



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 6th October 2023

Dear parents/carers,

We can't quite believe that there's only one more week until the October holidays. It has been such a busy term, but a productive one too!

Assemblies – This week the assemblies have been led by Mrs K Leslie, PT Humanities along with members of the Global Citizenship Group. They've been sharing information about Black History Month and celebrating the success of black women now and in history.

Registration – At registration, our learners can access to a QR code so they can log their participation and achievements to gain points for their respective Houses. House Captains will be visiting register classes in their respective Houses to encourage learners to log their participation in activities for House points.

Uniform/Dress Down Day – A huge thank you to parents/carers who continue to support our school uniform and for your early information we will be holding a Dress Down Day on Friday 13th October (last day of term) and all funds raised will go to support former pupil Ethan Walker as he recovers from the serious injuries, he sustained following an accident in America. We are thinking of him and his family and sending our love and best wishes to them.

We hope you enjoy our up-dates and reading about our pupil successes in this week's newsletter.

If your child/children have successes you'd like to share with us, please send us an email via the school email address marked FAO Mrs P Buchan, Rector.

Any photos you can share with us are always welcome too.

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Quote of the Week beginning Monday 9.10.23:



Assemblies - week beginning Mon 9/10/23 will be as follows:

Please note the change in order. S6 Learners who are promoting an Eco Project want to set S1's a task for the last week of term so the S1 Assembly will be on Monday 9.10.23 and the rest will follow respectively:

- Monday 9th October – S1
- Tuesday 10th October – S2
- Wednesday 11th October – S3
- Thursday 12th October – S4
- Friday 13th October – S5



Weekly Merits

Most Merits/Over and Above:

Last week the total number of pupils who received a message home from the school regarding their 'Over and Above' merits was 168! The total number of learners recognised and achieving at least one merit was 656. Again, that's approximately 70% of all learners in school!

The learners to the right have accrued the most merits over the last week and will receive their canteen fast passes on Mon 9.10.23 after registration in the sunken social area. Well done everyone!



Charlie	B	1M1	8
Mason	C	1M1	8
Sophie	N	1M1	7
Max	R	1M1	7
Andy	W	1M1	9
Connie	D	1S1	7
Will	W	2C2	7
Scott	M	2F1	10
Charlotte	W	2F1	8
Hannah	M	2K1	6
Varvara	L	2K2	8
Dylan	B	3F1	6
Ruby	Q	3S1	7
Rylee	E	3S2	6
Jack	C	4F1	9
Duncan	M	4F1	5
Gregor	A	4S2	5
Iona	M	5C1	6
Kyle	N	5F1	6
Connor	D	6C	6

Learning at Ellon Academy:

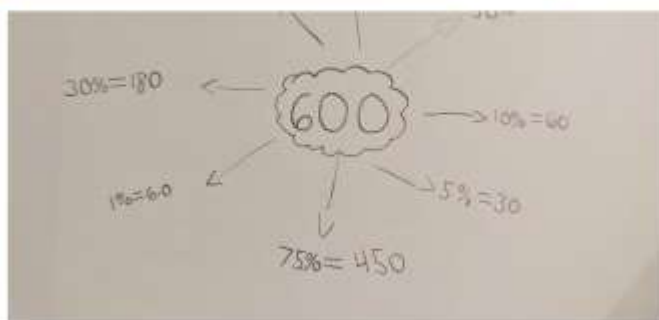
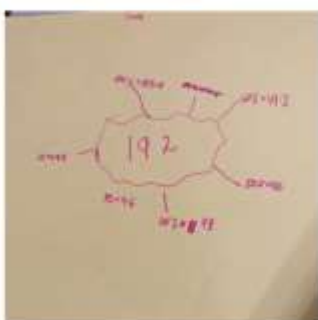
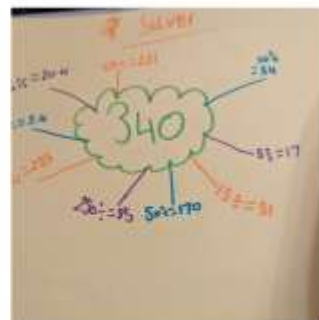
S2/S2 Maths:

Our S1 & S2s have been putting a tremendous amount of effort into revision this week so far!

1C2 & 1M1 have shown that if you can calculate some key percentages then you can build on these and find lots more! For example, one of our pupils found 18% by using 1%, multiplying by 8 for 8% then adding this to 10%!

S2 are about to build on their algebraic skills so we found as many ways as possible to create certain algebraic terms using addition and subtraction. Brilliant use of negative numbers and a superb "can do" attitude!

