

Ellon Academy E l e v a t e

Edition 3 – December 2017

Lifted Leadership, Transformational Teaching, Limitless Learning, Aspirational Achievement, Excellence and Equity, Promoting Partnerships



A Word from the Rector



Welcome to the December 2017 edition of Elevate Magazine.

Pupils and staff at Ellon Academy Community Campus have been so busy since the last edition in June and I hope you enjoy reading about the vast array of successes achieved by our pupils.

Our Improvement Plan for session 17/18 is well underway and can be accessed on our school website. It details 6 separate plans which are all focussed on our key themes of:

Limitless Learning, Transformational Teaching, Aspirational Achievement, Lifted Leadership, Excellence and Equity and Promoting Partnerships.

We are also very proud of our senior phase pupils' exam results and in particular an increase in the percentage of pupils achieving Highers at Ellon Academy.



I hope that the festive season brings a peaceful and restful time for all our young people and their families and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Seasons greeting,

Pauline Buchan

Promoting Partnerships: Ellon Academy Parent Council

Ellon Academy Parent Council have been busy over the past term.

Dr Sally Middleton has stepped down as Chairperson and has handed the baton to Mrs Karen Gray.

We would like to thank Sally for her unwavering support and hard work over the past few years as chair and we welcome Karen and wish her well in her new role.

Here's what we've been up to:

- Representing the parents in communications with Aberdeenshire Council regarding parking and adverse weather concerns
- Discussing the best way for the school to communicate with parents
- Reviewing the school Anti-bullying Policy
- Reviewing the school Promoting Positive Relationships Policy
- Reviewing Aberdeenshire's Alcohol and Substance Misuse Policy
- Forming a sub-group to look at supporting the school via fund raising

We look forward to future collaboration and parental engagement.



Safety First: Pupil Drop off and Pick Up

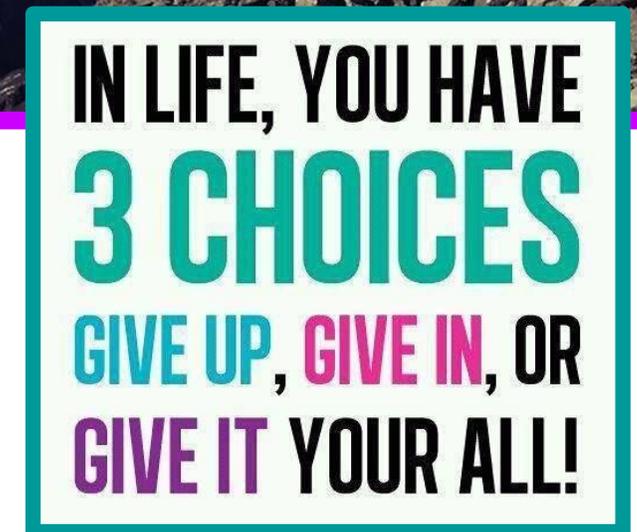
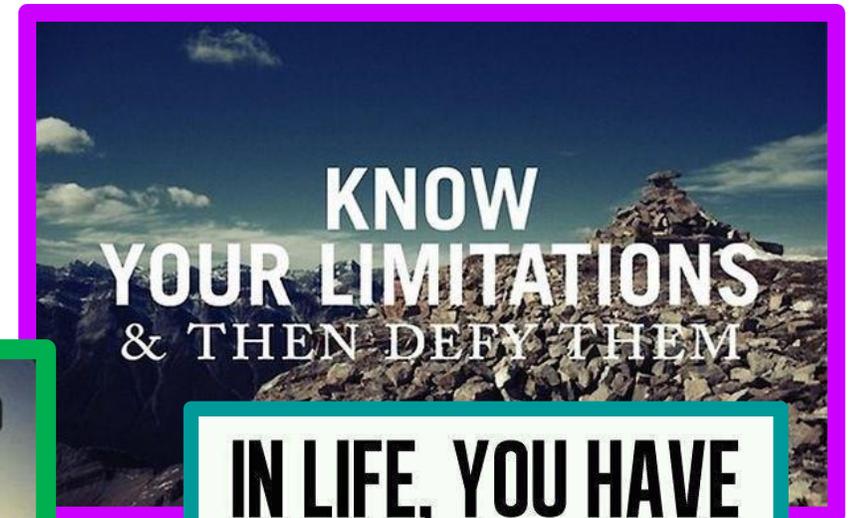
After a meeting with representatives from the Parent Council and Aberdeenshire Council, we are hopeful that the agreed works will be carried out soon:

- **New higher signage, positioned higher for motorists to see better**
- **New road markings, clearly demonstrating the one way system and drop off zones**
- **Widening of the right hand side of the road/path**



