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**ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

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To: All Parents and Carers  
From: Pauline Buchan, Rector  
Subject: Weekly Information Up-date  
Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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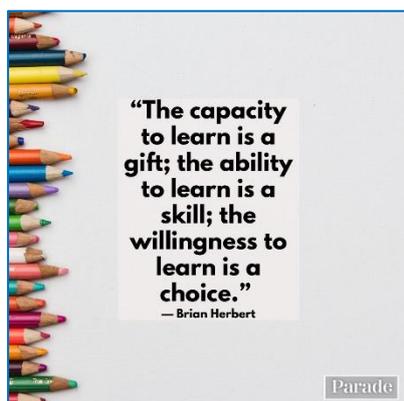
Dear parents and carers,

We were delighted with the response to our Dress Down Day and the support for Young Minds. We managed to raise £890.00, so a huge thank you for your support and for the donations from our young people. Our Exec Team and other S6 pupils did a fantastic job of organising the collection.



Here are the updates for this week:

The Quote of the Week beginning 1.11.21:



### Canteen Concerns:

An email to all parents/carers will be sent this week asking for support in ensuring all our pupils have a National Entitlement Card to pay for their school meals. In the email we have provided information regarding how to register for Free School Meals, how to order a new or replacement NE card and how to top the card up with credit/money. We have also included a school canteen price list in the email so parents/carers can see what our food and drink products cost.

And now for something a little different...

An ingenious idea from a pupil - where to store your NC card.

Follow the link below to view:

<https://youtu.be/H0A66NeDONo>

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### Celebrating Success:

We have been delighted that some parents/carers have been in touch to let us know of their child or children's recent successes and achievements out with the school. Young people can be quite shy about their success, but if they are will for us to celebrate these, please could you let us know if your child/children have had any external to school successes and achievements. We have seen quite a few out with school achievements since our return from the holidays and we are delighted to celebrate these achievements via our Facebook page, this newsletter and in school.

### Pupil Achievement:

Luca A in S6 speaks at the Liberal Dem Party Conference 2021. Well done, Luca!

<https://www.facebook.com/Ellon-Academy-Community-Campus-1783266508573537>



**Pupil Achievement:**

Not only is Archie C in S1 one of our pupils gaining the most merits on a regular basis, but he has also signed for Aberdeen FC U13s following a 12-week trial. We are hopeful to see some photos of his official signing at an event at Pittodrie in the coming weeks, so we look forward to seeing those. Well done, Archie! Fantastic achievement!



**Pupil Achievements:**

**Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Grow and Learn Awards – 14.10.21**

Five of our boys (Darren, Lewis, Harrison, Jacob, and Dougal) have completed their Grow and Learn courses, working with Mrs Swallow and our ASL staff in our fabulous Ellon Academy Community Garden. This week they were presented with their certificates by Jim McColl of Aberdeen’s Beechgrove Garden. Well done to them all!



## Remembrance 2021 at Ellon Academy – Poppy Challenge for Pupils:

A quick reminder that a task has been set to all pupils via Google Classroom. It has been set as an Assignment for 1st November '21. This November will commemorate 100 years of Poppy Scotland. As a school we would like to recognise this significant event by recreating a poppy waterfall in the sunken social area, like the beautiful displays seen around the country over the last few years. We will be setting all pupils an October holiday challenge of making a poppy, by knitting, crocheting, felting, card, recycled bottles etc. Please look at the links attached to get some ideas for your creations. Hand in your poppies to your registration teacher or alternatively to Mrs Leslie in S28/Mrs Murdoch in the Library. There are no limits to the number of poppies you make, the more poppies we have to display the better! Good Luck!

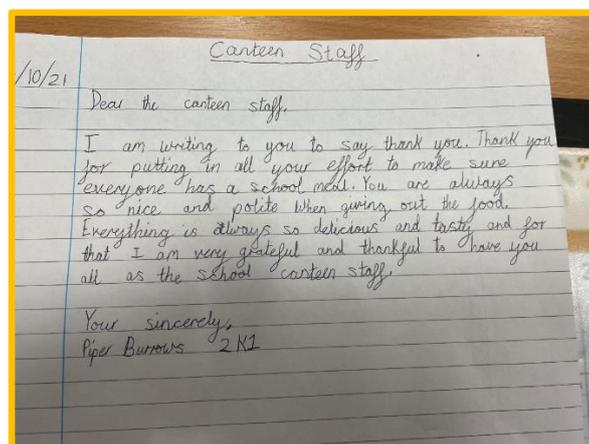
Mrs Leslie and Mrs Murdoch.

