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The Ellenbrook News

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House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

BRIDGEWATER.....	1802
ELLESMERE.....	1789
LOWRY.....	1764
PEEL.....	1955

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

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

JUNE

28/6/2019 Class photographs

JULY

2/7/2019	Year 5 Salford Championship Athletics
12/7/2019	Years 1-6 Sports Day Races (PM)
15 & 17/7/2019	Year 3 - 5 Production
17 & 18/7/2019	Year 6 Summer Production of Bugsy
19/7/2019	PTA Quiz - 7pm
22/7/2019	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
23/7/2019	Year 6 Leavers' Meal
24/7/2019	End of Summer Term

Important reminder... Important reminder...

- ★ Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle
- ★ Sports day races—Key Stage 1 & 2 - PM (Friday 12th July)
- ★ Year 5 Salford Championship Athletics (2/7/2019)

LEARN 2 LOVE

LOVE IS NOT... IRRITABLE

HOW CAN YOU BE CALM INSIDE?

Sun's Out Fun's Out.....!

At last we have managed to have some sun! The children were so excited today that they could go back onto the field which has resembled a swimming pool more than a field over the last couple of weeks. Still at least we are unlikely to have a water shortage this summer!

This term is flying and it's hard to believe we only have 18 school days left before the summer break. It is simply flying by and we have the Key Stage 2 performances to look forward to before the end of term. Also hard to believe I have been Head Teacher at Ellenbrook for nearly a year! How time flies when you are having fun and I have to say I am loving being your Head Teacher and I also hope you can see the ethos we have developed for the school. Our upcoming end of year survey will give you the chance to comment on the year and the changes and improvements you have seen. We are hoping to launch it early next week.

Just a reminder about the clothes bags. It's great that so many of you are supporting us with this initiative but we cannot have the bags delivered to school before the collection date of Monday 22nd July.

There have been a few queries this term from Year 6 parents about the arrangements for the end of term. We re-sent the letters out this week but I just wanted to clarify that the Year 6 leavers BBQ is for the children only and as soon as they have got their hoodies, they are able to wear them to school. We have told the children this information but I will make sure Miss Hay and Miss Hale remind them when the hoodies are delivered.

We are in for a scorching weekend this weekend just as I am moving house so enjoy the sun and I will catch up with you next week!
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about being irritable.....

1. What irritates you in life?

My sister because she knows my password for my iPad and she goes on it, she has her own iPad!

2. Do you remember the bad things people do to you?

Yes because when someone said I can't play their game outside.

3. How do you cope with these feelings?

I cope by trying to get her off it and saying you have your own.

Year 2 Amazons, Lowry

1. What irritates you in life?

Many things irritate me, but it really irritates me when you are running late to get somewhere and there are two people blocking your pathway on the escalator. Why won't they move?!?!

2. Do you remember the bad things people do to you?

Not really, I only remember the bad things I do or say. If the situation is bad enough, I remember every minute of it.

3. How do you cope with these feelings?

I relax and try to think about other things.

Year 6, Lowry



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.
- Any reply slips or other correspondence for the office should be posted into the white metal letterbox outside the entrance to the school building.
- 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...

- Month of music
- Year 6 leavers' hoodies
- Year 6 summer production DVD
- Furniture
- Year 6 Parent Pay account– email asking to bring accounts up to date before the end of term
- Chess Club applications



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

I wrote to the zoo to send me a pet! We have been reading Dear Zoo talking about the words used to describe the animals and acting it out-take a look at our fierce and grumpy faces! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

Reception Oak caterpillar update! We now have one butterfly who emerged from its chrysalis just before the children arrived this morning. Our other chrysalises are beginning to wriggle so the children are keeping watch to see which one will hatch next. [#oak](#) [#butterflies](#). Reception Elm have been busy tasting fruit like the hungry caterpillar, balloon painting caterpillars and making symmetrical butterflies! [#lifecycle](#) [#learningthroughplay](#) [#receptionelm](#)

Year 1!

Year 1 have just returned from a local walk around Ellenbrook woods. We found lots of different leaves and flowers from different trees and plants! We also found something that didn't look much like a plant at all! We wonder what it is...

Year 2!

Swallows have used journey sticks to identify trees that have their habitat in our school grounds. Amazons are enjoying finding out about volume and capacity. We're making a grog for Pirate Frank. Ooo arr

Year 3!

Year 3 are locating Italy and which countries border it before zooming into Italy and discussing the different places within it.

Year 4!

Year 4 Rockets are interviewing each other to create a character profile. [#year4rockets](#) [#losthappyendings](#)

Year 5!

Check out our evil gods! [#year5falcons](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 were working incredibly hard on the summer production in the hall all afternoon. It was very hot in the hall so it was lovely surprise for them to cool off outside after all their hard work with the help of Mrs Whitley! It was much needed!

Leave in Exceptional Circumstances Requests

We have had an influx of requests for approval of holidays in term time. Please can I remind you that requests for leave in exceptional circumstances will not be agreed if the request is for a holiday during term time. As Head Teacher, I do have the discretion to authorise such requests, but a family holiday during term time does not count as an exception. This is also the stance of the Local Authority not just the school. The school expects all children to attend as regularly as possible and a holiday, for whatever reason, is not counted as exceptional circumstances.

PTA Quiz Reminder

Just a reminder it's our second PTA quiz on Friday 19th July at 7pm. If you'd like to buy a team table or come as an individual please complete the form recently sent out and return it to the office.

Clothes Bags

Last week we launched the 'Recycle with Michael' scheme to raise funds for the school and help to recycle some of the vast amount of fabrics that go into landfill every year. It's great that so many of you are supporting us with this campaign so thank you in advance.

The letter did state that our collection day was Monday 22nd July 2019. We have had a number of bags dropped outside the Before and After School club outside of school hours. Please can we ask you to hold the bags at home until the collection day on Monday 22nd July 2019 as we have nowhere to store them onsite.



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.



Communicating with the office

We appreciate this is a busy time of year and everyone has very busy lives but can I politely ask you to respect the school office staff and talk to them in the way you would like to be spoken to. We have had a few occasions over the last 10 days when parents have called the office and been less than courteous or polite. Please try not to take frustrations out on the office, they are only doing their job!

Year 5 Salford Athletics

Sadly, due to the deluge, the Year 5 Salford Athletics tournament was cancelled this week. The event has been re-arranged for next Tuesday (2nd July 2019) at the same time and same place.

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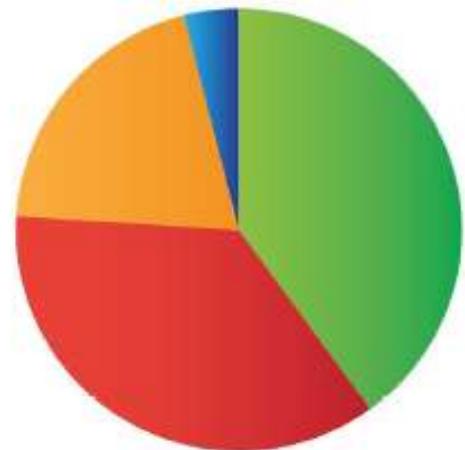


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