



Lunch Menu Week 2



Upcoming Events February

Monday 13 th	Arts Week Key Strings
Tuesday 14 th	
Wednesday 15 th	Dance Workshop
Thursday 16 th	Dance Workshop
Friday 17 th	
<i>Other upcoming events in February.....</i>	
Monday 20 th	<h1>Half Term</h1>
Tuesday 21 st	
Wednesday 22 nd	
Thursday 23 rd	
Friday 24 th	

School Funding

You may already be aware that the government is currently consulting on a new funding arrangement for school which was supposed to make it fairer. If the current suggestions are implemented we will receive £1300 less per child per year than a school in Birmingham even before additional funding is allocated. Alongside this there are real term cuts to the budget as costs increase. I will circulate more information next week but in the meantime visit <http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk> where you can type in the name of our school to see the impact this will have on the children of Ellesmere.

School Council

School council met this afternoon to discuss healthy snacks in school. They will be talking to their class about different options they could bring in for break time. We will keep you posted on their findings and recommendations.

A Message from the Headteacher

On top of the normal drive for academic success we have enhanced the curriculum. This week year 6 have attended a performance of We Will Rock You at the Lakelands Academy, Year 3 took part in Stepping Out Pedestrian Walk, awareness of Internet Safety was raised during Internet Safety Day and the Planetarium visit. Well done to our Gymnasts who came 3rd further details below. Next week children will be participating in Dance workshops and the opportunity to watch Key Strings perform.

Thank you to all parents who recently completed the questionnaire at Parents Evening. The results will be circulated after half term. Please remember that if you do have any worries or concerns or feel some areas need to be highlighted please let us know at any time.

Staff Development

This week staff went to Whittington Primary School to meet up with other teachers from the cluster. It was brilliant to see Mr Rogers in his new school! The teachers discussed the moderation of reading throughout the cluster and shared ideas on how to support children in their reading development.

Year 6 SATs Club

Every Monday after half term, Mrs Gathercole and Miss Massey will be running a year 6 SATs club. These sessions will run after school and will support the children in their preparation for the forthcoming SATs. They proved really popular last year and we are looking forward to seeing as many Year 6's as possible at them. Children are to be collected at the green gate by the Sure Start Centre at 4.30pm.

Good To Be Green

Next Friday, we will be holding our first Good To Be Green afternoon. This is to celebrate children that have stayed consistently on Green throughout this half term. The children are to bring in a pair of PJs or onesie to change into for a film in the hall. They may also bring in a cuddly toy or blanket. In accordance with our school behaviour policy, children that have had 3 reds or the equivalent will not be taking part in this event. Hopefully, they will be able to join us next half term by making the right choices in class and improving their behaviour. We are really looking forward to this celebration.



Creative Writing Week & World Book Day

After half term, we are having a creative writing week in school, which will be kick started with a visit from poet Emma Purshouse. Throughout the week, children will be focusing on reading, performing and writing their own poetry. At the end of the week, on **Friday 3rd March**, children can come into school dressed up as their favourite book character to celebrate world book day. There were some fantastic costumes last year and we can't wait to see what the children come dressed as this year.



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Ellesmere Primary School

Raised a total of £3114.16

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Gymnastics



This morning we hosted the Level 2 School Games gymnastics competition where one of our teams competed after the qualification rounds back in November. The girls performed beautifully neat floor routines and super vaults, placing them 3rd overall. This was a great achievement considering we haven't qualified for the Level 2 competition in 3 years ago. The girls did extremely well. I'm already looking forward to the next gymnastics event and the KS1 gymnastics festival next week. A super effort today girls, I was really proud to see you representing our school!

Miss Wilcox

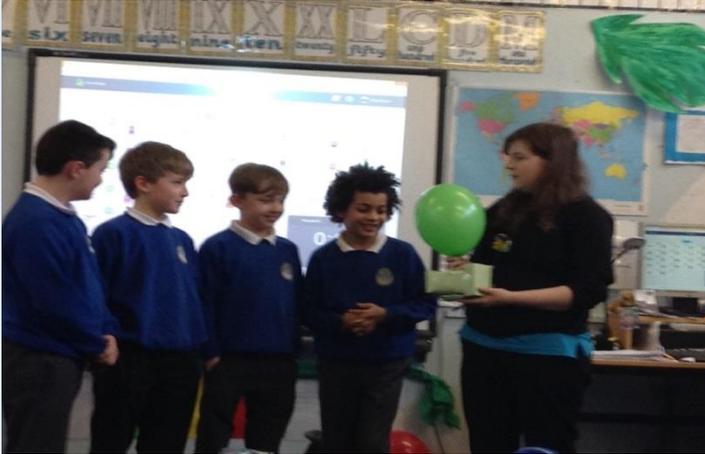
Tennis Sessions

A Free Tennis Taster Session will be held in the school hall on **Saturday the 11th February** for children from Year's 1,2 & 3 between 8.45am to 9.45am. Children will need to wear PE kit and trainers - no other equipment is required. If you wish to register your child, please contact Peter Todd on 01691 623103 or 07973 133656 to reserve a place. Alternatively you can email Peter on peter todd001@hotmail.com



Mission to Mars

The Year 5 pupils took part in a Mission to Mars workshop to learn about how to protect an object and allow it to arrive safely at its destination. Weronika said, "I enjoyed seeing which one of the eggs survived." All the Year 5 groups, designed and made different projects. Only some survived.



Years 1, 5 and 6 experienced a unique and exciting inflatable dome, with interactive 360° audio visual presentations focusing on the Environment, Earth and Solar System.



SHINING STARS



Abigail - Wales

Ryan - Brisbane

Talon - Scotland

Alice - Los Angeles

Ruby - Madrid

Logan - Washington

Cameron - Paris

Maddy - Istanbul

Morgan - Athens

Georgia - Moscow

Jim - Lisbon

Ellie - Tokyo

Megan - Sydney

Alfie - Vancouver