<https://www.cookstoncrafts.com/patterns/poppy>  
<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/rainbows2013/poppy-craft/>  
<https://www.muminthepadhouse.com/over-45-poppy-crafts.../>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLpal0zN79g>



## Random Acts of Kindness:

- A pupil told her teacher that she was looking lovely this week. 🧑
- A pupil told the Head Teacher that he'd given his teacher a letter to tell them how much he enjoyed their lessons. ✉️
- I heard about a pupil today who was so appreciative of her teacher, that she brought her some flowers and a card. 🌸
- One member of staff bought another member of staff a gift for their dog this week. 🐾🐾🐾
- Some senior pupils found out it was their teachers' birthday, so they brought in a cake. 🎂
- Some S3 pupils helped to pick up some litter this week. 🗑️🗑️
- An S2 pupil wrote a letter to the Head Teacher thanking her for what she does for the school.
- 1M1 wrote letters to the Head Teacher telling her about their favourite lessons, teachers and how good the canteen is. Also, that their first term at Ellon Academy has been positive, and not so scary as they imagined!
- Piper B in S2 wrote a lovely letter of appreciation to the Catering Staff:

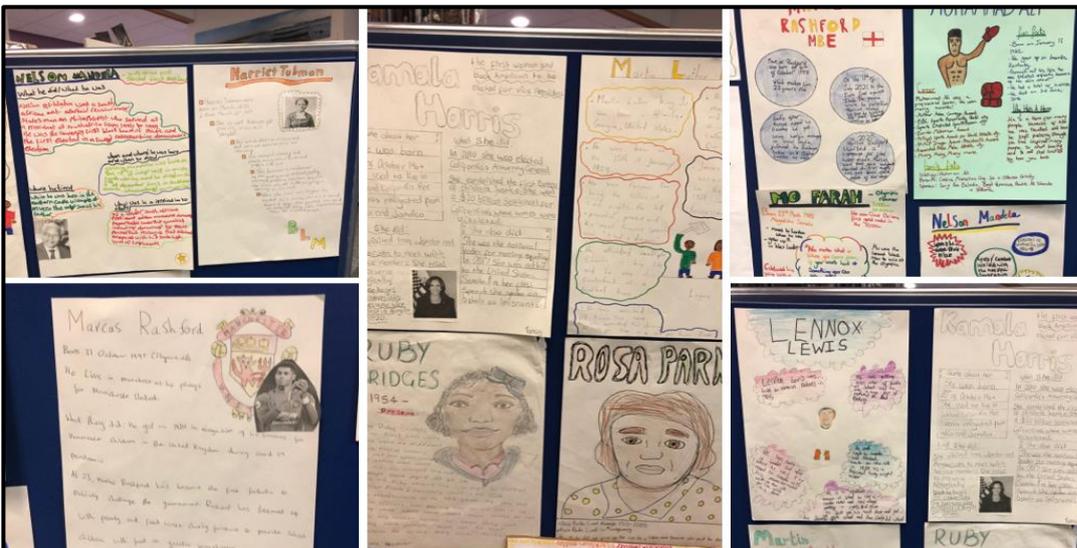


We are so fortunate to have such lovely young people and adults in our school.

