



Ellesmere Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 30.06.2017



Lunch Menu
Week 3

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A Message from the Headteacher

Another busy week has passed so quickly - Congratulations to the Key Stage 1 Athletics Team for winning the Cluster and Trust Athletics Competition on Tuesday. Year 4 went to Ellesmere College on Wednesday for a fantastic session with Virginia McKenna and workshops with some of the older children. We had an American author, Ali Standish, in yesterday afternoon and an American team in to lead assembly this morning. All these add enrichment to our pupils and support their learning. You should receive the class lists and reports today, can I assure you that lots of careful consideration has gone into these – we look forward to another very successful year.

Upcoming Events June

Monday 03rd	
Tuesday 04th	Transition Day Open Afternoon 3.30pm and 5.00pm
Wednesday 05th	Large Schools Swimming Gala
Thursday 06th	
Friday 07th	Year 6 'Bounce Below' Visit
Other important dates	
<i>Monday 10th July – Wed 12th</i>	<i>Transition Mornings</i>
<i>Monday 17th July</i>	<i>Year 1 Banquet</i>
<i>Tuesday 18th July</i>	<i>Year 6 performance 2pm & 6pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 19th July</i>	<i>Year 6 Disco and Presentation Evening 6pm</i>
<i>Friday 21st July</i>	<i>Last day of term - Summer Holidays begin</i>

Food Bank

The Food Bank is currently running low on tinned pasta. If you have any at home that you wish to donate please bring them to the school office and we will arrange collection with the food bank.



Staff Development

This week, staff have focused on progression in maths. During our staff meeting we have looked at how planning for misconceptions and how to scaffold learning to develop independent thinking. The maths team also carried out a book look, focusing on progression in calculation across the school.

Year groups have also created an expectation booklet, ready to discuss at our Open Meetings next Tuesday.

Sponsored Run

Congratulations to Millie Humphries (Year 3) for completing her sponsored 1 mile run around the Mere last Sunday. She's raised a staggering £1070.00 which is going to be spent on various classroom / school resources.

All of the Staff and Governors would like to say a massive thank you to Millie for all her hard work raising such a fantastic amount for her school.

Summer Fair

As you are aware the summer fair, which was scheduled to take place today, had to be canceled due to the wet weather conditions.

It has been agreed to re-schedule it for Friday 22nd September 2017. Please put the date in your diary and we hope to see as many of you there supporting your school and children.

Thanks Ellesmere Primary School PTA



KS1 Athletics Tournament

On Tuesday, our Key Stage 1 athletics team took to the track for an athletics competition held at school. In the tournament the children took part in a range of field and track events which included javelin, sitting throw, speed bounce and hurdles to name a few.

They overcome competition from 7 other schools which were cluster and academy schools to win the tournament. The children showed that through dedication and hard work training together it can pay off.

The children were fantastic and showed brilliant sportsmanship and behaviours throughout the event. They worked together as a team and cheered others on. All of the team were brilliant ambassadors for our school and should be very proud of their achievement.

The final points for the top three were:

- Ellesmere Primary School 398
- St Martins Academy 339
- Criftins Primary School 335

Well done and hopefully we can retain the trophy next year!

Miss Vaughan



Author visit at Ellesmere College

Both of our Year 4 classes visited Ellesmere College on Wednesday to meet Virginia McKenna OBE, who is a British stage and screen actress, author and wildlife campaigner.

Virginia gave a talk about her work with the lions when she was filming 'Born Free' and discussed with the children how important it is to keep our wildlife safe, she explained to them about the work she does in protecting and preserving them.

The children then took part in two workshops in the afternoon; the first being a drama workshop where they worked in small groups alongside the lower 6th formers from the college to re-create small stories. The second saw them working again with the lower 6th formers creating African music

All of the children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the unique opportunity to meet such a highly acclaimed figure in the world of performing arts.



Year 4 had a spectacular time on Wednesday at Ellesmere College. We went to meet Virginia McKenna star of the film Born Free and do workshops with 6th form students. Virginia told us all about her time with loads of fascinating animals and Born Free foundation. The two classes split into groups and had a fantastic time doing African drumming learning all about call and response and rhythm. We also retold African stories using mime, narrators and freeze frame.

Written by Harry Underhill Year 4 - Washington





Author Visit - Ali Standish

An American author called Ali Standish came in on Thursday 29th June to talk about her new book called;

‘The Ethan I Was Before.’

Year 4, 5 and 6 were able to see the author and had a very inspirational talk. She was talking about tips that she would use as an author.

Ali set us 4 tasks:

- Write a sentence saying why we like to write
- 3 things that were most important to us
- 2 Truths and a lie
- to draw a five Pound note.

Many children bought her book: ‘The Ethan I Was Before’ and had her sign the book. Loads of children were excited about her coming in to see us all the way from America.

Written by Michelle Chan Year 6 – Tokyo



Art Competition

With the official opening of ‘Our Space’ in Ellesmere this week an art competition took place which saw one of our Nursery pupils Alfie Sandford winning 1st prize in the 4-7 age category.

Alfie was presented his prize by Virginia McKenna.



Pantheon Planetary Mixer

Open to reasonable offers. Cost £714 brand new and has never been used.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in purchasing this item.

