and why?

## ELLENBROOK DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11/2/2020—Class Photographs—Retake</li> <li>• 13/2/2020 - Year 3 Amazons begin swimming</li> <li>• 14/2/2020 - Year 4 Assembly – Parents invited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/3/2020—6/3/20 - Book Week— all year groups</li> <li>• 2/3/2020—English workshop for parents</li> <li>• 2/3/2020—3/3/2020—Year 2 Bring yer wellies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/4/20 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm</li> <li>• 2/4/2020 - PTA Spring Disco</li> <li>• 3/4/2020 - Last day of Spring term</li> <li>• 20/4/2020 - Start of Summer term</li> <li>• 20/4/2020 - Year 2 trip to Lytham</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/5/20 - Year 2 class assembly—Parents invited</li> <li>• 5/5/20 - Parents' Evening</li> <li>• 6/5/20 - Year 1 trip to Clitheroe</li> <li>• 7/5/20 - Parents Evening</li> </ul>

### 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. Class Photographs
2. Scarlet Fever
3. Year 6 End of Term Arrangements
4. Book week
5. Year 4 Jets Class Assembly

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

#### Nursery!

This week in Nursery we have been learning about the Artic. We have been exploring information books, painting artic landscapes and using our thinking skills on how to rescue the artic animals from the ice blocks! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

Reception made the most of the sunshine this afternoon! We have been busy exploring capacity in the mud kitchen! Counting scoops, making comparisons & mixing to create new textures. We even used real herbs! Lots of muddy fun! [#learningthroughplay](#) [#maths](#) [#receptionmaple](#) [#receptionbeech](#)

#### Year 1!

Today Year 1 took part in the Big Schools Bird Watch for the RSPB. They used the food they prepared to help attract birds and used their binoculars to spot them. The most common bird was the pigeon but we also saw robins, chaffinches and blackbirds. [#ellenbrookyear1](#) [#oak](#) [#elm](#).

#### Year 2!

Year 2 have been exploring the properties of shape as well as showing their dance skills in the hall with students from Walkden High! Fantastic moves!

#### Year 3!

Year 3 have begun to form their wire sculptures after previous weeks of sketching the human body. We found working with wire very, VERY challenging but showed great resilience and Miss Wilks thinks Amazons have done a fantastic job! [#year3amazons](#)

#### Year 4!

It's fraction time! Lots of tricky questions but the Jets are working hard. They have also been enjoying reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf and have been excited to try Ahmet's favourite fruit - Pomegranate. We gave it a big . [#year4sharks](#) [#Year4jets](#) [#readingforpleasure](#) [#refugees](#)

#### Year 5!

[#year5rockets](#) are exploring job descriptions of astronauts in group reading this morning!

Super helpful for our letters we are writing in English to persuade recruits to join NASA!

#### Year 6!

Year 6 have been busy learning about great moments in history as part of their topic.



### Sporting Achievements this week!

It has been a packed week this week in terms of sports teams and sporting events. A huge well done to everyone who took part in an event this week, we are so proud of you all

#### Dodgeball

Last Friday, a group of 7 children competed in a dodgeball tournament with 5 other schools from our Worsley cluster. They played fantastically and, although they were not victorious, the children were nominated by the other cluster schools to go to the Salford Dodgeball Values Final for their great sportsmanship and resilience. Well done!

#### Gym & Cricket

On Monday Year 1 and 2 competed in the Salford Gymnastics competition. Each child performed fantastically- we are very proud!

On Wednesday some children from Years 3 and 4 attended a cricket competition. For many of them this was their first cricket match. They learnt so much and performed so well.

#### Swimming Gala

What a fantastic evening at the Worsley gala. The children swam incredibly well earning us a place in 16 out of 18 finals which achieved us the Worsley School's Merit Trophy. Great determination was shown by all.

Mrs Chapman and Miss Wilks were impressed by the sportsmanship that the competitors showed towards their team and to the other competitors. Congratulations to all who competed and to our gold medal winners Amelie and Eva.

### Lost Property

We now have a mountain of unclaimed lost property at the front of the school and much of it is unnamed. Please can I ask you all to look through it if your child is missing something and ensure their name is on it.

### CLUBS

KEY STAGE	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2	MONDAY	Circuits
KS1	MONDAY	Karate
KS1	WEDNESDAY	Circuits
KS2	THURSDAY	Football
KS2	THURSDAY	Choir
KS2	FRIDAY	Chess
Yr 6	THURSDAY (3.30 pm)	Boosters