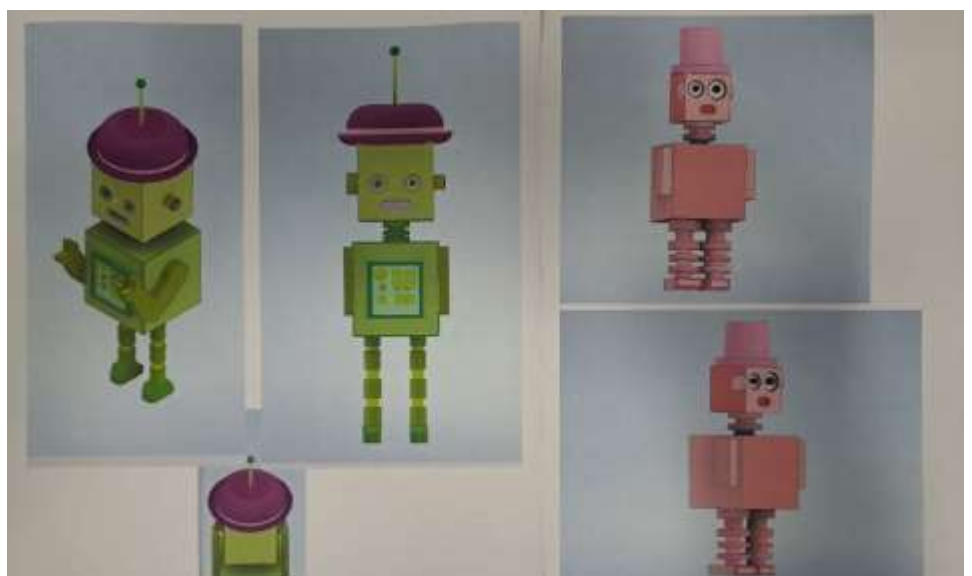
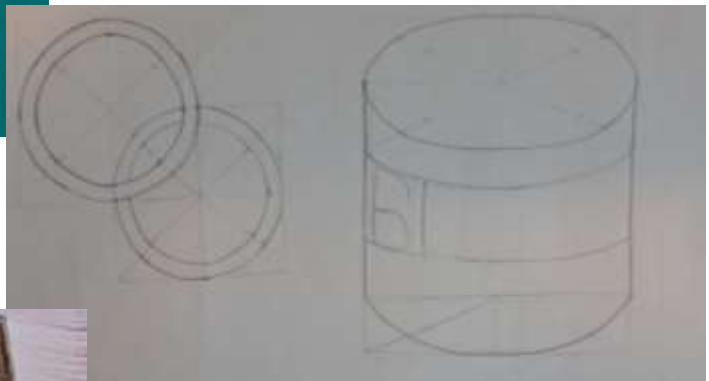
What a superb start to the week! Well done!

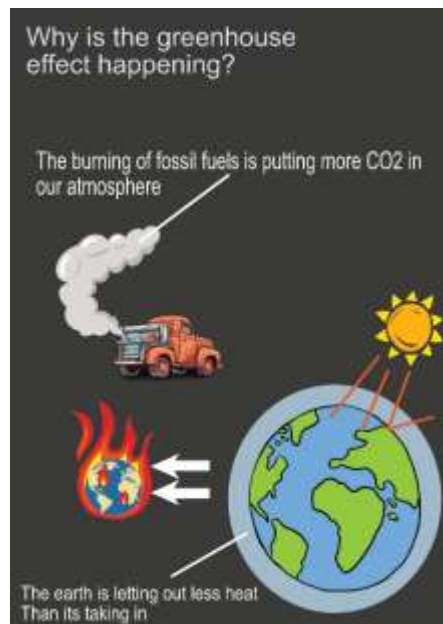


Learning in the Technical Faculty week beginning 2/10/23:

This week we are showcasing the work of our Technical Faculty.