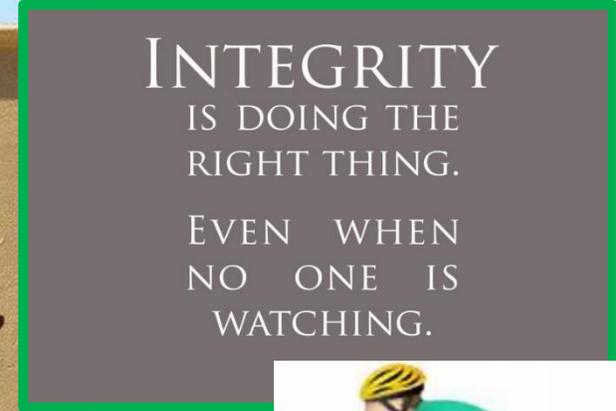
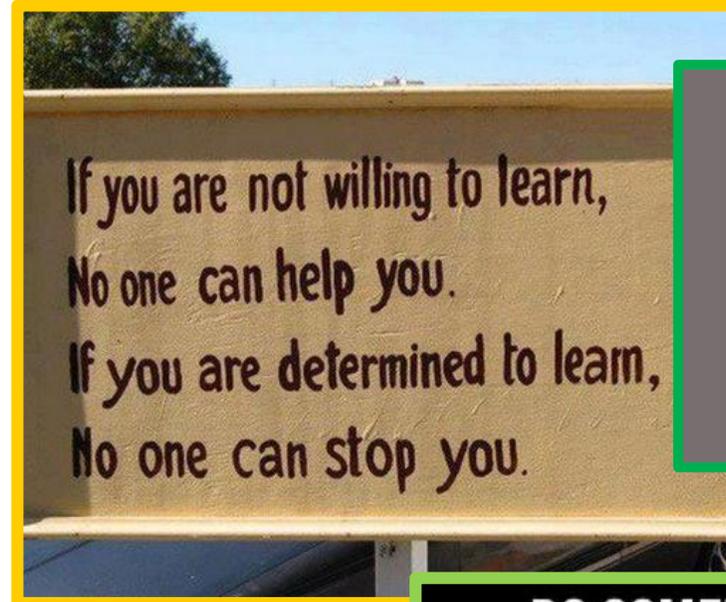
Assemblies: Excellence, Equity and Personal Best

Mrs Buchan is determined to deliver daily assemblies which are positive and motivational. A key theme this session has been that everyone should strive to do their personal best in everything they do. The Ellon Academy PB Factor!



Promoting Positivity: Assembly Themes this Session

- The First Day, the Last Day and all the Days in Between
- Attendance Matters
- Our School Values
- Release Your Inner Potential
- The Power of Determination
- If We Permit, We Promote
- Growth Mindset, The Power of Yet
- Why is Integrity Important?
- Do Something Your Future Self will Thank You For
- Road and Cycle Safety
- Celebrating Success – Certificates/Awards



Lifted Leadership: The Exec Team

Our dynamic Exec Team are working so hard at Ellon Academy. They are exceptional young people who are demonstrating excellent leadership skills and qualities.

Currently they are working on Christmas Shoe Boxes for Kosovo, preparing for a Pupil Conference, looking at lunchtime activities for pupils and organising prefect rotas for events and parent evenings, amongst many other things.

They are a credit to their school!

Left to Right - Cara Berwick, Sophie Cowan, Anna Cameron, Rhys Jones, Sophie Greig and Ross McKeown



Lifted Leadership: Pupil Participation Forum



Pictured to the left are Anna Cameron and Sophie Cowan, Head Girl and Depute Head Girl, in Aberdeenshire's Council Chambers representing Ellon Academy at the Aberdeenshire Pupil Participation Forum meeting early this term.

One of their main tasks this year was to plan and organise the Aberdeenshire Youth Volunteering Awards at Thainstone House Hotel in Inverurie in November.

Anna and Sophie, as well as pupils from the other 16 secondary schools did an amazing job in promoting and organising the event, which was a great success. Thanks to Miss Tomlinson for attending on behalf of Ellon Academy.

Lifted Leadership: Tapestry Leaders

Ellon Academy boasts that all staff who have embarked upon the Tapestry Improving Learning courses have achieved Level 11 recognition from the General Teaching Council Scotland.

These members of staff have been working in Teaching and Learning Communities groups with all teachers at Ellon Academy, sharing their experience and knowledge to support a consistent approach to learning and teaching here in school.

They are Mr Bain, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Donald, Mrs Moir, Dr McPhee, Miss Thompson and Mrs Wright.

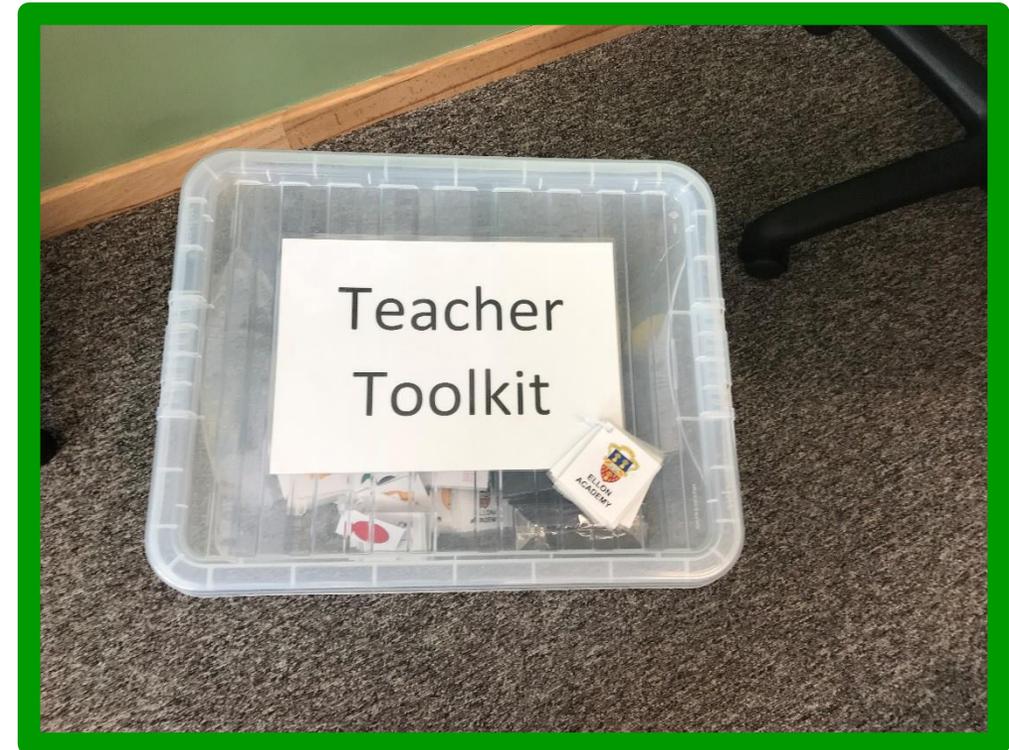
Well done to them all!



