



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Another warm week here in Ellon and relaxing the dress code has been appreciated by our learners. We are looking forward to our Primary 7 Induction Days on 27th, 28th and 29th June and to Drama Showcase evening on 29th June.

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

Quote of the Week beginning Mon 26.6.23:



Assemblies:

There are no assemblies week beginning 26.6.23 because we will be using the Theatre during registration for our P7 Induction Days.

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 26.6.23.



Last week we sent 151 'Over and Above' text messages home to parents/carers. Well done to all the learners who have been recognised in this way!

Scott	M	1F1	10
Sophie	D	1K1	12
Eva	G	1K1	9
Holly	P	1K1	11
Emma	K	2C1	7
Seren	M	2C1	8
Enzo	T	2F2	6
Adrijana	P	2M1	7
Ruby	Q	2S2	6
Ashley	R	3C2	5
Jack	C	3F1	8
Rian	G	3F1	5
Grace	B	4K1	7
Rachael	C	4K1	5
Brodie	F	4K1	10
Harrison	D	5C1	4
Jack	R	5S1	4

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).

- 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 Health Matters:

Last week, the following letter was 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 Outing Update:

Today, 21 pupils, accompanied by staff, enjoyed an outing to Aberdeen. The group turned into treasure seekers following the Fittie Trail, enjoyed a picnic at the park, complete with dolphin sightings before a quick stop for ice cream. The Learners were a credit to the school and behaved responsibly at all times, most importantly having fun and making memories. This is bound to become an annual trip!





Mandarin Success at Ellon Academy:

Over the past couple of months Jess CW in 5M, Jacob V 6K and friends have represented the school in visits to both Edinburgh and Glasgow to the Scotland China Education Network Youth Summit speaking competition and the Confucius Institute of Scotland's Schools Ramshorn building.

During these visits pupils were given the opportunity to dress in traditional Chinese clothing and to learn about Chinese culture, games, and calligraphy. They participated in a Chinese tea ceremony with snack tastings and viewed Chinese art and antiques at the Burrell Collection. Jess attended the youth summit showcasing what Confucius hub schools had done to promote the learning and teaching in schools. For the speaking competition pupils worked with our student teachers Chloe, Yafeng and Yuqi to improve their skills in Mandarin speaking.

Jess CW is the first Ellon Academy pupil to be presented at Higher Mandarin level. We look forward to hopefully seeing the return of a full time Mandarin exchange teacher at Ellon Academy this year as she continues her study in Advanced Higher Mandarin.





Pupil Visit:

Thank you to Sulzer who allowed several Higher Engineering Science and Higher Graphic Communication pupils to visit their premises in Ellon over the last week. It was a fascinating trip and one the pupils took a lot from. Here they were able to see how their learning would work in the real world, giving them an insight into a potential career path for many of them and helping their understanding of the courses that may not have been possible from a classroom environment.



Pupil Achievement:

NASSA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2023! (winning by only 4 points!!!)

A very successful day last week at this year's NASSA Athletics competition at Aberdeen Sports Village.

Our Athletics team were:

- 🏆 Overall Winners
- 🏆 S1 Overall Winners
- 🏆 Senior Overall Winners

Well done to every single pupil who came and took part for the team. Without every individual participation it would not have been possible to come out as overall winners.

A special mention to the following pupils who won their individual event:

- 🏆 Charlie C - S1 Boys Shot Put Winner
- 🏆 S1 Girls Relay Team Winners
- 🏆 Owen C - S2 Boys 100m Winner
- 🏆 Chester M - S3 Boys Javelin Winner
- 🏆 Jack C - S3 Boys Long Jump Winner
- 🏆 Harris C - S3 Boys 800m Winner
- 🏆 Ella C - Senior Girls 800m
- 🏆 Kitty B - Senior Girls Discus and Shot Put
- 🏆 Millie U - Senior Girls Long Jump, 100m, 200m

The following pupils also broke NASSA records in the following events:

- ✅ Owen C - S2 Boys 100m (11.95 secs)
- ✅ Harris C - S3 Boys 800m (2 mins 7 secs)
- ✅ Kitty B - Senior Girls Discus (28m) - beating her own NASSA record from last year.
- ✅ Millie U - Senior Girls Long Jump

Shout out to Mr. McCall and the amazing office ladies for organising the entire trip as it took a power of work to get everything in place to ensure we had smooth day.





Pupil Achievement:

Tegan E collecting the Kennedy cup who was unable to last week for outstanding contribution to Netball. 🏆🏐



Pupil Achievement:

Ewan S 4K2 took part in a Mountain Bike Race last weekend and came 3rd! He took part in '10 under the Ben' which is a 10 hour endurance race at Nevis Range. Very well done Ewan!



Former pupil success:

Congratulations to Jamie Mercer on recently signing his full-time contract with Aberdeen FC. Well done, Jamie.



Former Pupil Success:

Congratulations to former pupil Charlotte B who has recently left school this session and who has been selected in the Scottish Rugby U18's Womens 7's wider training squad. 🏉👏
Well done, Charlotte!! 🍷🍷🍷🍷