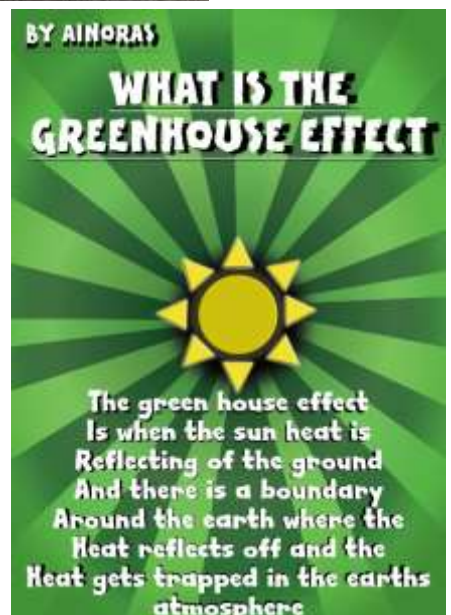
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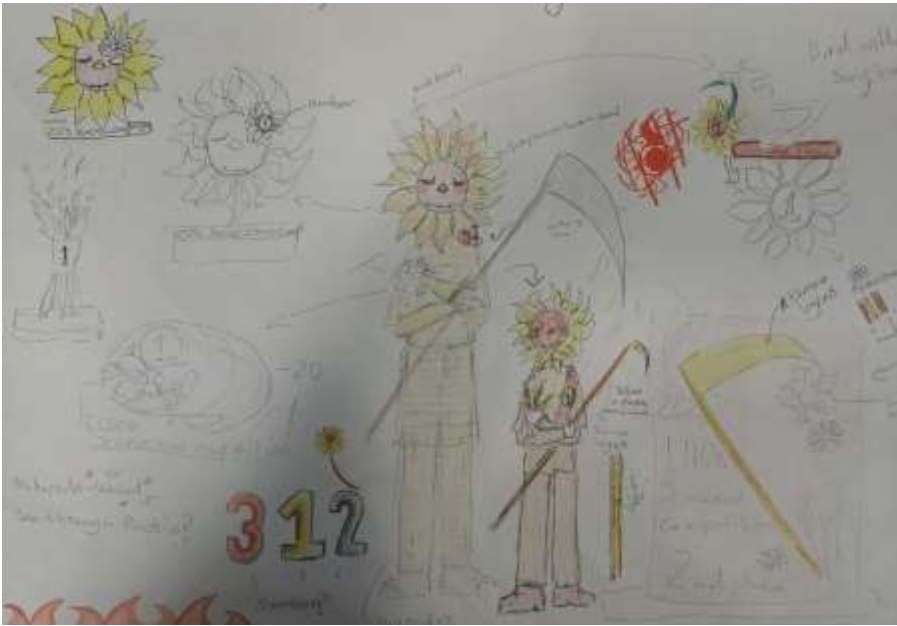


The Positives

- Water is hundreds of times denser than air, which makes tidal energy powerful
- It's renewable, because the ocean is always moving.
- It's also very efficient because it produces a lot of energy.



Graphic Communication – Scarecrow Trophy Design



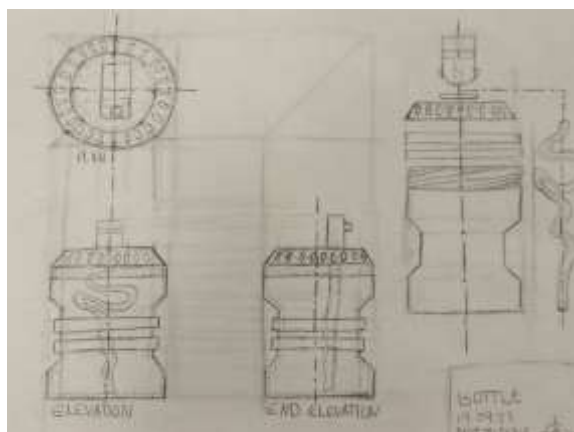
Practical Metalworking



Practical Woodworking



Higher Graphic Communication



Thanks to Mr Cruickshank, the Technical Faculty staff, and learners for showcasing their work this week.

Next week, look out for Learning in our Creative Arts!

School Achievement:

Ellon Academy Gold Reading School Award

Gold Reading Schools Award Ceremony

*(Reports and pictures brought to you by members of the Ellon Academy News Group
Scott M, Lewis D, Neve S, Erin B, Niamh W and Owen A)*



On Monday 2nd of October an award ceremony was held after school in the sunken social area to celebrate Ellon Academy becoming a Gold Reading School which is something Principal Teacher of English, Mrs Warne, and Librarian, Mrs Murdoch, have been working on for about 18 months. This is a huge achievement for Ellon Academy as we are the first school in Aberdeenshire to gain this award from the Scottish Book Trust. In attendance at the ceremony were Mr L Findlay, Director of Education, Cllr Crawley, Mrs Christian Ritchie, Scottish Book Trust, Ailsa Dixon, former pupil and professional storyteller, Mrs A Stott, Chair of the Parent Council, academy and primary staff, pupils, and parents.

Folk Group Performance

The Folk Group were invited to play background music for the Gold Reading School award ceremony.

They played a range of old Folk songs.

The performers were:

Mr Hibbs (Violin), Mr Armstrong (Piano), Abigail (Violin), Hayley (Violin), Stephanie (Violin), Robyn (Violin)

Esme (Violin), Rosie (Violin), Alasdair (Violin), Lewis (Violin), Mrs Astley (Flute), Mr Richardson (Mandolin)

Mrs Buchan was presented with the trophy for Ellon Academy from the Scottish Book Trust representative, Christian Ritchie.

Mrs Warne and Mrs Murdoch received a gift of Scottish Book Trust lanyards and new books for the library to recognise the work of the Reading Schools Impact Team.

Former pupil, Ailsa Dixon, gave a speech about her role as an oral storyteller and the support she received from Mrs Murdoch and the library staff during her time at Ellon Academy. She presented Mrs Murdoch with some flowers to thank her.

The pupil led cafe was open and serving a range of coffees.

This team are working towards a new SQA course the school is offering. Everyone enjoyed their lovely coffees!