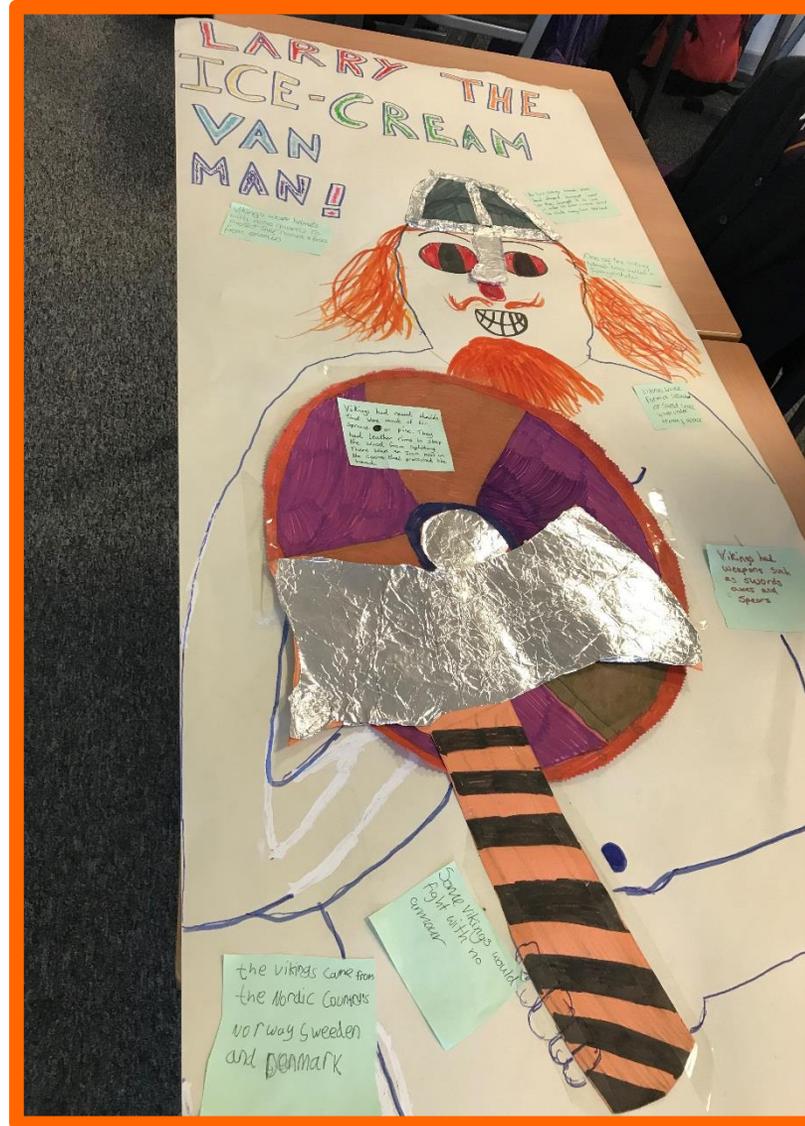
Limitless Learning: Teacher Toolboxes

How Good is Our School 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Improving pupils' learning and teaching experiences in the classroom continues to be a priority at Ellon Academy in our strategy to ensure that every pupil achieves their full potential. On the in-service days in November, our Leading Learning staff delivered a series of workshops for all Teachers and Pupil Support Assistants based on 'Assessment for Learning' and we introduced a 'Teacher Toolbox' for every classroom packed full of resources which are designed to enhance learning, teaching and assessment.



