



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 2nd June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

We have had another busy week here at Ellon Academy with our S1 Parents Evening and our Senior Prizegiving and both events were very well attended, and staff and pupils commented that it was lovely to have parents and guests in school again. A special thanks goes out to our S3 learners who helped to support and steward the S1 Parents Evening this week. They did an excellent job! This week also saw the end of the 2023 SQA exam diet and I can let you know that our team of invigilators have commented on how maturely our seniors have approached their exams and that they have gone so smoothly again this year. We want to thank our Chief Invigilator Lesley for all her hard work and thanks to the whole invigilator team for their work and commitment in running the exams so efficiently.

Monday 5th June is a holiday for the Ellon Cluster, and we look forward to welcoming our senior learners back on Tuesday 6th June for the whole school change of timetable.

As we start the new session, it is important for our seniors who have chosen to return for further schooling, to support Dress Code. We will challenge those seniors not leading by example and ask for your encouragement at home. So parents have asked about shorts so to clarify, dress shorts are permitted, but not jogger or sports shorts.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our senior learners back to Ellon Academy on Tues 6.6.23. The new timetable for session 23/24 will begin for all learners.

- Our seniors will receive their new timetables in registration. Our Juniors received their new timetables last week.
- Our new S6 will be involved in a S6 Induction in the Library.
- S5 will have their senior induction after registration, Period 1 in the Theatre.
- New S4 learners will receive their new blue senior school ties at registration on Tues 6.6.23.
- Our usual expectations of school uniform apply.

I hope you continue to enjoy reading about our numerous pupil achievements in this newsletter once again.

Quote of the Week beginning Tues 6.6.23:



Weekly Merits:

Most Merits/Over and Above:

Well done to the learners to the right for getting the most merits over the past 2 weeks. They will receive their canteen Fast Passes after registration in the Sunken Social area on Tues 6.6.23.



Charlotte	W	1F1	11
Clark	W	1F1	13
Ross	T	1S1	16
Emma	K	2C1	7
Milo	B	2M1	7
Robyn	G	2M2	7
Jack	C	3F1	6
Sean	M	3M1	13

Last week the total number of pupils who received a message home from the school regarding their 'Over and Above' merits was 122! Well done to you all!

Assemblies:

There are no assemblies next week due to the Monday holiday and timetable change. Assemblies will resume from Monday 12th June.

Developing the Young Workforce Up-date from Mr Abberley-Nicoll, PT DYW:

Job Vacancies and Apprenticeship Opportunities

The following job vacancies and apprenticeship opportunities are currently accepting applications from across the North-East (via the DYW Northeast Jobs Portal <https://www.dyw.org.uk/jobs-portal>).

- Apprentice Mechanical Engineering Technician – Fisher Offshore (c/d 02/06/23)
- Engineering Workshop Apprentices – Subsea7 (c/d 06/06/23)
- Assurance Apprenticeship Programme – EY (c/d 12/06/23)
- Apprentice Engineer – Sparrows Offshore Services (c/d 12/06/23)
- Apprentice Draughtsperson – Sparrows Offshore Services (c/d 12/06/23)
- Engineering Apprentice – Offshore Helicopter Services UK (c/d 23/06/23)
- Law Scholarships – CMS (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Draughtsperson – Sparrows Group (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Engineer – Sparrows Group (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Mechanic – A & L Stronach Ltd (c/d 30/06/23)
- Aftersales/ Customer Service Apprenticeship – Arnold Clark (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Mechanic – Arnold Clark (c/d 30/06/23)
- Forestry Pre-Apprenticeship – Ringlink Scotland (c/d 30/06/23)
- Administrative Assistant – FRP Advisory (c/d 30/06/23)
- Craft Modern Apprenticeships – ACE Winches (c/d 30/06/23)
- Business & Modern Apprentice – ACE Winches (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Draughtspersons – TechnipFMC (c/d 30/06/23)
- Business Administrator (Modern Apprenticeship) – Microcom Training (c/d 15/07/23)
- Finance Customer Service Administrator (Modern Apprenticeship) – Microcom Training (c/d 21/07/23)
- Apprentice HGV Mechanic – Leiths Scotland Ltd (c/d 28/07/23)
- Audit Apprenticeships – KPMG (c/d 11/08/23).

