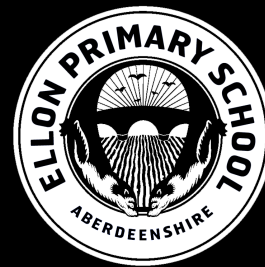


ELLON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

November 13



## Review of School Vision, Values and Aims

At Ellon Primary School we play a central role in ensuring that the children attending our school have the skills and attributes to enable them to be participative members of their community. We need to make sure that they learn and embrace values which will make them confident, successful, responsible and effective citizens. For this reason we are in the process of creating a new vision for our school for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Parents and members of local community groups have been invited to participate in creating our future vision.

The meeting will take place at **Ellon Primary School on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.00pm**. Please come and join us for coffee, cake and discussion.

The outcome and ideas from this meeting will be fed back to the Kids' Council, the teachers and the Parent Council with the goal of creating a new vision and a new statement of values and aims for the school.

## Additional Support for Learning Team

Last week Mrs Corine Kooij, ASL teacher, transferred to Auchterellon Primary. Mrs Kooij worked to support children in middle and upper stages of the school. She provided superb support for children in the process of transition from primary school into secondary. Our thanks go to Corine for her contribution to the ASL team at Ellon Primary.

## Pumpkin Disco

The children enjoyed dressing up and showing their creative carvings at the Pumpkin Discos on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The winners of the pumpkin competition were: P1-3 1<sup>st</sup> Finlay Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Isla Kilgour, 3<sup>rd</sup> Scarlett Bowman & in P4-7 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zoe Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Erin Kelly.

Thanks to everyone who helped out on the night



## Children in Need

There are lots of fun events happening at school this Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Miss Jack and P6/7 are organising the event and children have been asked to come to school in their pyjamas. Pyjamas can be worn for £1 donation.

We would like to donate half the proceeds taken in on Friday, to those affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The UN says that more than 11 million people may have been affected and some 673,000 displaced by the typhoon. If any parent wishes to discuss this please get in touch with me through the school administrator.

## Hot Toast Initiative

Also on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November our DHT Mr Fyfe is organising hot buttered toast for sale from 8.40 – 9.00am. The toast will be on sale from the dining room door that opens out onto the playground. It will cost 20p per slice and proceeds will go to school funds.

## Theatre Modo – Shortlisted for People’s Millions

Modo, the theatre company who did fantastic work with the children on the Magical History Tour during our Golden Jubilee year, have been nominated for a People’s Millions Award.

A leaflet outlining the work that Modo do in the north east has been e mailed out to parents. P4-7 pupils have also been given an information leaflet.

Modo do fantastic work with young people throughout the north east of Scotland. Your vote would secure a future for Modo in the area and allow many more young people to benefit from their programmes.

Find out more about Modo by visiting their website.

[www.modoo.org.uk](http://www.modoo.org.uk)

## Window Replacement Work

The window replacement work is progressing according to schedule and we continue to try to keep any disruption to classes to a minimum.

Our P1 class windows are next on the list and it is likely that the joiners will be working in P1 this Friday. Parents will be informed of relocation details in a separate e mail.

I would like to thank you for your continued patience as the contractors work through the project.

## Parent Induction for Nursery Children

There will be a meeting for parents of children starting nursery in January and April 2014 on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm in Ellon Primary Nursery.**

## Kind Hands

This week at assembly we have been talking to the children about the importance of using our hands in a kind way. Often hands are used in a rough way when playing with others. We would appreciate your support in talking to the children about the importance of keeping their hands to themselves and not using them to hurt others.

## December Diary Dates

Please find attached a list of events happening in school in the lead up to Christmas.