Limitless Learning: S1 Vikings Project



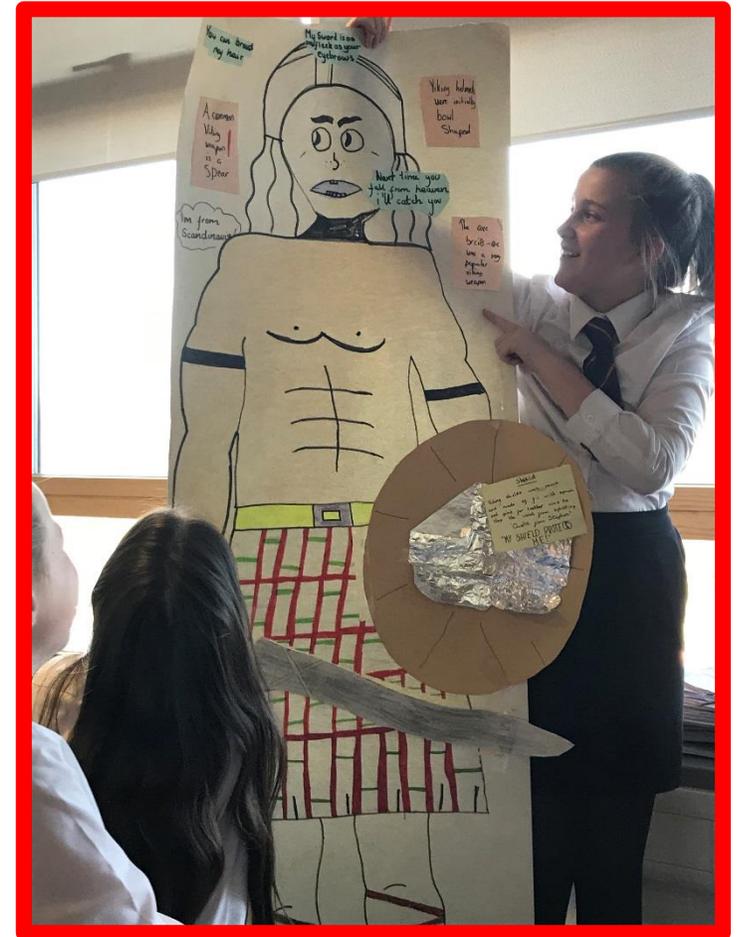
Mrs P MacDonald and Mrs Buchan were invited to Miss Cargill's S1 History class to judge their Vikings projects. Pupils had to design and name their Viking, but the winning criteria was the quality of information provided by the pupils on their posters. And the winner was...

Limitless Learning S1: Vikings Project

And the winner
was...
Torbjorn!

Designed by
Jake Hudson,
Alia Fraser,
Maria Fox and
Jake Hudson and
Scott Bates 1F2.

Well Done!



Limitless Learning: Growth Mindset

One of our areas for improvement is to support our pupils in developing positive attitudes to learning and improving motivation through a genuine work ethic and also through Growth Mindset. Having a Growth Mindset supports young people to be positive about learning, to learn from mistakes and to see setback as opportunities to reflect and review.

We believe in the 'Power of Yet' in developing a 'can do' attitude so pupils can progress by thinking that maybe they can't do something, but with practice and encouragement, they can't do it 'yet'!

So far our S3 pupils have had sessions on Growth Mindset from 'LiveNLearn' and there have been whole school assemblies delivered by Mrs Buchan.

“ THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN ORDINARY
AND EXTRAORDINARY
IS THAT LITTLE
EXTRA. ”

Jimmy Johnson

**STOP
SAYING
"I WISH",
START
SAYING
"I WILL".**

DandelionQuotes.com

CHANCES OF SUCCESS:

0% I WON'T	60% I MIGHT
10% I CAN'T	70% I THINK I CAN
20% I DON'T KNOW HOW	80% I CAN
30% I WISH I COULD	90% I AM
40% I WANT TO	100% I DID
50% I THINK I MIGHT	

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Transformational Teaching: STEM in the Pipeline

A team of five of our S6 pupils have been working on their 'STEM in the Pipeline' project, and this is nearing completion. They have all put a lot of effort in their free time into the project, and are eligible to apply for the British Science Association's Silver Crest Award in recognition of their efforts. The pupils involved are Sophie Grieg, Niamh Boddington, Ryan Hampson, Matthew Rennie and Reece Murray. Mr Carey has read their report and has said it an outstanding piece of work. Well Done!



Aspirational Achievement: Interact Club

The Ellon Academy Interact Club have recently been awarded a Rotary International Presidential Citation. The club has been awarded the Interact District 1010 Shield for all their hard work over the past year. Well done everyone!



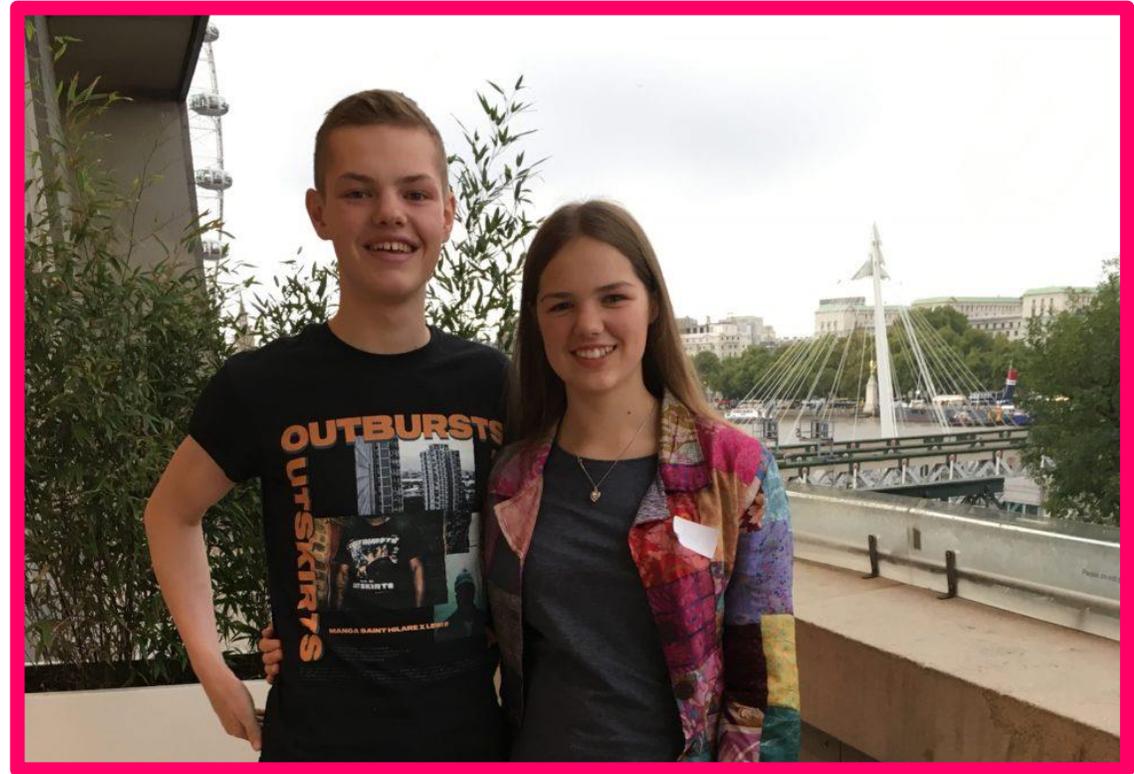
Aspirational Achievement: National Poets' Society

