



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 16th June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have another bumper issue with so many learners' achievements to celebrate. We are looking forward to our Primary 7 Induction Days on 27th, 28th and 29th June and to our Dance and Drama Showcase evenings on 22nd June and 29th June respectively.

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

Quote of the Week beginning Mon 19.6.23:



Using this quote for assemblies next week, we will support learners to understand that although sometimes we strive for perfection or feel that perfection is expected of us, we also realise that we can also embrace imperfection and from that imperfection (the crack), that's where we learn and grow (that's how the light gets in).

Assemblies:

Assemblies will run next week as follows in the theatre during registration:

S5 – Mon 19.6.23

S2 – Tues 20.6.23

S3 – Wed 21.6.23

S4 - Thurs 22.6.23

S6 – Fri 23.6.23

Year group assembly days will rotate after the summer.

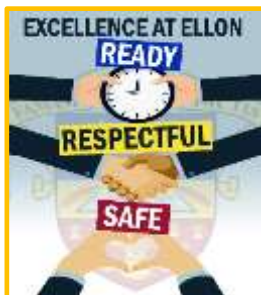
Reminder from the English Faculty:

Please can parents/carers urge learners to return any texts that they still have at home to the English Faculty asap so they can be used for new classes/courses.

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 Mon 19.6.23.



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| Lewis | C | 1C1 | 7 |
| Eva | M | 1C1 | 7 |
| Jackson | N | 1C1 | 7 |
| Janey | L | 1M1 | 8 |
| Milo | B | 3M1 | 6 |
| Talisa | L | 3S2 | 6 |
| Abigail | D | 4C2 | 8 |
| Jack | C | 4F1 | 9 |
| Harris | C | 4S2 | 7 |
| Blair | W | 5F2 | 4 |
| Harrison | D | 6C1 | 3 |
| Connor | D | 6C2 | 3 |
| Katie | M | 6F1 | 4 |

Good News!



This week we received several messages from members of the public praising our learners for their conduct in the community! We have shared these positive messages with our learners at assemblies this week.

#feelgoodfactor #personalbest #proud

Ellon Academy pupils praised again for their polite and respectful conduct at a recent visit to the Ellon Foodbank Centre. [#personalbest](#) [#weareellonacademy](#)

We welcomed 4 S3 groups to Ellon Foodbank Centre. They learned how the Foodbank works and they made up parcels for some of our clients. What a polite, respectful group of students. They are supporting our new campaign "guarantee our essentials".



Good News!



This week, a member of the public told us:

"I noticed this morning while lots of young lads were out running along the Ythan River for PE, they were all very polite, saying excuse me and thank you when my dog and I moved out their way. It was lovely to see them being so courteous". X

Good News!



Last Friday we received a lovely email from a member of the public to say:

"I was in Tesco today and my visit coincided with the children coming in for lunch, large numbers of them. I would like to pass on from my husband and I, how impressed we were with the children's manners. They were extremely polite to us, and their behaviour was to be applauded. Well done parents and Ellon Academy".

Another member of the public replied saying:

"This is refreshing to read. The times that I am in Tesco (which is a lot) and often when the Academy kids are in too, they're always well mannered, considerate, and respectful of others, so very well-done Ellon Academy Community Campus"!

It's lovely to hear good feedback and this is a true representation of our learners at Ellon Academy.

[#proud](#) [#personalbest](#)



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).

- 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 – TechnnipFMC (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>.



Pupil Heath Matters:

Today, the following letter has been sent to all parents/carers to raise awareness about vaping and e-cigarettes:

16.3.23

Dear parents/carers,

Information for parents/carers regarding vaping and e-cigarettes:

It is the case across Scotland and beyond, that young people are increasingly engaging in experimentation with e-cigarettes and vaping. As a school and in partnership with you it is essential that we manage this situation. Although regulated vaping is generally considered to be healthier than cigarette smoking, it is not risk free and most vapes contain nicotine, which is addictive. There are growing concerns around e-cigarettes and vapes advertised as nicotine-free, as they still contain substances which are harmful to young people, nickel, and lead content in some cases. This can cause short and long-term health issues. It is possible that those bought from certain vendors may contain substances whose side-effects are unpredictable.