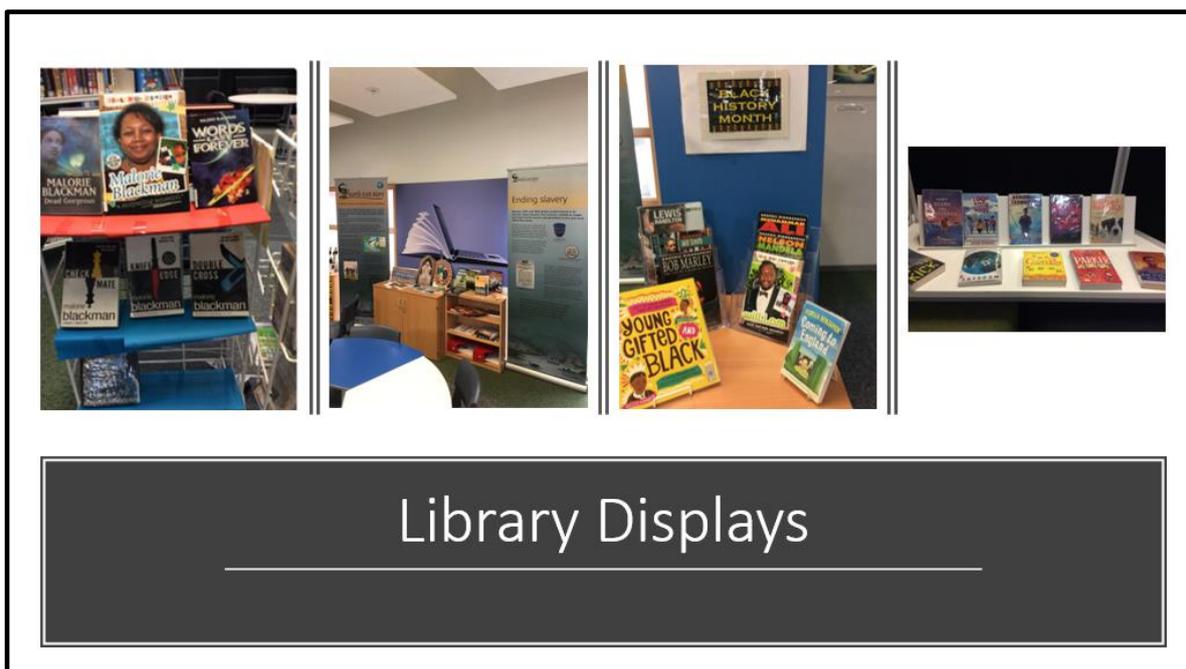
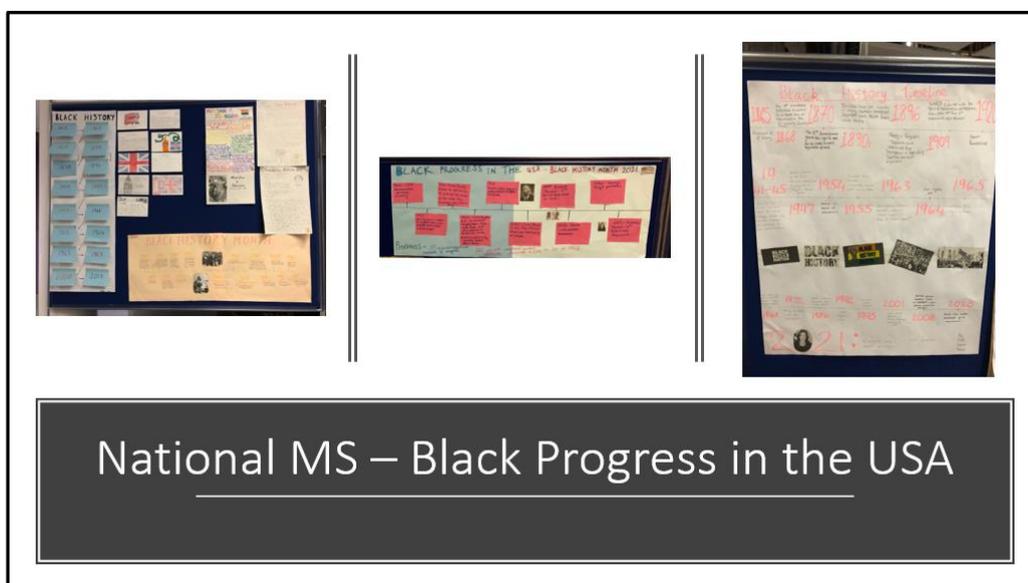
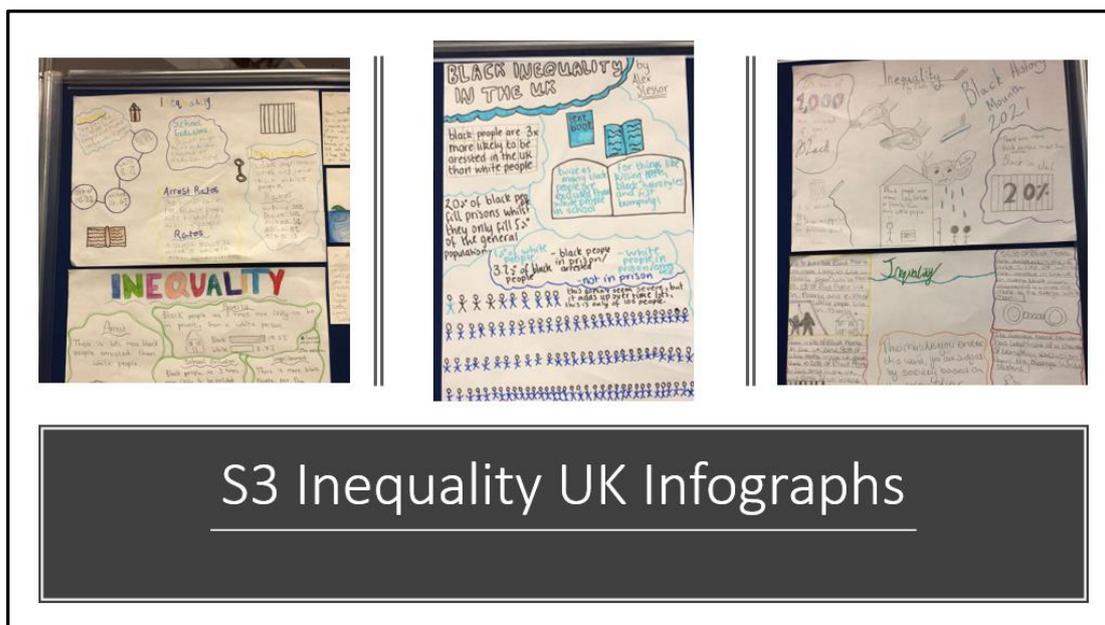
**Black History Month:**