Ellon Academy brother and sister Marcus and Ailsa Dixon have been named in a list of the world's 100 most promising young poets, beating thousands of other entrants to the accolade.

Magnus and Ailsa Dixon were both named on the long list of the annual Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2017.

The competition is organised by the Poetry Society and is now in its 19th year.

This is one of the largest literary competitions in the world and attracted more than 6,000 entrants submitting 11,000 poems. Well done to both of you!



Aspirational Achievement: Shakespeare's School Festival

The Shakespeare's School Festival is a yearly event where a large group of young people from four different schools come together and celebrate the life and the works of William Shakespeare. On Thursday 2nd November Ellon Academy attended the festival and performed their production of "Antony and Cleopatra". The other three shows that were performed on that evening were "Much Ado About Nothing", "Macbeth" and finally "Julius Caesar." The Shakespeare's Schools Festival is a large charity organisation that aids young people gain confidence through performing. Every year the charity works with thousands of pupils from hundreds of different backgrounds and schools across the UK.

The show began at 7:00pm and lasted until 9:30pm with a break half-way through at 8:30pm. The performances lasted for 30 minutes and were a large mixture of comedies, tragedies and love stories. In previous years Ellon Academy has performed plays such as "Romeo and Juliet", "Midsummer's Night Dream", "Macbeth" and "Twelfth Night" and hopefully Ellon will be in many more performances to come.

By Kirsty Morrice



Aspirational Achievement: Future Chef

On Thursday 23rd of November the school heat of the Springboard Future Chef Competition was held at Ellon Academy. This competition is well known for the opportunities it provides for pupils who want to explore cooking at a professional level, as well as those who enjoy cooking as a hobby.

The competition was judged by Miss Clark from the Health and Wellbeing Department and Paul Whitecross, the Head Chef from the Trump International Golf Links in Aberdeenshire.

There were a number of pupils from across year groups who competed. The entrants were challenged with the task of creating one dish. They were given an hour and a budget of £5. All pupils performed exceptionally well with dishes including a warm berry crumble served with custard.

Congratulations to winners Ben Jeffries and Lauren Thomson, for their dishes: Pea, Mint and Spring Onion Soup with parmesan crisps (Ben) and Duck Breast served with Cauliflower Puree, Baby Potatoes, Cauliflower Crisps and a Cherry Sauce (Lauren). The winners will receive mentoring from Paul; a visit to the professional kitchens at Trump's International Golf Links and will go on to compete in the local finals next year.

By Lauren Thomson 4K2



Respect as Ellon Academy Remembers Armistice Day



"lest we forget"

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

The Armistice Day assemblies took place on the 10th November for all pupils. Pupils from each year group were read a poignant war poem and there was an address from our chaplains about why people should commemorate those who fought and those who continue to fight for us during wars and conflicts. There were drama performances by Miss Kinnaird's S3 classes and the storyline about conscription and joining up.

It was very effective and thought provoking. By Calum Souter

Developing the Young Workforce: Mock Interviews

Community representatives from our Business links came to school to interview senior pupils in order to let them know what it feels like to be interviewed and to get tips about how prepare for one in future life. Mr Scally (Science Faculty) said it a success and also said that it was nice to have positive feedback from pupils on how to improve the event in the future. He also said it will make a difference to pupils' confidence, so when they apply for future jobs they can feel more confident and hopefully will be successful. Pupils were given feedback on how they did, which also boosts their confidence.

Ellon Academy hopes this even will happen again in future years, as it is very beneficial.

By Ashleigh Mowatt

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Developing the
Young Workforce



Responsible Citizens: Children in Need at Ellon Academy Nov '17



The Ellon Academy Exec Team did a fantastic job in planning and organising a day of fund raising to support the BBC Children in Need appeal in November. Pupils and staff were asked we wear something spotty and also organised a teacher Dance Off at lunchtime, ably won by Mr C Bain (English). However, Mr Birse's moves demonstrated that he's certainly 'got rhythm!'

It was great to see so many pupils and staff joining in and thanks to Julie Emslie and her team of DJs who provided the tunes! The bake sale was hugely successful and our pupils raised a whopping £726.35! Well done everyone who organised and participated and a special mention to our very own Pudsey who delighted us all with His surprise visit!



Children in Need 2017: Staff Dance Off



Responsible Citizens: Global Goals Summit



In September this year Ellon Academy hosted a 'Global Goals Summit, which involved presentations from prestigious speakers, displays and activities supported by Steve Roberts and the Montgomery Education Centre in Aberdeen.