Our colleagues in NHS Grampian have also highlighted a fire risk in irresponsible disposal of vapes and e-cigarettes.

E-cigarettes/vapes are an age-restricted product and legislation prohibits their sale to under 18s, no matter where the transaction takes place. It is also illegal for an adult to knowingly purchase a vape for someone under 18 years of age. We are currently working with both NHS Grampian, Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership (AHSCP), Trading Standards and our Local Authority education officers to increase understanding and awareness of this situation.

Taking this into consideration it is essential that all our young people understand that vaping will not be tolerated at Ellon Academy. Where we have evidence of a young person vaping within the school or school grounds, home will be contacted. Where we can, we will confiscate the vape/e-cigarette and in our discussions with you, you will have the opportunity to come and retrieve it, otherwise, we will safely dispose of it.

We do not want to consider exclusion, but the safety of the whole school community must be considered.

More information on the damage of vaping can be found here:

[Microsoft Word - Vaping information sheet - parents and educators \(final\).docx \(dsmfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

For reporting of illegal tobacco sales and vape products, contact Trading Standards on trading.standards@aberdeenshire.gov.uk 01467 537222.

Please speak to your child of the possible consequences of vaping.

As always, your support is appreciated.

Mrs Pauline Buchan
Rector



Pupil Achievement:

Well done to S3 learner Adrijana P who is performing at the Lemon Tree this week with the Aberdeen Performing Arts Youth Theatre as part of the light The Blue Festival.

Her show is called Fuse. Great achievement! 🎉🎉🎉🎉

Light The Blue 2023: Fuse #2

A multi-bill showcase of theatre and dance from Aberdeen Performing Arts' Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors as well as Citymoves' Dance Agency's Fusion Company. Our Fuse strand of events celebrates the creativity of young people across Aberdeen and beyond with multi-bill showcases of new work. Take a seat and enjoy a varied evening of exciting material that puts youth voice centre stage.



Pupil Achievement:

Congratulations to Aidan B, who has secured himself a football scholarship place in USA next year. Well done!

New Signing: Aidan Brookes - Welcome to FiveZero International!

Aidan was introduced to us a few weeks ago, and after seeing his footage and CV we were very impressed.

Aidan has been with Aberdeen FC as a youngster, and most recently for Montrose u18's in Scotland.

He is a very technically gifted midfield player, with a strong engine to get around the pitch.

Aidan will be sure to attract a lot of interest from coaches in the United States and we can't wait to see what unfolds for him on his collegiate journey and he is available for Fall 2024.



Pupil Achievement:

NASSA GOLF MEDALS INCOMING!! 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

Congratulations to Rhys Y, Kyle M and Cameron K who took part in NASSA Golf this week.

Ellon Academy had a successful day at the NASSA golf tournament at Duff House Royal Golf Club.

Our three boys won both the team scratch and the team handicap competitions.

Rhys was second in the boys' individual scratch competition, missing out by just two strokes.

It was a lovely day of golf played in glorious ☀️ and all players conducted themselves in an exemplary fashion.

They were a credit to Ellon Academy! Well done, boys! 🏆🏆🏆



Pupil Achievement:

Huge congratulations to our Junior & Senior Cheer Teams who won their respective divisions this week at Cheer Festival Nationals. A special mention to the junior team who were awarded a 'hit zero' badge because they had no deductions in their routine - which is an outstanding achievement!



Pupil Achievement:

Our Cheer teams were exceptional this week at the Scottish Schools Cheerleading Championships today at the Oriam in Edinburgh. You should all be VERY proud of yourselves 🏆



The Junior team are the new Scottish Schools champions, coming out on top in the level 1 category against 4 other schools from across the country! They also won the Judge's choice award for being the judge's favourite routine of the day. The Senior team were placed 3rd in the level 2 category also competing against 4 other schools from across the country. So well done to you all!





Pupil Achievement:

Scottish Schools 7 a side football finals.

Ellon girls did amazingly well this week and finished runners up for the whole competition, winning all their games except one. Scores were: 5-1, 2-1 and 3-0.

They lost 3-2 in the crucial game, despite being 2-1 with just a few minutes to go. It was a game of 'if only', as our girls created most chances and, without being biased, played the better football of the 2 sides.