As well as our daily BHM quotes and displays around the school, classes have been involved in curricular learning about Black History Month and what it means. Thanks to all the staff and pupils who have contributed and what an amazing display of work they have produced and a wealth of learning.

#rightsrespectingschool #peoplearepeople #respect #weareallthesameinside

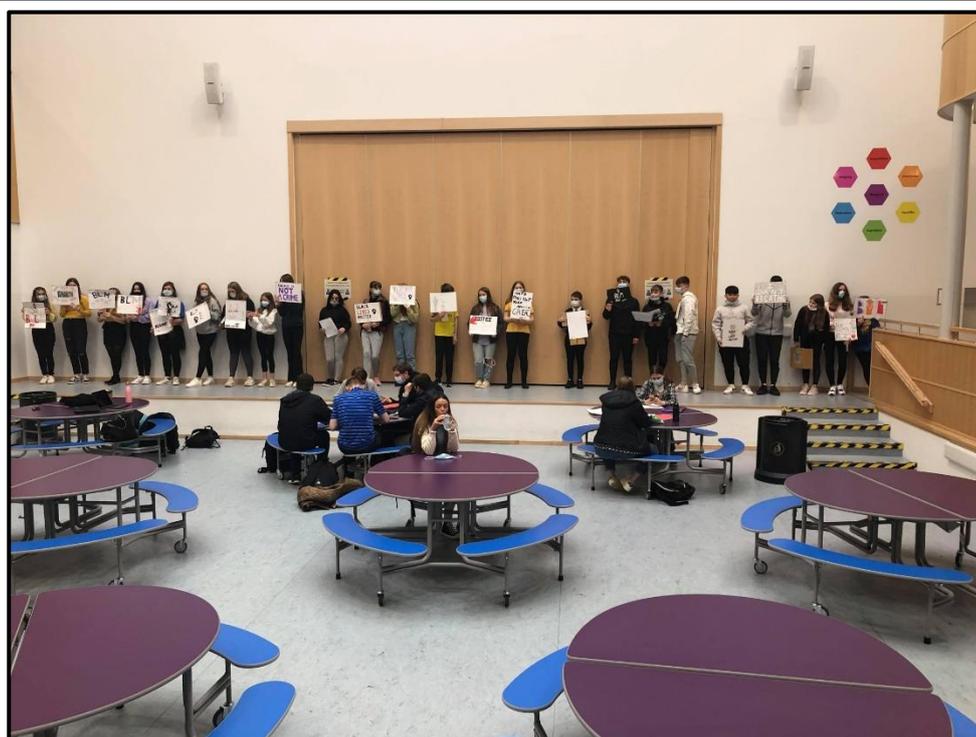
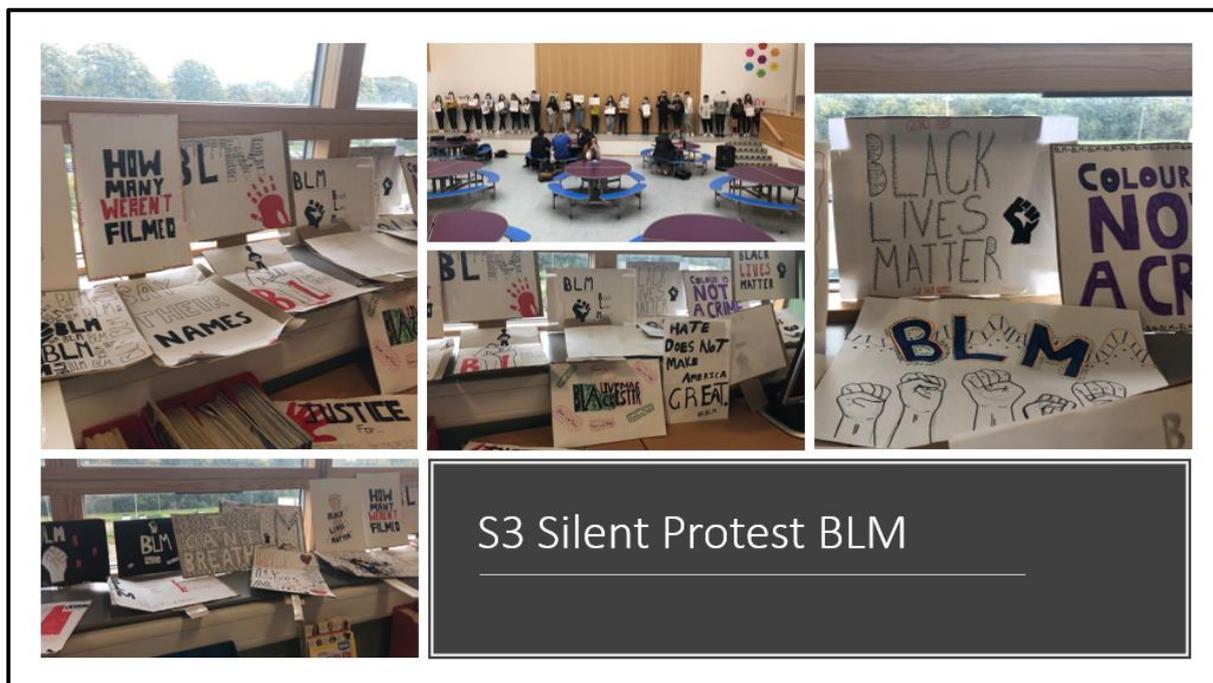


## Black History Month – Pupil Work Displays



**Silent Protest:**

As part of our Black History Month activities, Mrs Leslie's S3 Modern Studies class held a Silent Protest this morning to raise awareness of Black History, fairness and equality. [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) [#equality](#)



Thank you to all the staff and pupils involved in celebrating Black History Month.

**Staff Up-date:**

This week we say au revoir and a fond farewell to:

Mrs M Spencer – Library Assistant

Mr M Sellen – ASL Teacher

Mrs R MacDonald – PSA

We wish them all the very best for their new posts and future endeavours.

**Parent Council:**

Next Parent Council Meeting: The next virtual Parent Council Meeting is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact them via this email address: [ellonacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ellonacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com)

**Dates For Your Diary:**

- Occasional days for session 21/22
  - Wed 5.1.22 – occasional day added on the end of the Christmas break
  - Thurs 10.2.22, Friday 11.2.22 (Mon 14.2.22 is already a holiday and Tues 15.2.22/Wed 16.2.22 are in-service days)
  - It has been mooted that May Day and Jubilee Day are combined – National decision, so more info as it is received

Term 2:

- Start of Term 2 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – 8.25am
- Term 2 Inservice Days – Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>/Fri 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Ellon Academy School Calendar 21/22:**

Our school calendar for session 21/22 can be viewed on our website.

[Ellon Academy Calendar 2021.22 Final.xlsx](#)

Thank you once more for your continued support and have a lovely October break with your families.

*Pauline Buchan*

Rector  
15.10.21