To find out more and to apply for these exciting opportunities, visit the DYW Northeast Jobs Portal at <https://www.dyw.org.uk/jobs-portal>.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

The Ellon Rotary Club would like to sponsor two candidates to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, which includes a weeklong residential trip for 16- or 17-year-olds in July 2023.

RYLA is a leadership development course. It is a weeklong, full time residential course. Activities for all participants include hill walking, rock climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, kayaking (river), raft building, swimming, gorge walking, mental and physical team challenges. All as part of a team where you must work together to achieve a goal. Good communication and teamwork are key, and you will be mentored on these aspects, including daily talks from speakers with experience of various team challenges. This is a rare opportunity to experience and learn things about yourself, about working in a team but more importantly about leading and supervising other people. These are the skills employers look for in the workplace.

The girls camp runs from 8th – 15th July, and boys camp runs from 15th – 22nd July and both will take place at the Abernethy Centre in Nethybridge. Applicants must be 16 or 17 at the time of the camp and must be available for the whole week. For more information and to apply to take part, visit <https://ryla1010.com/>.



Learning at Ellon Academy:

In their timetabled double period, S3 Modern Studies pupils visited the Ellon Foodbank this week to learn more about the service they provide in our local area. We walked down and pupils took donations of food with them. Karen Butchart, one of the lovely volunteers at the foodbank, spoke to pupils about her experiences and the demand within Ellon and the surrounding areas. We learned that the Aberdeenshire North foodbank is running at a 3-tonne deficit every month, with more food going out than is being donated. Pupils were put to work weighing their donations, date checking and packing food parcels. Across the four classes, they donated a total of 41.5kg of food. The pupils represented the school well, being ready, respectful, and safe throughout.

We hope to keep up the links and take future classes. Thanks to Mrs Kelly, Mr Massie and Mrs Leslie for this article and supporting the learners to visit the foodbank.



Date	Weight (kg)	Name
30/6/23	6.05kg	Ellon Academy Cp 3
11/6/23	12.45kg	Ellon Academy Cp 4

Date	Weight (kg)	Name
30/6/23	9.8kg	Ellon Academy Cp 2
30/6/23	10.3kg	Ellon Academy Cp 2



Learning at Ellon Academy:

The learners listed below have all gone out to visit at least one primary school and worked with P1-4s. They have worked with over 230 children in the space of two weeks! They have been a pleasure to take out. They carefully chose books to share, and it was wonderful to see them in a buddy/mentor role. Mrs Warne, PT English.

Connie	Anderson	2M1
Erin	Berry	4S2
Elsbeth	Brown	3S2
Archie	Clelland	2M1
Sophie	Davidson	1K1
Lewis	Dunn	1F1
Rose	Flett	1S1
Brodie	Fraser	4K1
Keira	Fraser	3C1
Lucas	Gordon	1M2
Robyn	Grassick	2M2
Laura	Jones	2S1
Joyce	Jukes	4M1
Emma	Kaczmarek	2C1
Kata	Knyihar	2S2
Scott	MacPherson	1F1
Cara	Mallarkey	2S1
Laggan	Milne	1M1
Seren	Murray	2C1
Adrijana	Pavlovic	2M1
Leah	Payton	4F2
Holly	Pennington	1K1
Amy	Penny	2M1
Abby	Porter	2C1
Ruby	Quantrill	2S2
Isla	Reaper	3C2
Alexander	Styles	1K2
Cameron	Taylor	1K2
Lucy	Thom	2K1



Learning at Ellon Academy:

Today, Friday 2nd June, we had our S1 Reading Bingo Awards:

Bronze – 15+ Reading Bingo points Silver – 20+ Reading Bingo points Gold – 25+ Reading Bingo points

1C2 - 15+ Jennifer A (16) Emma B (18) Neve A (15) Lexi C (17) Isabella J(15) Grant L (17) Matthew M (16)

20+ Meaghan M (23) Megan P (20)

1K2 - 15+ Emily E (18) Breanna S (15) **20+** Ava B (20) **25+** Niks A (42) Cameron T (46) Charlie P(57)

1M2 - 15+ Iain B (17) Sophie M (17) Kara S (16) Caitlin T (16) **20+** Alyssa E (24) Jay J (24) Vanessa M (21)

25+ Advika A (38) Murray D (25) Ella I (36) Darcy S (25)

1S1 - 15+ Ross T (15) Millar M (19) Cara M (16) Freya M (18) **20+** Rebecca B (24) David K (22) Cerys F (23)

25+ Hannah S (30)

