



Spring Term

Ellesmere Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 08.02.2018



Important Dates

February

Thursday 8th & 9th – Ian Bland Poet Visit

Friday 9th – Bingo Night

Monday 12th – Poetry Week

Thursday 15th - Curriculum Open Afternoon

Friday 16th – Good to be Green

March

Thursday 1st – World Book Day

Friday 2nd – Book Share

Saturday 17th – Car boot Sale

Saturday 17th – Open Day

Friday 23rd – Sports Relief

Wednesday 28th PTA Easter Disco

Thursday 29th – Easter

Eggstravaganza

Thursday 29th – Good to be Green

Lunch Menu Week 3

Please explore our website and twitter for news and events at Ellesmere Primary School
<http://ellesmereprimaryschool.org.uk/>
<https://twitter.com/EllesmerePS>



A Message from our acting Headteacher

The cold, wet weather hasn't dampened the spirits of the children this week. They have been kept extremely busy with a very exciting house sports event at the start of the week and 2 days of fabulous poetry with the brilliant Ian Bland on Thursday and Friday. The poetry assemblies and workshops have been truly inspirational, and it was great to see so many broad smiles of joy as the children helped to recite some of Ian's hilarious school-based poems. Such as 'The Dinner Lady Dance' and 'Go to the Head!'. Ian's humour, energy and enthusiasm was infectious and the children all then got involved with writing their own poems. You can see some of the results on Twitter and Class Dojo.

Incredibly, next week is the last before our half-term break. Where has that time gone?! Next Thursday from 2.30pm is our Curriculum Open Afternoon when classes will be showcasing their learning from this term. Next Friday will be the last day of the half term and will be a £1 non-uniform day in support of EDS, you can find more information about this syndrome below. There will also be a bake sale at break time for the same worthy cause.

Thank you for your cooperation in minimising vehicle traffic on site during the start and end of the day. There has been an improvement and this needs to be maintained.

Extreme Reading



**ITS NOT
ALWAYS
BLACK &
WHITE**
Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
EDS



By Amy (Year 5 Moscow) and
Owen (Year 6 Vancouver)

Our 16 year old cousin Ciara, who lives in Ireland, urgently requires lifesaving surgery in Barcelona at the beginning of March this year. Ciara was born in the UK but moved to Ireland at a young age. Ciara, now aged 16, was diagnosed at the age of 13 with hypermobile Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS). She also has postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), Von Willebrand disease, cervical canal instability and gastrointestinal issues along with a lot of other comorbidities.

At the moment she is fighting for her life and somehow slightly managing. Ciara is in pain 24/7. She can't walk properly without a crutch, support or wheel chair and she hasn't been to school since she was diagnosed which is 3 years of no learning.

Because there are no EDS specialists in the UK or Ireland we are trying to raise funds to help fund the operation which costs 100,000 Euros. Family and friends have already raised nearly 70,000 Euros. As her cousins we would like to do our bit.

School have kindly given us permission to hold a cake sale and non-uniform day in school on Friday the 16th February with all proceeds going to Ciara's fund. We hope that you can support us so our cousin can receive the lifesaving surgery she urgently needs.

Special Menu

There will be a couple of changes to the desserts:



Tuesday 13th February

Pancakes with a choice of toppings

Syrup, Lemon or Chocolate Sauce

Wednesday 14th February

Valentines Biscuits



For Your Information

Wales & West Utilities have advised the school that there will be some groundworks taking place over half term. This will mean that there will be 3 way traffic lights placed near the school - 2 sets along Elson Road and 1 set at the junction to Cambria Avenue. The lights will be in place for the duration of the school holidays (Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd Feb).

Wales & West Utilities have apologised for any inconvenience this may cause for access to the school during this time.



Award winning Box Tale Soup present

The Wind in the Willows

Commiioned by the Everyman Theatre Cheltenham

Date: Sunday 11th Febraury 2018

Start: 2:30pm

Prices £8 Adults, £5 Children, £25 family (2 adults & up to 3 children)



Venue: Ellesmere College Arts Centre

Tickets can be booked via www.artsalive.co.uk

Achievements



Kitty (Madrid) recently took part in a fundraising event, organized by Ellesmere Rainbows for Children with Cancer, to remain silent for 26 minutes! Well done Kitty.



Well done Benjamin (Scotland), who recently achieved Stage 3 in swimming.



Kharis (Wales) recently achieved Stage 2 in Swimming. Fantastic effort Kharis!



Brilliant effort from the Year 5/6 hockey team who came first, winning gold, in a tournament at The Marches School, Oswestry. Fantastic Achievement!



Children in years 3 and 4 came third, winning bronze medals, in a North Shropshire schools gymnastics competition. Well done to all that participated.

★ Shining Stars ★

Scotland – Alfie

Wales – Jasmine

Madrid – Riley

Paris – Zak

Athens – Preston

Lisbon – Aiden

Brisbane – Harry



Brisbane – Kian

Los Angeles – Jaz

Washington – Lexie

Istanbul – Logan

Moscow – Alicia

Vancouver – James

Tokyo – Maddy