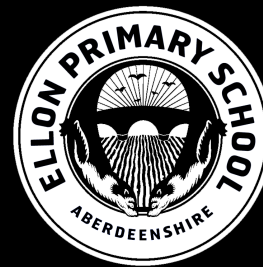


ELLON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

October 13



## Intervention and Prevention Teacher

Intervention and Prevention teacher, Mrs Linda Adams has been appointed to the Ellon Schools Network. Mrs Adams is based at Ellon Primary School but will spend time working in various schools with the Ellon network.

The post of Intervention and Prevention teacher is a new post created within the education service with the aim of intervening early to assist children who need support with literacy, numeracy or behaviour. We welcome Mrs Adams to the school and the network and look forward to working with her to support children in and around the Ellon area.

## FIRE, AMBULANCE, POLICE!

The children enjoyed a fun packed performance with a serious message about the emergency services thanks to the generous support of the Parent Council. These messages can be communicated to the children in a fun and interactive way through theatre performances and they are more likely to remember the important points.



I would like to say a huge thank you to the Parent Council for funding the performance.

## House Captain Elections

This term Mr Paul Fyfe organised the house captain elections. We were delighted that so many of our P7 children showed an interest in standing for the positions.

The votes have been cast and counted and the results are as follows:

Ebrie Captains – Holly Carr & Jay Skivington

Ebrie Vice Captain – Danny Carr

Forvie Captain – Rebecca Shand

Forvie Vice Captain – Molly Burr

Modley Captains – Sophie Purser & Andrew Arthur

Modley Vice Captain - Owen Notton

Ythan Captains – Ryan Burnett & Carla Clark

Ythan Vice Captain – Rachel Havlin

Well done to everyone who stood for election and congratulations to the candidates selected. We look forward to you new ideas for gaining house points over the year. Good luck in your roles!

## Parent Council AGM

The Parent Council AGM was held on the 2nd of October and the following parents now make up the Council

Chairperson – Zoe Rae

Vice Chair – Jill Graham

Secretary – Debbie Canning

Treasurer – Michelle Kilgour

Fundraising – Tracy Kelly

Member – Kirsty Wotherspoon

Member – Sharon Ferguson

Member – Alison Chalmers

Member – Hazel Henderson

Member – Elaine Skivington

Member – Fiona Black

Member – Gayle Smith

Staff Member – Julie Swan

Staff Member – Cyndi Ramsay

The Parent Council will be meeting on the following dates throughout the session:

**29<sup>th</sup> October – Review of School Vision, Values & Aims**

**4<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> January,**

**17<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Big Draw at Ellon Primary

Since its launch in 2000, The Big Draw has successfully supported the Campaign for Drawing's aims by encouraging everyone to draw. Big Draw events highlight the power of drawing to help people see, think, invent and take action.

This year it runs from 1 October to 3 November in fifteen countries, with more than 200,000 people expected to take part.

Our Big Draw event took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October and involved our P6, P5, P4/5, P3 and P2 classes. Nursery children and our P7's popped in to have a draw too. We were absolutely delighted with the support we got from parents and grandparents who came along to draw and create.



The children were joined by local artists Jane Bradford and Frances Innes who helped and encouraged the children to draw what they imagine the future to be.



Our art teacher Mrs Jan Connell and teacher Mrs Shona Reynolds masterminded and organised the event which was enjoyed hugely by all the classes taking part. The children were thrilled to be working alongside parents, grandparents and younger brothers and sisters.



Thanks to our teachers, artists and family members who joined in with the spirit of the Big Draw event.

## Kids' Council Elections

This term the following children were elected as pupil representatives on the Kids' Council: Lucas Bastable, Rhianna Smith, Harry Burr & Molly Watt, Erin Kelly, Connor Grant, Maja Rozalska, Gene Leslie, Tilly Ripley and Rory Brown. The children voted unanimously to change the name of the council to Kids' Council this session.

## Walk once a Week

Children across the school have started taking part in the Scottish schools Walk Once a Week scheme. They are being encouraged to walk to school at least once a week. Those who come in cars are asked to 'park and stride', that is to get out of the car before they get to school and walk the rest of the way. Similarly children could get off the bus one or two stops early. After the first two weeks Mrs Paterson's P4/5 class and Mrs Beaton's P3s have recorded the most walks. A special mention should also go to mum Mrs Kirsty Wotherspoon who has been leading walks everyday with groups of sometimes as many as 15 children.

<http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-with-us/walk-to-school/primary-schools> .

## Holiday Reminder

We close for the October holidays today, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October. We return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

I hope that you all have a lovely October break.