1F1 - 15+ Kirsten W (15) Hannah W (16) Charlotte W (18) **25+** Aleisha D (34) Scott M (29) Isla W (30)

1C1 - 15+ Charlie C (18) Sophie D (15) Kirster K (15) Keir S (17) Juliet L (16) Chloe S (17) Neve S (15)

20+ Lewis C (22) Lois C (21) **25+** Ellis F (25) Daniel M (43) Eva M (31)

1K1 - 15+ Setin A (17) Sophie D (17) **20+** Rhys B (20) Harry M (21) **25+** Tyler G (41) Holly P (77)

1M1 - 15+ Katie G (17) Janey L (18) Jack M (18) **20+** Maisy B (20) Holly B (24) **25+** Laggan M (25)



Senior Prizegiving 2023

Here are some of the photos from a very successful Senior Prizegiving this year. Thanks to staff who all gave personal information about each individual prize winner. Very special!

Exec Team 22/23



Ellie's wonderful vocal solo – 'Home'.





Pupil Achievement:

Congratulations to Ruby Q (S2) who has achieved her 25 hours Saltire Award for volunteering in the Ellon Academy Library. Well done, Ruby!



Pupil Achievement:

Congratulations to Natalie C (4F2/5F2) who was promoted a couple of weeks ago to Lance Corporal at Cadets. This was achieved through completing her 1* training syllabus and proving herself to be a great leader and committed cadet. She is working hard now on achieving her 2* qualification and is also participating in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, recently passing the expedition element of this. Well done, Natalie!



Pupil Achievement:

Over 50 S1/S2 pupils received certificates for their performance in the recent UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. Well done to all the certificate winners!



Pupil Achievement:

Many congratulations to Shona T (S3) who was placed 1st in her Ice Skate at the recent National Aberdeen Ice Dance Competition! Also, her synchronised ice-skating team 'Topaz' placed 3rd at the Steel City Trophy earlier in the year. What fantastic achievements! Well done, Shona!



Pupil Achievement:

Massive congratulations to Ryan G in S1 who not only won 🏆 the High Jump event but broke the school record that has been held since 1991!!! 🥳

Previous record 143cm

New Record 153cm - Well done Ryan!

Congratulations also to Layla T!

Layla had a tougher road to victory with head-head jump offs at 1.32m, 1.33m and 1.34m before finally clearing 1.35m to take the title.

Congratulations to our two winners and to all the qualifying pupils.



Pupil Achievement:

Here are some photos of Rhys Y (S3) at the Junior Tour Scotland event at Portpatrick recently.

Rhys played at a couple of weeks ago.

He's teeing off soon in the Junior Jug.



Pupil Achievement:

S1 FOOTBALL TEAM LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the S1 football team who won 5-3 against Mintlaw Academy this week to win the U13 League title. In what was a closely fought game and a nervous opening ten minutes, the boys managed to pull through and win the league title with a game to spare. It took a great team performance from all the players to get them over the line and secure the win. The team have one game remaining against Inverurie on Wednesday 7th June at Inverurie Academy. A win would complete an unbeaten and invincible season as the boys have so far won all 6 games. Goals: Fraser (2), Ewan (1), Alfie (1), and Harry. Player of the Match: Fraser M.



Pupil Achievement:

Peter L 6C is pictured below with his 500 hours Saltire award gained for:

Paired reading, In class support, Library Assistant work and being a Prefect, volunteering with Ellon Community Learning and Development and Volunteering with Charlie House. Well done Peter!



Sports Day at Ellon Academy – Thurs 8.6.23

Get ready for Sports Day on Thursday 8th June!

Field events will take place in the morning (periods 1-3) for those pupils who have qualified.

The events are shot put, discus, javelin, high jump (seniors only), 800m and 1500m (seniors only).

All other events will take place in the afternoon.

Lunch will be early (11:25-12:10 - normally period 4) and all pupils will be on the field to watch the final events in the afternoon, including the staff relay!

Please check the boards in PE to see who has qualified! Any pupils who have qualified for multiple events should also check the laminated sheets to see how many events they are allowed to enter in their year group.

Please see a member of the PE department if you have any questions.

Several stalls and activities will be on offer during lunchtime and in the afternoon so please do bring cash because card will not be accepted should you wish to purchase anything. There will be a BBQ, sweetie stall, soft drinks, ice cream and candy floss, nail bar, a 'beat the goalie' game, board games and the local Coastguard team will also be in attendance.