Paired Reading was one of the activities that helped Ellon Academy attain accreditation as a Gold Reading School

The school started up a link with primary schools in the Ellon area in which teachers, library staff and pupils would go out and visit

the primary schools which were taking part in this initiative. A Paired Reading program was offered to a number of S1 pupils who were supported in their reading by S5 and S6 pupils.

The primary school visits involved the older pupils sharing a favourite book from their childhood with the younger kids. This helped to build a bond between the primary school pupils and the academy students. After receiving feedback from some of the pupils who took part in this program Heather Milne who participated said, "The primary kids had a great time and enjoyed reading with us."

Another initiative was the Paired Reading programme between S1 and S5/6 pupils. The senior pupils would read or support the first year with their reading. This helped the pupils to become more confident with reading.

Overall, both reading projects were deemed a success by all involved and the aim is to continue with both projects this year.

Below is an account of the primary school visits from our reporter Neve.

Five months ago, a group of Ellon Academy pupils began taking bumpy bus rides with Mrs Warne to the local primary schools to read to groups of primary pupils. Brodie Fraser who was at the award ceremony to represent the Paired Reading project stated that the aim of the group was to "promote and encourage reading whilst also creating a relationship between the pupils from the feeder primary schools." Another pupil who is a part of the Paired Reading group, Laura Jones, stated that it, "helps children from an early age to develop literacy and understanding."



Not only is this beneficial for the primary school pupils but it is also a fantastic opportunity for our Ellon Academy pupils. Pupil Leah Payton said she finds working with the children "hilarious" so plans to continue with the group in the future.

Mrs Warne aims to continue meeting with the primaries once a term to further develop the relationship between the children and reading.

Brodie and Romach were on the stall talking about the success of the Primary School visits.

Here is Cameron on the book recommendations stand. This has been very popular with pupils and staff. Thank you to everyone who participated in the book recommendation challenge at the event.



Georgie and Hannah were on the Library stall selling books for a donation, including some mystery books! They've already raised over £50. They've said to "watch this space" as they are busy planning a community book sale in time for Christmas and they look forward to welcoming



families to the campus next term – more details to follow!

Of course, Mrs Warne had to have a challenge. We sent our member Erin Berry to try out the trail to see what was involved.

The first task was to complete a book recommendation at the BGE book club table which Erin did on the book “Better Than The Movies”. After this there were three clues at the Treasure Trail stall which needed solving, when solved it revealed the letters OEA. Then participants were asked to buy a book from the book sale or a drink from the pupil led cafe. The final task was to give a suggestion of what you would like to be involved in.

Once completed challengers were awarded a certificate!



Mrs Cawthorne and Charlotte on the Junior Book Club stall with the activity trail set up by Mrs Warne.



Pupils have participated in the Grampian Children’s Book Awards for a number of years. Members of the Junior Book Club attended the awards ceremony at Aberdeen University and were lucky to meet some of the shortlisted authors.



Well done everyone!

Ellon Academy Senior Phase Family Learning Evening

Thursday 21/09/23 – 6pm – 7.30pm

It was great to see so many of our Senior Phase parents and carers at our Senior Phase Family Learning Evening 2 weeks ago. We hope that it was worthwhile and informative.

The purpose of having a Family Learning Evening for Senior Phase was to ensure that parents/carers are informed and confident in supporting their sons and daughters with the rigors of S4, S5 and S6.

Our aim was to provide parents/carers with information regarding their child's courses, expectations, assessments, and key deadlines. We tried to ensure that parents are aware of the support that faculties and partners in school can offer their child as they navigate the senior phase, and how parents/carers can help support and encourage their child at home.

Mr Armstrong, our Principal Teacher Digital Learning has created a Google Site so that we can share all the information and resources from the event in one place for parents/carers who were unable to attend and for those who'd like to look back at what was presented.

We are delighted to let you know that the site has been populated with all resources and presentations from the evening for you to view at your leisure.

<https://sites.google.com/as.glow.scot/seniorphasefamilylearning2324/home>

Thanks to Mr Armstrong and all the staff who have provided resources and information.



Developing the Young Workforce:

Senior Mock Interviews:

We are delighted to be able to announce the return of mock interviews for our S5 and S6 learners. We have been fortunate to secure the time and experience of several professionals from a range of industries, including STEM, finance, architecture, design, business, AHP, hair and beauty and hospitality amongst others who have kindly volunteered to come into the school to offer a mock interview slot to the majority of our S5 learners and some of our S6 pupils too. These will take place during the final three weeks of term (from Monday 25th September until Friday 13th October) and interviews have been allocated to pupils from the career pathways they have indicated they would like to pursue in the future. Dates and times for pupils to attend these will be shared during morning registration, and pupils are reminded that these professionals have kindly taken time out of their working day to be able to provide these, so their punctuality is appreciated.