Pupils from other Aberdeenshire Secondary schools attended the event and the feedback was extremely positive.



Responsible Citizens: Global Goals Summit



Responsible Citizens: Fairtrade at Ellon Academy

The annual Ellon Academy Fair Trade Christmas Stall was held on 15th, 16th and 17th of November. It was very successful and £792.40 of fair trade goods were sold. Many teachers took their classes along and pupils and staff also came break and lunchtimes to come along get that special something for Christmas. A range of goods were available from Christmas tree shortbread, to Christmas baubles, from picture frame gifts to fancy tableware.

The Fair Trade committee was very organised with the unpacking and packing of goods, as well as ensuring that the stall was staffed at all times. They are to be congratulated on their efficiency and also on all the money transactions they had to complete. As an additional activity, many Registration Teachers ordered advent calendars and so Fair Trade chocolate is still being eaten all the way to Christmas. The Fair Trade Committee is indebted to Anne Aspden, a local Fair Trade volunteer who provides the goods for our stall and without her, it would not be possible. Finally, thanks go to all who came and shopped, as your purchases ensure that someone else's Christmas is better because of your choices.



Responsible Citizens: Youth Philanthropy Initiative



Well done to Calli Stephen and Callum Meikle who were the overall winners at the YPI Finals at Ellon Academy on Wednesday 15th November. They won £3000 for their chosen charity Hamish Dear's Warm Hugs, which is a wonderful charity supporting children with neuroblastoma. Thank you to all who supported our young people with their Youth Philanthropy Initiatives and thank you to Gareth and Suzanne Jones for funding donations for two other groups and their charities.

Responsible Citizens: Ellon Academy Charities

Although Ellon Academy has its own fund raising events, for many decades we have been strong supporters of a wide variety of charities.

In June 2017 pupils participated in a “Dance Off” and raised £630 for Macmillan Cancer Support. In September the Macmillan coffee morning raised £196.

Our S1 Business Education pupils support the “Charlie House” (Aberdeen) charity by selling “Charlie House” branded products. All the money raised goes back to the charity and its causes.

Annually, S1 pupils run a sponsored marathon in the Spring term.

All monies raised in the past have gone to CHAS. This session we are supporting “Charlie House”. We also support “Children in Need” every year and the total raised this year was £726.35. Well Done!

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



Responsible Citizens: Ellon Academy Charities

December's Dress as You Please Day supports the senior citizen's homes in Ellon.

£100 is donated to all of them to support their Christmas lunches.

Ellon Academy also hosts the Ellon and District Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch and provides a sum of money to support it. Occasional Dress Down Days held throughout the school year, (usually at the end of a term) the Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Karaoke monies all go to the Charity Fund. This also includes the Health & Well-Being Faculty's Christmas Ceilidh proceeds and a £5 donation from each of the S6 leavers hoodies all going to the Anchor Unit in Aberdeen. The annual December Shoe box collection for KAFKAH has always generated hundreds of shoe boxes from our registration classes across the school. They are filled with donations of small items and wrapped Up for Christmas and then are sent to children of all ages in Kosovo.

This year a fantastic 180 boxes were collected from Ellon Academy. A great effort!



Responsible Citizens: Ellon Academy Charities



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CANCER SUPPORT**



**THE ARCHIE
FOUNDATION**

MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

This year our Rotary Interact Club made Christmas tray bakes and sold to staff and pupils on Monday 4th December. Proceeds from their sale will be going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Ellon Academy is also supporting the Aberdeenshire North Food Bank this Christmas, to help less fortunate families in the Ellon area over the Christmas period. Dr MacPhee and Miss Patrigeon will be collecting donations of non-perishable goods up until the 22nd of December to give to the Food Bank.

Every year, school staff have a Christmas Giving Tree in the staff room and all toys and games donated by the staff go to the Children's Hospital in Aberdeen. Thank you all.

Responsible Citizens: Elon Academy Charities

All our S6 pupils are encouraged to get involved in committee work and to take advantage of the opportunities that come from working as part of a team. Most of the committees enable S6 pupils to give something back to the school and/or the wider community. Approximately 28 years ago, the S6 Link Committee was established and a partnership was formed with a school in Accra Ghana. Subsequent Link Committees decided to move their support and to date, schools in Bosnia, Sri Lanka (following the 2004 tsunami) Africa and an orphanage in Moldova have all received considerable sums of money raised by school pupils (and staff) through holding annual talent contests and selling Christmas Hamper raffle tickets.

Last year's S6 Link Committee chose to support the Archie in Africa foundation and recently presented a cheque to them for £2000. This year a decision was made to re-brand the committee and become the Charity Committee. This will enable our pupils to support a much wider choice of charities within our community. In November the committee made tray bakes and sold them to pupils and staff at break times. Money raised was used to purchase food and chocolate for the two charity Christmas Hampers. All of the committee members have an allocation of tickets to sell, but some are available at the main reception desk (where the hampers are also on display) for anyone who wishes to purchase tickets when visiting the campus. The draw will take place at the Music for Christmas Concert on Thursday evening 21st December and the winners notified (by phone call) on Friday morning 22nd December.



ARCHIE IN AFRICA DAY

Responsible Citizens – Ellon Academy Charities

Money raised from the small change collections at the Christmas and Easter church services will also go to the Charity Fund for sharing with local charities. At the end of the financial year, our pupils will choose which charities will benefit from the money raised throughout this school session. Towards the end of November this year, cheques were posted to “Kayleigh’s Wee Stars”, “Riding for the Disabled”, “Willows Animal Sanctuary” and the local “New Arc” Charity shop in Ellon. We take great pleasure in the knowledge that we can support local charities and bring a smile to their faces at particularly challenging economic times, when lots of people are facing financial challenges. The response from the New Arc (copied below from our school Facebook page) to receiving the money, makes it all worth while and acknowledges the tremendous support our pupil’s across the school lend to charities in our area.