S3 Pupils – S1 Parents Evening Pupil Volunteers:

A massive thank you to the S3 pupils who volunteered at the S1 Parents' Evening this week.

The evening ran very smoothly with parents/carers and teachers commenting on the friendliness, helpfulness and high level of service provided. Special thanks to the Columba 1400 pupils for their leadership and organisation of pupil duties too. Well done all!

Ms Booth



Celebrating Success: Drama Club Showcase

We are delighted to announce our end of year Drama Club acting showcase on Thursday the 29th of June. The Showcase is a fantastic opportunity for our students to perform a selection of monologues, duologues, and scenes that they have been working on over the last few weeks. Your support of our students is so welcome and is much appreciated. Tickets are available from the school reception from Monday the 29th of May.

Ellon Academy

Proudly Presents



Drama Club

SHOWCASE

Doors 6.30PM - Show Starts 7PM
THURSDAY JUNE 29th 2023

Ellon Academy Theatre

Tickets £5 Adults - £3 Concessions

Tickets are available from the school reception

Join us for our end of year Ellon Academy Drama Club Showcase, where pupils from across the school will entertain you with scenes of comedy, music and a little bit of drama.

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE!!!

www.ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk



Celebrating Success: Ellon Academy Dance Showcase

Sign up to take part in the Ellon Academy Dance Showcase to raise money for EASA.

We are looking for dancers and gymnasts to perform solo or group routines alongside our school Cheer Teams in a showcase for parents, carers, and the community.

Sign up using the link below:

CLOSING DATE 09/06/2023

<https://forms.office.com/e/TsmGTZgWnS>



Also a big thank you to [Bare](#) who have generously donated a Graze Box Voucher and Annie's Tea Room who have donated a voucher! Raffle tickets will be on sale on the night of the showcase, 22/06/23.

Tickets for the show can be bought from the school office (£5 adults, £3 concessions).

If you own or know of any businesses who can donate a prize, please get in touch on here or with the school directly. Thanks Miss Williams.

<https://www.facebook.com/barezerowaste>



Ellon Academy Reading School - Reading for Pleasure/Recommended Reading for parents, pupils, and staff:

'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' by Holly Jackson



Pippa investigates a murder that took place in her town 5 years previously. She doesn't think the police got the right person...

'A Kind of Spark' by Elle McNicoll



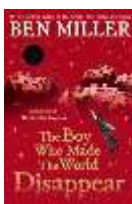
Addie is intrigued by her class topic when they are learning about the victims of witch hunts in her local area. She is bullied due to challenges she faces at school. She spots the similarities between how people treated those accused of witchcraft and how she is treated.

'I Know You Did It' by Sue Wallman



When Ruby was four, she accidentally killed a girl. Now, as a teenager, she is being framed for murders at school...

'The Boy Who Made the World Disappear' by Ben Miller



Harrison has a terrible temper. An unusual entertainer gives him his very own black hole. He starts to put things which annoy him in it – he soon regrets some of his decisions though!



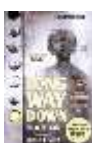
Little People, BIG DREAMS Treasury: 50 Stories from Brilliant Dreamers
This is a beautiful collection of heroes – some well-known ones and some not so well-known. There is also a great section at the end for the reader to recognise their achievements and perhaps plan what adventures they will have as they grow up. A great one for dipping in and out of for those who can find reading tricky and/or time-consuming!

'The Hate U Give' by Angie Thomas



Starr is a passenger when her friend, a black teenager, is shot by a policeman for no reason. She needs to decide if she is brave enough to testify in the face of protests & pressure from the police. Unfortunately, a very relevant book. There are violent themes.

'Long Way Down' by Jason Reynolds.



Will's brother has been shot. He needs to decide if he is going to get involved in gang warfare. This book is written as a narrative poem and is easy to read. Another one for those who perhaps struggle to find the time to read.

Pupil Notices:

ALL PUPILS – CROCHET WORKSHOPS

If you would be interested in learning how to crochet, or you can already crochet, we are planning to hold some crochet workshops in the Library later this term. Please come to the Library during any lunchtime this week to find out more from Mrs Quantrill.

Mrs Murdoch & Mrs Quantrill, School Librarians

ALL PUPILS – BASKETBALL

Basketball club is now on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Miss Daniel

All Pupils

'Digital Drop-In' sessions will take place in the EOLA space (English Open Learning Area) from 12:30-13:00 every Thursday lunchtime for any pupil who is having a school-related digital problem (either with a device or online). Pupils must ensure that their problem is school-related or for school use.