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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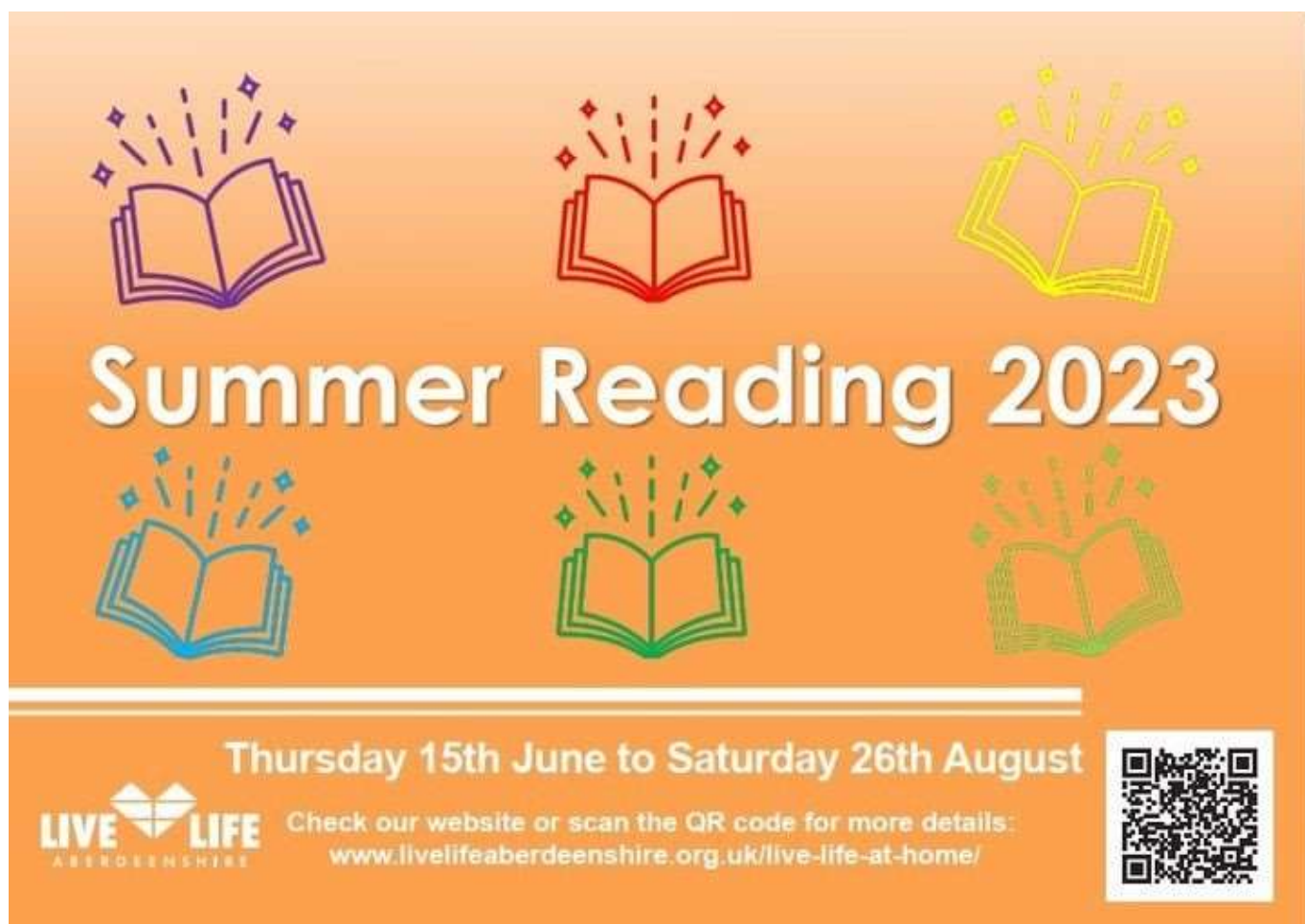


Summer Reading 2023 is here!

You can now sign up online or through your local library. The top prize from the Prize Draw list is one you don't want to miss.

To be in with a chance of winning this top prize and other amazing prizes you must complete and submit your collector's card.

For further details go to <https://tinyurl.com/fpac9x46>



The banner features a central title 'Summer Reading 2023' in large white font on an orange background. Above and below the title are six stylized open book icons in purple, red, yellow, blue, green, and light green, each with small diamond shapes above them. At the bottom, the dates 'Thursday 15th June to Saturday 26th August' are displayed in white. To the left is the 'LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE' logo, and to the right is a QR code. Text between the logo and QR code reads: 'Check our website or scan the QR code for more details: www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/live-life-at-home/'

Pupil Notices:

ALL PUPILS – LIBRARY (DURING P7 VISIT DAYS)

During the P7 visit days next week, Tuesday 27th-Thursday 29th June, the Library will only be open for P7 pupils, staff, Library pupil volunteers and regular Library club members (who will be assisting with taster sessions for the P7 pupils). There will be no Homework club for S2-6 during the P7 visit days because P7 pupils will be coming to the Library for taster sessions of the various clubs and activities we offer. Sorry for the inconvenience but Monday and Friday will run as normal! Mrs Murdoch, School Librarian

ALL PUPILS – LANGUAGES WORKBOOKS

If you have any French or German workbooks that you are no longer using, please return them to Miss Mathers (S41) as soon as possible. Miss Mathers

ALL PUPILS – DIVERSITY GROUP

The Diversity Group will meet in the Library at lunchtime on Monday 26th June. Come and celebrate the differences which bring us closer together as a community. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided! Mr Higgins

NEW S2-4 PUPILS – ART

Any pupils from Ms Quinn's art class who wish to glaze their ceramic pots are welcome to come along to the Art department at lunchtime today (Thursday 22nd June). Some batches have already been fired in the kiln and are now ready to be collected. Please pop along and check if your creation is ready! Ms Quinn

NEW S5/6 PUPILS – PREFECTS

Please can all Prefects make sure that they are a member of Google Classroom 2j33jar because this is where the rotas and any other important information will be shared. All new S5 pupils who applied to be a Prefect have been successful – please see Miss Tomlinson in S19 to collect your badge. All new S6 Prefects will receive their badges later because the large order hasn't arrived yet! Miss Tomlinson

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 – 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

ALL 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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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/>

- 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 23.6.23