In preparation for these, pupils have been supported to prepare application forms by their PT Guidance during their PSE lessons. These application forms will be shared with the interviewer in advance of the interview and are an opportunity for pupils to set the tone of their interview by detailing some of their own skills and qualities and how these link into their own experiences. Pupils will then be interviewed for approximately 10 minutes and will receive a short feedback session on their interview, including their application forms, first impressions and the quality of their responses and conduct during the interview.

In preparation for these, parents and carers could support their young person by helping them to consider some of the typical questions which might appear in an interview. Some examples have also been provided, though interviewers have been encouraged to ask any career-specific questions if pupils have indicated that they wish to pursue a particular career pathway:

- Which skills and qualities do you have that make you a suitable employee?
- What is your biggest strength and your biggest weakness?
- What are your hobbies and interests and how will they help you in this career?
- Which accomplishments/achievements are you most proud of?
- Can you tell us about a time when you had to use problem-solving?
- What made you choose the subjects you are currently studying?



Pupil Achievement:

U15 Girls football league result: Ellon 10 - 0 Banff.

Another first-class performance this week from our girls as they defeated a very spirited Banff side, who never gave up. The girls played some very good football again, trying to keep the ball on the ground as much as they could, with Myah R in S2 having a particularly good first half.

Players of the match, however, were Natalie G in S3, whose passing and control of the midfield was exceptional today and got herself 2 assists, and Millie B, who grabbed a hat trick and had an assist.

Special mention too for Lucy B in S1 who played her first game for the school and got an assist.

Goal scorers: Millie B 🏆🏆🏆, Mollie P 🏆🏆, Ava R 🏆🏆, Myah R 🏆, Emily S 🏆 and Katie G 🏆.

Assists: Natalie G 2, Katie G 2, Millie B 1, Ava R 1, Emily S 1 and Lucy B 1.



Pupil Achievement:

Congratulations to Archie C and Owen C who have both been selected for the U15 Boys Aberdeenshire Secondary Schools Football Association team! This is a huge honour to be deemed the best players to currently play within Aberdeenshire Schools.

Their first game will be a friendly against a Turriff Academy Senior team, with the first Scottish Cup game only a few weeks later.

Well Done boys!



Pupil Achievement:

Thanks to the Tesco Community Team for the lovely rudbeckia plants this week.

Our "EAGerBunch" lunch club planted them out in the Memorial garden. Well done!



Pupil Achievement:

Senior Girls football league result: Turriff 3-1 Ellon.

Ellon senior girls, with almost half of the team being juniors, lost out in an end-to-end match, with Ellon conceding a last-minute goal to make the score look more convincing than it was for Turriff.

It was a game which either team could have won. The girls played some good football and probably had the most chances to win it. It was 0-0 at half time and had Ellon scored from a penalty instead of it bouncing, seemingly with half the ball over the line but not entirely over, it could have been a different result.

Ellon had quite a few other very good chances, as had Turriff. A thoroughly entertaining match that was played in a competitive, yet very fair manner. Our seniors put in a good shift today and the hunger and desire from our junior players who played was outstanding. Player of match. Mille B. (Getting better and better with every game she plays) just shading Myah R and Alisha M today. Goal scorer Grace S.



Pupil Achievement: S1 football result: Ellon Academy 10 – 0 Banff Academy

A massive well done to the S1 football team who couldn't have started their school football career any better!

An incredible first half performance saw a commanding 6-0 by half-time, with some great football on show.

The second half brought more of the same with the final score settling on 10-0. Pick of the goals came in the form of an overhead kick from Delaney Dunne. Despite several candidates, player of the match goes to one of the hat-trick heroes- Nathan May. Scorers: Nathan x3, Robbie x3, Angus, Delaney x2 and Archie.

Our next game is away to Mearns this Thursday 5th October. Thanks to Ms Masson for the pics.



If your child/children has/have successes you'd like to share with us, please send us an email via the school email address marked FAO Mrs P Buchan, Rector. Any photos you can share with us are always welcome too.

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e-Sgoil Study Support 2023-24

Welcome to the e-Sgoil Study Support programme page. Registration for Evening Study Support is now OPEN. Check out this Thinglink to find out more: <https://www.thinglink.com/card/1761376381146497510>

Webinars will start in the week beginning October 30th. We offer fifty-one FREE weekly Study Support webinars during term time, covering a wide range of subjects and levels. Study Support is for Senior Phase learners who are working towards National Qualifications.

Study Support Webinars – A Nutshell Guide for Learners

What are the Webinars and who are they for?
The Webinars will complement your subject courses in school. They are for any pupil that is currently undertaking a SQA course. They are offered in the evenings during term time and delivered via Microsoft Teams.

What will I gain?

- Knowledge of different aspects of subjects that I am studying in school
- Different approaches to the subjects that I am studying in school
- Some exam/assessment techniques that will help me to do well in my assessments
- Topic/subject knowledge that will complement what I am already studying in school

How will I learn?