Mr Armstrong

ALL PUPILS – DRAMA CLUB

We have resumed after school on Thursdays.

Mr Price, Miss Moore & Mrs Cozens

ALL GIRLS – FOOTBALL

We have resumed after school on Thursdays.

Mr McLean

ALL GIRLS – NETBALL

We have resumed after school on Thursdays. Miss Daniel

ALL PUPILS – YOUNG SCOT CARDS

Pupils should ensure that there is sufficient money on their Young Scot cards before buying any items from the Canteen. Recently, there has been an increase in the number of pupils trying to purchase food/drink when their accounts are empty. If parents/carers are having problems when trying to top-up online, pupils can use cash at the Revalve machines (at any time) or at the Canteen (outwith breaktime and lunchtime).

Miss Jarvis, Canteen Supervisor

ALL PUPILS – DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Dungeons & Dragons club is at lunchtime on a Wednesday. Pupils can bring their lunch with them. New members are always welcome! If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Goan.

All Pupils - Library Homework Club:

Times this term will be:

Mondays and Tuesdays 1.20pm to 1.50pm

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 12.30pm to 1.00pm

All Pupils - Teen Yoga:

Teen yoga is held in Gym A from 12:20-13:00 every Wednesday. Pupils should wear leggings or sportswear that can be easily changed into, and all years are welcome. Please see Mrs Winterbottom if there are any questions. See you there!

Mrs Winterbottom

All Pupils - Ellon Academy News Group:

Where? S8

When? Wednesday 12:20-13:00

If you have a keen interest in all forms of journalism and would like to be involved in reporting about what is happening in our community, then the Ellon Academy News Group would love for you to join the team!

Pupils are allowed to bring their lunch along to the session.

Mrs Cawthorne

S1-3 PUPILS – JUNIOR BOOK CLUB:

Where? S8

When? Friday 12:20-13:00

Join us for a range of activities – the links to reading will be varied!

Pupils are allowed to bring their lunch along to the session!

Mrs Cawthorne

S2 PUPILS – MANDARIN

Mandarin club has resumed on Thursdays.

Mrs Duffus

ALL PUPILS – CHOIR

Choir will resume in G32 at lunchtime today (Thursday 11th May – starting at 12:35). We will be learning a top-secret song which includes choreography – come along to find out more! New members from any year group are always welcome – no audition or experience necessary! Mrs Nicholson

S1 PUPILS – JUNIOR COACHING AT ELLON TENNIS CLUB

Junior coaching is available at Ellon Tennis Club and the sessions take place at 16:45-17:45 on a Tuesday or 12:30-13:30 on a Saturday. It is a 5-week block, and the Tuesday sessions start on 23rd May (finish on 20th June) and the Saturday sessions start on 20th May (finish on 17th June). There is limited availability, so book early to ensure your place. To book or for further information, please pop down to Reception.

Skills Development Scotland Support at Ellon Academy:

Introducing your SDS advisers

- **Career Advice | Employability**
- We offer support with career guidance, employability to help pupils and leavers plan their next steps. This could be speaking about different options, support with college applications, CV support, etc.
- If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak with an adviser or to arrange an appointment, please get in touch using the contacts below:

Ellon Academy
Susan Ritchie & Kirsty Hannon

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 kirsty.hannon@sds.co.uk



Ellon Post School
Amy Healy

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Dates For Your Diary

Community Information:



Here is a link to our school calendar on our Ellon Academy website:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-zone/>

- Occasional Day Holiday – Mon 5.6.23
- S5/6 Senior Induction
- S4/5 Learners return to school following study leave
- Change of Timetable for all learners – Tues 6.6.23.
- S4 learners will receive their senior school blue ties at registration on Tues 6.6.23
- S5/6 Senior Induction – Tues 6.6.23
- Sports Day – Thurs 8.6.23.
- Parent Council Meeting – Wed 14.6.23, 7pm.
- Dance Showcase – Thurs 22.6.23, 7.15pm in the Games Hall
- Drama Showcase – Thurs 29.6.23, 7pm in the Theatre
- P7 Induction Days – Tues 27th, Wed 28th and Thurs 29th June.
- End of Term 4 – Fri 7.7.23

Thank you for your continued support.

P Buchan
Rector 2.6.23