Promoting Partnerships: Evening of Entertainment

This was our 7th event and according to the Ice Cream and Coffee Pot (who have taken a table of guests and attended every event since it first started in 2011) said it was our best yet! The entertainment was provided by former pupils Scott Armstrong and Karen Young, our Senior Cheerleading Team, Gregor Allan a local (Tarves) accordion player and our very own Head Teacher's son Mark Buchan from Fraserburgh.

- Comments from guests:
- *"The entertainment was exceptional. Decor was amazing and the meal fantastic."*
- *"Our pupils are a huge part of the evening and we couldn't do it without them. We are usually inundated with volunteers who enjoy their roles on the night and do a brilliant job looking after our guests. S4 wash the dishes, S5 meet and greet on the red carpet, serve canapés and the meal. S6 wait on tables and serve drinks."*
- *"We have now a regular number of guests who are attending year on year and bringing new friends along with them who look forward to coming back."*
- *"Our strength is that former pupils, current pupils, staff (teaching and non teaching) and parents are all amongst the organising and running of the evening."*



Promoting Partnerships: Evening of Entertainment



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The Evening of Entertainment is a school fund raising event and all proceeds go to support pupils across the school from S1 - S6 in a number of different ways.

It truly is a collaboration of people from within the school and the community, coming together to raise funds for the school.

In order continue to set the high standards that our guests have come to expect, we need sponsorship.

After 6 years of tremendous support from Martyn Watts (Universal Inspection UK Ltd) this year, we were extremely fortunate to secure sponsorship from Adam Bruce, Director of four local companies: AB2000, Ellon Plant Hire, Phoenix Weights and Phoenix Marine.

Thank you so much for your support.



Promoting Partnerships: Evening of Entertainment

Michael Gall Transport (based in Black Dog) sponsored our reception so that all guests received a complimentary drink and canapés on arrival.

We are delighted to announce that the final total raised was £8,000.

For anyone interested in attending our “Evening of Entertainment” next year on Friday 28th September 2018, information can be obtained from the school and will be posted on our school Facebook page and in the local community Facebook pages after Easter.



Promoting Partnerships - Careers Convention



We had a fantastic turn out at our Careers Convention in October this year. Pupils, parents and carers had great opportunities to speak to the numerous providers represented on the night, who all made positive comments regarding the Ellon Academy hospitality and the polite and helpful pupils who attended. Thanks to Mrs Hall and her team for all the hard work in planning and organising.

Promoting Partnerships: EAGER Bunch News



Thanks to Ellon Timber have donated a 50m roll of water pipe, which we plan to cut and bend over the raised beds to support protective netting above our crops. Wilkie Engineering Ltd based in Newburgh, have also pledged steel rod that we hope to bend into shape to create plant supports. Thank you to both companies. Without such generous support, the garden would simply not exist in its current form!

To see more news, visit eagerbunch.blogspot.com

Promoting Partnerships: SQA Changes Family Learning Event Nov '17



On the 29th November Ellon Academy hosted a Family Learning event and all Faculties were represented, demonstrating course work and material from Senior Phase classes. We were delighted by the excellent turn out and the support of parents and carers at the event.

There was a session on 'Scholar' in the Library and a presentation from Rob Fraser Our Regional SQA Advisor regarding the changes to assessment in National Qualifications.

Former Pupils Visit to Ellon Academy by Patricia Connell

Dear Mrs Buchan,

I just wanted to say thank you so much for letting us tour your wonderful school. The equipment the pupils have access to is amazing. I was particularly impressed with the music rooms and the theatre. The gym halls were amazing and not a wall bar in sight! Kenny Lothian the Janitor was an excellent Tour Guide and please pass on our thanks to him for being so patient and answering so many questions. We kept him back for nearly two hours and did not even manage to get to the top floor as it was approaching 5pm. He did a grand job keeping us together and moving us on. Linda was girls school captain and I was vice captain. Alan Middleton was boys captain. The Middleton run is in his honour and was on Sunday. Fred Crawford brought along the 1967 school magazine and Bertha Dawson had some old photos too. I find it amazing that two of our teachers still have items from our school years. We all had an amazing time!

Thank you again.

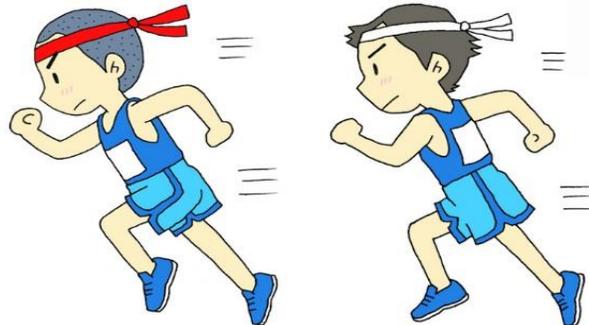
Here are the former pupils names:

Morag Noble, Margaret Middleton, Linda Allan, Dorothy Grant, Campbell Smith, Jean Murdoch, Sheena Milne, Linda Simpson, Elizabeth Alexander, Jean Smith, Linda Phillip, Patricia Connell and Bertha Dawson

Aspirational Achievement: NASSA

Since June, Ellon Academy has now won the NASSA Golf, Athletics, Road Relay, Badminton and Swimming competitions.