Goal scorers for Ellon: Emily S 6, Ava R 2, Myah R 2, Molly P 1 and Millie B.

Players of day is hard to pick but Millie B and Emily S were exceptional, but Myah R would just shade the player of day. Well done, Mr McLean.



Pupil Achievement:

More Athletics Gold's Silver's and Bronze's 🏅🏅🏅🏅🏅

A massive well done to Hannah T, Emily T and Kitty B who attend the Scottish Schools Athletics Championship last weekend! Hannah T is now 400m and 800m National Champion! 🏆🏆🏆 Younger sister Emily T came second in the 1500m! 🏆🏆 And Kitty B is now National Discus Champion 🏆🏆 and placed 3rd in both javelin and shot put also. 🏆🏆 What a fab meet girls and congratulations on your individual successes!



Pupil Achievement:

S1 Football Team

A final well done to the S1 football team who have had a very successful season this year! They reached the semi-final of the Aberdeenshire/Aberdeen city cup and the quarterfinals of the Aberdeenshire league cup. Also, last week, they clinched the U13 league title with a game to spare!

In the league the boys won 6 out of 7 games, scoring 32 goals, and conceding 17.

Special mention to James Masson who won our Players Player of the Year, and to Josh Stephen our top goal scorer, and also to team captains Alfie Stander and Finlay Taylor.

Overall, the boys have been a credit to the school - working hard in training and games, having great behaviour on away trips, shaking hands with the other team after games, and having a great bond with each other. They have been a pleasure to coach and take this year. Below is a squad photo of all the players that have played for the team this year.

Top Row: Riley D (1S1), Ethan E (1K2), Kade W (1C2), Ciaran W (1M2), Kallan H (1F1), Annan C (1M2), Liam M (1M2), David K (1S1)

Bottom Row: Finlay T (1F1), Ethan L (1F1), Fraser M (1M1), Harry M (1K1), Josh S (1K2), Ewan B (1M1), James M (1F1), Alfie S (1S1), Brodie MacD (1M2), Lewis G (1C2), Logan T (1F1), Fyvie G (1M1), Ryan McG (1M1), Jack McG (1M1), Ellis F (1C1).



**Pupil Achievement:
Sports Awards 2023**

It was wonderful to see such so many gifted and enthusiastic learners gaining recognition for their sporting achievements on Friday 9th June .



Former Pupil Success

Former pupil Kayleigh Mankin - Hospitality Internship to USA

Kayleigh received the chance to apply for a Hospitality Internship to the east coast of America, working in top country clubs. She couldn't resist this amazing opportunity and applied straight away. Only 300 people across the UK and Europe get selected for this. Never did she think she'd ever be selected for this amongst the rest of the amazing talents across the UK and Europe.

Kayleigh will be working in Quail Valley Golf Club, in Florida, from the end of September this year for 12 months, with an extra month to travel.

Kayleigh said, "*Hospitality is full of amazing opportunities and couldn't recommend it enough, you can go so far.*" Well done Kayleigh, we are proud of you!



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!!!

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Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



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:



Also, a big thank you to all the local businesses who have generously given donations for our raffle.

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.

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

Skills Development Scotland Support at Ellon Academy:

Introducing your SDS Careers Advisers

• Career Advice | Employability

- We offer support with career guidance and employability to help pupils and leavers plan their next steps. This could be speaking about different careers, options, support with college applications, CVs, etc. We also meet your child in careers sessions during PSE from S1-S4.
- If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak with a Careers Adviser or arrange an appointment, please get in touch using the contacts below:

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Susan Ritchie & Elizabeth Bruce

 susan.ritchie@sds.co.uk

 elizabeth.bruce@sds.co.uk



Ellon Post School
Katy MacPherson

 Katy.macpherson@sds.co.uk

Dates For Your Diary

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

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

The new Ellon Academy School Calendar for session 23/24 is now available to view on our school website by following the link below. This link was emailed home earlier this week:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/calendar/>

- 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.
- Dress Down Day - End of Term 4 – Fri 7.7.23

Thank you for your continued support.

P Buchan

Rector 16.6.23