- Through live online webinars with a specialist teacher
- Alongside learners from a range of schools across Scotland
- By accessing high quality learning resources that will be available to you in Teams
- By using appropriate digital tools
- By posting questions and queries in the Teams chat during the webinars

What is my role?

- To learn in a different context
- To develop new skills
- To communicate effectively with Teams so that teachers can provide the correct level of support
- To share feedback on the experience

How do I sign up?
Visit www.esgoil.com/study-support/ for more information

Thank you so much for this brilliant resource! It has developed my learning from school and focused my revision for upcoming assessments.
— 54 webinar attendees

National e-Learning Offer

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On this page, you'll find the [timetable](#) for the full Evening Webinar programme, as well as supporting materials, and information about how to register.

Celebrating National Poetry Day and Libraries Week with one of our faves:

Dear Library by Jackie Kay

'Dear Library' by Jackie Kay was specially commissioned by Scottish Book Trust as part of the Artworks For Libraries project.



Dear library

1.

See when ah wiz wee ma faverit day wis Wednisday, library day,

when Ma an me wid go tae ma library an I wid get to pik ma book an get it stampd oot

after the ither yin had been stampd in and I hid ma very ain card which wiz a wee magic envelope

that took me tae anither world awthegither fu o' characters an creatures, auntie lopes, big broon bears, loins and tigers, new wurd

an anythin an aw'thin I wants tae ken aboot the moon, stars, sea, the hale galaxy, the wide wuld wiz at the tip o my fingers in ma locall library.

2.

Always a new book to wolf down in the dead of night, a borrowed book to read by torchlight... In the morning, last night's saved page turns to who last had this book out and the date returned, 9 June, this year.

This same book in a stranger's hands, half-known. Those readers, kindred spirits, almost friends. You are in transition; you are on the threshold. The library is the place that gets you. Pure gold.

You are Holden, you're Lyra, you're White Fang, you're Kidnapped, you're Skellig, you're Refugee Boy. You're Callum, a nought, you're Catch 22. You're Chris Guthrie. You're Hyde. You're Boo Radley. It's not Accidental. You are those books. Those books are You.

Inside your mind you're strong. Safe. Toss a coin: heads, reader; tails, writer. The library is the young writer's first home. You read pertinent sayings, make your own. The cool teenager is a member of the library.

3.

I go to my library to find out about the baby growing like a story inside me: 37 weeks!

My baby is likely to be sucking his thumb, her thumb. My tight tummy is a drum, a drum.

The child who I will one day – hopefully – bring back to this library, ah wee one, is turning.

I'll get her a first library card, bless, and sit where I'm sat now, reading, to test.

the books I'll soon read to him; fingers crossed. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

The Runaway Bunny, Goodnight Moon 37 weeks: my tummy – boom, boom, beating time!

Come soon wee baby; wee baby come soon. Come dream in your basket under the shy moon,

My hungry caterpillar, my goodnight gorilla. My dear wee daughter, my good little fella.

4.

A book borrowed, kindly given. A book swapped, loved, exchanged. A book you will always hand back. A book is a coat for your mind.

You've reached the age, 50 something, when you look back on borrowed books as if they were old friends – with nostalgia, with affection, intimately known.

The time when you read The Raj Quartet, or Han Suyin Toni Morrison or Memo for Spring, Things Fall Apart or Fire on the Mountain. Poor Madame Bovary. Poor Anna Karenina.

Your life: many characters, bleak houses, long day's journeys. Your life of mixed fates, give and takes; What you borrowed last month, you return today.

5.

Dear Library, you want to say, Dear Library, you have served me well all my life. You are magnificence, munificence. You are a book festival every day. There is no way, me an OAP, could ever value what you've given me by money.

There is no measure for the enriching of the mind, friend. Faithful and trusty, Dear Library, you are a heart stopper, a kind giver. I treasure your lively silence, your very pleasant librarians. They represent what a public service is truly, libertarian.

Impossible, did I say that already, to put a price on that. Again, stop me if I am repeating myself, your staff will tell me of a Saramago Street in a nearby town. Browse, borrow, request, renew – lovely words to me. A library card in your hand is your democracy.

If you were to shut, Dear Library, it would break my heart. A library user all my life, I'd be lost without my library. A closed library could only welcome a closed mind. Is there a kinder place that you can find than your local library?

I want to say, and I do. I pick up my pen and write to you. ❤️



Health and Safety at Ellon Academy Community Campus:


We ask that parents and carers remind their children of the following:

To ensure that learners and staff are safe around the school campus, we are reminding learners not to walk/run through the car parks and bus parks. In the morning and after school there are over (approximately) 200 cars, taxis and buses coming in and out of the campus and learners must stick to the footpaths for their own safety and the safety of campus drivers.


We remind parents/carers/relatives who drop off and pick up learners that they should not access the school via the road past the bus shelter and the bus park. This access is reserved for buses and school staff. Please use the turning to the right at the front of the school (before the bus shelter) all learner drop offs and pick-ups. We also ask that parents/carers continue to use the front facing parking and the one-way system at the front of the school when dropping off and picking up their children from school. Thank you.