This is a reflection of the hard work and commitment of all pupils and staff involved in EASA. Congratulations to them all for their success and thank you to pupils for representing the school to such a high standard.



Aspirational Achievement: Rico Campins Taekwondo Success

Ellon Academy's Rico Campins has returned to the North-East ranked inside the global Top 10 in his Taekwondo category.

He came ninth in the age 14-17 Under 69kg Sparring category at the International Taekwondo Federation World Championships.

Rico said: *"I was a bit disappointed to not go further, but I'm still happy as well after I looked back on it."*

Rico is pictured on the left of the photo with his very proud Dad.



Aspirational Achievement NASSA Swimming Event

Congratulations to the swim team who competed in Peterhead at the NASSA swimming competition and won the event overall. This is the first time Ellon Academy have won it since 2003! This was also the first time for a number of years that seven Academies from across the north-east were represented, making the win even more impressive. It was a real team effort and every single point counted towards our win, so well done to each and every one of you! Special mention to the S3 boys, who had a clean sweep and won every event in their age group!

This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all. Special thanks to Mrs Donald, Sophie Cowan S6 and Rhys Jones S6 for organising and managing the team, school could not have attended without their support.



Other winners were -

Calum Cairney - 50m Breaststroke
Cameron Arthur - 50m Backstroke & 25m Fly
S1 boys medley & freestyle relay
Lewis Hay - 25m Fly
Bobby Drew Buchan - 50m Front Crawl
Callum Westland - 50m Breaststroke
Euan Currie - 50m Backstroke & 25m Fly
S3 boys Medley & Freestyle Relay
Andrew Arthur - 50m Backstroke & 25m Fly
Elaine Murray - 50m Backstroke & 25m Fly
Well Done!

Aspirational Achievement: Holly Noble's Figure Skating Success

Ellon Academy's Holly Noble has qualified for the British Championships and the British Championship Squad for Under13 Figure Skating.

Well done Holly and good luck!



Aspirational Achievement: The Boys in Maroon

Ellon Under 13s v Nicholson Institute – 7 – 0

Great result, well done!



Well done to our Under 13s Boys Football Team who beat the Nicholson Institute team from Stornoway on a wet November day this term.

Thanks to Kemnay Academy who helped To accommodate the fixture when our Pitches were flooded after heavy rain

Thanks also to Burns Coaches for Sponsoring their brand new football Strips. Looking great Boys in Maroon!

Aspirational Achievement: Caleb's Rugby Success



Ellon Academy's Caleb Jack has been selected to play for the Caledonian Under 16 Rugby Squad. His team won and they are now the Scottish Regional U16 champions!

Well done Caleb!

Aspirational Achievement: Rhys Gill's Swimming Success

Ellon Academy's Rhys Gill has had a really great experience at the Scottish School Games.

He swam in the 100m MC Freestyle and the 100m MC Backstroke which was a pleasant surprise as he was only expecting one swim.

He achieved a new long course PB in his Backstroke and a PB in his Freestyle finishing 5th in the latter.

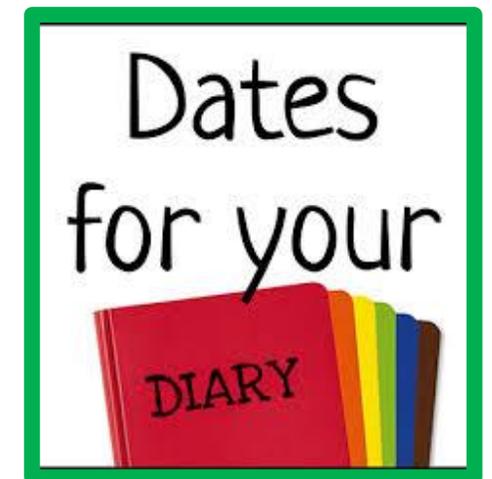
He met with mentor Liz Johnson, Paralympic swimmer, who led some training and had a great experience.

Over 25,000 spectators attend these games! Well done Rhys!



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 22nd December - End of Term
- Monday 8th January '18 - Start of Term 3
- Wednesday 10th January '18 - Senior Phase Prelims Begin
- Monday 15th January '18 - S3 Subject Choice Information Evening
- Monday 22nd January '18 - S2 Subject Choice Information Evening
- Tuesday 21st January '18 - S3 Parents' Evening (Curriculum)
- Friday 26th January '18 - Senior Phase Prelims End
- Wednesday 31st January '18 - S2 Parents' Evening (Curriculum)
- Monday 5th February '18 - S4/5 Subject Choice Evening and S5/6 Parents' Evening (Curriculum)
- Friday 9th February '18 - Holiday
- Monday 12th February '18 - Holiday
- Tuesday 13th February '18 - In-Service Day
- Tuesday 13th February '18 - S6 Prom
- Wednesday 14th February '18 - In-Service Day
- Tuesday 27th February '18 - S4 Parents' Evening (Pastoral)
- Thursday 1st March '18 - World Book Day
- Wednesday 14th March '18 - S1 Parents' Evening (Curriculum)
- Wednesday 28th March '18 - Music for Spring Concert
- Thursday 29th March '18 - Easter Church Services/End of Term
- Friday 30th March '18 - Holiday (Good Friday)



Thank you to all who contributed to the
December 2017 Edition of Elevate!

Merry Christmas

