



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

To: All parents/carers
From: Pauline Buchan, Rector
Subject: Weekly Information Up-date
Date: Friday 9th September 2022

Quote of the week beginning 12.9.22:



'After torrential rain, and although at times obscured by cloud, there is a rainbow, alive with the colours of life and hope for humanity.'
P Buchan 9.9.22

Dear parents and carers,

Following the death of HRH, Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday, staff, and pupils at Ellon Academy came together on Friday 9th September at 11am for a short time of reflection on the life and reign of our late Queen. We recognised her example of integrity, service, kindness, and compassion for others as examples of values to aspire to.



Our Recognition – Weekly Most Merits/Over and Above:

Next week, on Monday 12th Sept after registration, the following pupils will be given their canteen Fast Passes to recognise their success in gaining the most merits for demonstrating school values, effort, hard work and going over and above in learning. Text messages will be sent home to parents/carers to these and all the other pupils who have been recognised by staff in this way.

Scott M 1F2
Annalie E 2M2
Ryan G 1F1
Alexander S 1K2
Seren M 2C1
Logan T 1F1
Murray D 3C2
Lewis D 1F1
Logan B 4M2
Aaron J 4F1
Jamie M 4M2



Well done to you all!

Pupil Achievement:

Ella C (S5) at the National School Games 2022, last weekend.

Ella had a great final in the Aquathlon on the first day, finishing in 3rd place in Final B.

Going into the 2nd day, she finished 8th in the bike skills race and 16th overall in the crit bike race.

This resulting in finishing in 16th position overall in the individual event.

The 3rd day was the exciting triathlon mixed team relay, Ella was the anchor leg of the race, having a brilliant swim, string bike leg and brilliant run for the team to finish with the bronze medal.

Very well done, Ella, another excellent performance to be proud of!



Pupil Achievement:

There were lots of Ellon Academy Athletes in action last week in Inverness for the Northern League Final, where qualifying age groups from the top clubs from Perth up to the Islands come together to battle it out for the trophies.

There were plenty of great individual performances from Ellon Academy pupils, who compete for Ellon Athletics club and Harris also who competes for Aberdeen.

- Kitty B (S6)- Senior Women - 1st place discus
- 2nd 100m Hurdles and 3rd Triple Jump. Also, second place in the senior 4 x 100 relay.
- Sarah T (S4) - u/15 - 2nd place 1500m (smashing her previous best)
- Ashleigh T (S4) - drafted into the Senior ladies 4 x 100m relay team to take second place.
- Skye T (S3) - u/15 Shot putt -7th place with a huge 50cm increase on previous best.
- Sophie T (1k1)- u/13 3rd place High Jump and 70m hurdles 7th place.
- Harris C (S3)- u/15 boys 1st place in 1500m ahead of second place by nearly 20 seconds.

Well done to all our athletes.



Pupil Achievement:

It was another very successful weekend for Hannah T! (S6) Amazingly, at Loughborough she became the 2022 UK School Games 800m Champion. Hannah was also part of the 4x300m relay team that won silver. A great end to her season being crowned the best at that distance in the whole of UK schools. Very well done, Hannah!



School information:

- The one-way system at Ellon Academy has now been removed, but pupils have been asked to stay left whilst using the stairs
- Our new S1 have settled well so we are reverting to normal lunchtimes for them next week.
- Our school day timings have reverted to pre-covid times from August 2022:
 - Break – 10.15 – 10.30am (back to 15 mins, not 20 mins)
 - Mon/Tues Lunch – 1.00pm – 1.50am (same) End of the school day – 3.30pm (same)
 - Wed/Thurs/Fri Lunch – 12.10am – 1.10pm (changed back) End of school day – 2.50pm
 - A consultation on this will be forth coming for pupils, parents and staff next week.

Dates For Your Diary

Term 1:

- Pupil Flu vaccinations – Mon 12th – Thurs 15th September
- School Photographer for Individual Photos (S1/3/5/6) Tuesday 27th September
- Week beginning October – Senior S4/5/6 Tracking Progress Reports to be issued
- End of Term 1 – Friday 14.10.22

For your information:

Over2Youth 22 Event:

Pupils are invited to attend the Over 2 Youth 22 event on the 24th of September held at Inverurie Community Campus, 11am-3pm.

This event was planned and will be delivered by the young people of central Aberdeenshire. Over the past year, each youth group has identified a theme relating to the challenges they face relating to poverty and inequalities and will showcase their findings at the Over2Youth event. As well as raising awareness of these challenges, the young people have come up with potential solutions for their communities.



Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Pauline Buchan

Rector
9.9.22