Here is a link to the leaflet with car parking information for parents/carers:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Car-Park-Parents-Leaflet.pdf>




ELLON ACADEMY COMMUNITY CAMPUS



CAR PARK

PUPIL DROP OFF (7:30 - 9 am)
Parent/Carers are asked to drop pupils off and pick them up in the designated drop off lane/zone and **NOT** to enter any of the assigned car parking spaces.



On leaving the drop off/ zone, Parents/Carers are asked to stick to the one way system by following the road down to the turning circle to the West of the Campus, thus ensuring that the traffic flow is all **one way**. Navigate the turning circle one car at a time and give it a wide berth as it has a tight radius.




PUPIL PICK UP
Parents/Carers should **forward park** in the angled parking bays (the angled design does not allow for reverse parking) then reverse out and continue to follow the road down to the turning circle to the West of the Campus, thus ensuring the traffic flow is all **one way**. Alternatively, park in the Community car park behind the swimming pool.

PARK AND STRIDE
Parents/Carers can also use the Meadows car parking facilities for pupil drop off/pick up. This will help alleviate traffic pressure on campus.


COMMUNITY USE
For access to Swimming, Leisure and Community Resources during the school week and outwith the drop off times for pupils please park in the public spaces beyond the drop off and disabled zones.



DISABLED
These spaces are reserved for blue badge holders and emergency vehicles only. They should not be used for dropping off/picking up.




CYCLING
It is advisable that all pupils who cycle to school are aware of wet and icy conditions, road safety, cycling in the dark and have working lights, visible clothing and cycle helmets. Cyclists should stick to cycle paths and ideally have passed their cycling proficiency test. Cycle stands available on campus.



The Ellon Academy Community Campus Management Team and Parent Council consider the safety and wellbeing of all campus users to be of paramount importance.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS
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COVID-19 symptoms and what to do:

As you may be aware, some strains of Covid-19 are on the rise, so this information from the NHS website is for parents/carers. Covid-19 symptoms can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

Most people feel better within a few days or weeks of their first COVID-19 symptoms and make a full recovery within 12 weeks. For some people, it can be a more serious illness and their symptoms can last longer.

What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19

You may be able to [look after yourself at home if you have COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19](#).

Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you or your child have symptoms and either:

- have a high temperature.
- do not feel well enough to go to work, school, childcare, or do your normal activities.

You can go back to your normal activities when you feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school or childcare.

If you are eligible for treatments for COVID-19, you should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test as soon as you get symptoms.

[Find out more about treatments for COVID-19 and who can have them](#)

What to do if you have tested positive

You are no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms, but if you or your child have tested positive for COVID-19:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day you took your test if you are under 18 years old.
- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test if you are 18 years old or over.
- avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for 10 days after the day you took your test.

[Find out more about who can get a free NHS COVID-19 test](#)

Ask for an urgent GP appointment or get help from NHS 111 if:

- you're worried about your or a child's COVID-19 symptoms or are not sure what to do.
- the symptoms are getting worse or are not getting better.
- you or a child have other signs of illness, such as a rash, loss of appetite, or feeling weak.
- you or a child have a high temperature that last 5 days or more or does not come down with paracetamol.
- a child under 3 months old and has a temperature of 38C or higher, or you think they have a high temperature.
- a child 3 to 6 months old and has a temperature of 39C or higher, or you think they have a high temperature.

It's particularly important to get help if you're at increased risk of getting ill from COVID-19, such as if you're pregnant, aged 60 or over, or have a weakened immune system. You can call 111 or [get help from 111 online](#).

Parents/Carers and Pupil Information:

Extra-Curricular Activities:

We are always encouraging our learners to take part in clubs and activities in and out of school to support skills development, so thanks to Mrs Warne for pulling together all the Ellon Academy extra-curricular activities into one booklet for pupils and parents/carers. The booklet can be viewed by following the link to our website below:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/>



Pupil Information:

ALL PUPILS – ART CLUB

Art club returns! It will take place at lunchtime every Friday (12:15-13:00) so come along, bring your lunch, and get creative! Miss Geoghan

ALL PUPILS – GARDEN CLUB

The EAggerBunch Memorial Garden club will NOT be held on Friday 6th October. The last lunchtime session will take place on Tuesday 10th October, and we will then pause for winter. Please keep an eye out in the new year for the 'start-up' date – there will be lots to keep us busy so see you then!

Miss Swallow

ALL PUPILS – DRESS DOWN DAY 13/10/2023

We will be holding a 'Dress Down' day on Friday 13th October (last day of Term 1) and all funds raised will go to support former pupil Ethan Walker as he recovers from the serious injuries he sustained following an accident in America. We are thinking of him and his family and sending our love and best wishes to them.

Mrs Buchan, Rector & the Exec Team

JUNIOR GIRLS – NETBALL

Unfortunately, due to an away fixture today (Thursday 5th October), there will be no junior netball training this week. It will resume on Thursday 12th October.

Miss Morgan

ALL PUPILS – GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP GROUP

The Global Citizenship Group meets in S28 at lunchtime on a Thursday (12:15-13:00) and pupils can bring their lunch with them. We are looking for pupils with an interest in children's rights, environmental issues and raising awareness of global issues. Activities include creating displays and assemblies for the whole school, fundraising charity events, crafts and making new friends. This term we are looking at Black History Month (October) and will also be preparing for our Remembrance Day activities in November. Mrs Leslie.

ALL PUPILS – ART & DESIGN SUPPORTED STUDY

Supported Study for all Art & Design and Photography pupils will take place in Miss Geoghan's classroom after school every Wednesday (14:40-16:00). The sessions are a great opportunity to complete any outstanding coursework for SQA portfolios.

Miss Geoghan

SENIOR PUPILS – SENIOR BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Senior Book Group is being held in the Library at lunchtime (12:15-13:00) on Friday 6th October. Feel free to bring your lunch!

Mrs Murdoch, School Librarian & Erin B (5S2) and Neve S (5F2)

JUNIOR GIRLS – NETBALL

Unfortunately, due to a staff meeting on Thursday 28th September and an away fixture on Thursday 5th October, there will be no junior netball training for the next two weeks. It will resume on Thursday 12th October.

Miss Morgan

S6 PUPILS – LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Library Committee is being held in the Library at 13:30 on Monday 9th October. Please let Mrs Murdoch know ASAP if you cannot attend.

Mrs Murdoch, School Librarian



Ellon-Newburgh-Foveran - Active Travel Consultation:

Aberdeenshire Councils Strategy Team within Environmental Services are currently consulting on an active travel route between Ellon to Newburgh and Foveran. The aim of the consultation is to seek the views of the public on the designs for this route, how often people may use this route and for what purpose. We are keen to engage with as many people as we can, especially people who live local and may themselves make use of this route. All the information and a QR code regarding the survey can be found within the attached poster.

Joanna Stewart
Strategy Development Officer
Strategy Unit, Environment & Infrastructure
Aberdeenshire Council



For parents/carers and learner information:

Technical Faculty Facebook Page:

Our Technical Faculty has created its own Facebook page! There the Faculty will celebrate and show off what happens in Tech. You will be able to see pictures of pupils work, success stories will be shared, and generally they will just show off what they do. Please like this page and see what goes on.

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



Bright Red Publishing - Bag a Bargain Bespoke for Ellon Academy parents/carers!

Bright Red Publishing is Scotland's leading independent educational publisher and home of top Study Guides and Course Books for Scottish Qualifications Authority exams (some of which have been written by our very own Mr MacBeath!) Star!

In conjunction with the school, we have secured a discount code for all to use – ELLON30. If you are ordering a study guide to help support your or your child's studies, please use the discount code ELLON30 to secure 30% off any purchase.

There catalogue can be found here, where you will find many study guides that we offer here at Ellon Academy.

<https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/Shop>

(Much to both my sons' delight, one Christmas when they were still at school, a set each of these amazing study guides were left under the tree from Santa! What hope did they have with teachers as parents! Mrs B 😊)



Dates For Your Diary

Term 2:

w/b Mon 9.10.23	S4/5/6 Tracking Report (1) to be issued to parents/carers.
Wed 11.10.23	S1 Pastoral Parents Evening (Virtual 4pm – 6.30pm)
Fri 13.10.23	Dress Down Day for Ethan Walker and End of Term 1
Mon 30.10.23	Start of Term 2 (usual times)
w/b 6.11.23	S6 Guidance Interviews over the next 4 weeks
w/b 13.11.23	S2/S3 Tracking Report 1 issue to parents/carers.
13 th – 19 th Nov	Book Week
14.11.23	Ellon Academy Careers Fair
Thurs 16/Fri 17 Nov	In-service Days
Mon 20.11.23	S2 Parents Evening (Virtual) 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Mon 4.12.23	Interhouse Swimming Gala
Thurs 7.12.23	S4 Parents Evening (Virtual) 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Wed 13.12.23	S5/6 Parents Evening (Virtual) 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 22.12.23	Christmas Ceilidh
Thurs 22.12.23	End of Term 2 (Fri 23.12.23 is an Occasional Day holiday for the Ellon Cluster)

Term 3:

Mon 8.1.24	Term 3 begins.
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The October holidays this year are from Monday 16.10.23 – Friday 27.10.23 inclusive and Term 2 starts on Monday 30th October '23 at the usual time.

The Ellon Academy School Calendar for session 23/24 is available to view on our school website by following the link below.

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

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to celebrating our learners in all their achievements.

P Buchan

Rector 6.10.23