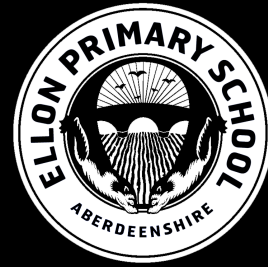


ELLON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

March 2014



## Staffing

Our congratulations go to Julie Swan who has been appointed to the post of Intervention and Prevention Teacher for the Ellon Network. Julie has worked at Ellon Primary for the last 13 years.

Over that period Julie has worked mainly as a support teacher and has supported many children and families over the years. More recently Julie has been the team leader in nursery working with the team of nursery nurses to provide a fantastic nursery service for families in the area.

Julie will be working in schools across the network but will be based at Ellon Primary so we will see Julie in and around the school. We wish Julie all the very best in her new role.

We welcome DHT, Anna Rosvoll back to school from her period of secondment. When we return from the Easter holiday Anna will be teaching in the nursery and taking over the management of the nursery and overseeing the P1 and nursery induction programmes in term 4.

Margaret Bicocchi will be covering Anna's management days.

We thank Mike Craig for taking on the role of Acting DHT during the period that Anna was out of school. Mike will be returning to his teaching role and will be team teaching in the P7 class with Miss Harradine.

## Burns Poetry Competition

Congratulations to:

P1 Mathew Smith, P1/2 Freya Wallace, P2 Leah Payton, P3 Ella Chalmers, P4 Cameron Arthur, P4/5 Ryan Bramwell, P5 Connor Grant, P6 Gene Leslie, P6/7 Romi Campbell and P7 Carla Clark.

These children were selected as winners of the recitation competition by Mr. Paul Fyfe, DHT who chose them for wonderful expression, good memory and performance.

## Ellon Rotary Schools Quiz

Well done to the three P7 teams that entered the schools quiz. In the teams were: Kieran Gerrard, Danny Carr, Owen Notton, Lucy Kinnaird, Ellis Bruce, Rory Brown, Ariana Black, Sophie Purser, Abigail Jonker, Tilly Ripley and Cole Robertson.

## School Netball Club Success

Congratulations to our Netball Team consisting of Emily Stewart, Amy Armour, Louise Yule, Rebecca Shand, Carla Clark, Maria Shepherd, Lucy Connor, Romi Campbell, Sophie Purser, Shanna Kelman, Rachel Havelin, Eleanor Pirie, Molly Burr and Ariana Black.

The team took second place in the Garioch League final in competition with Auchterellon, Pitmedden, Tarves and Westhill.

Thanks go to the netball coaches, P6/7 teacher Miss Kirsty Jack & Sheena Blakey who coach the P6's & P7's.



This will be Kirsty and Sheena's final year of netball coaching. Sheena has been a coach at Ellon for the past 12 years and was responsible for getting the netball club up and running in the school. She has been very active in promoting netball not just in Ellon Primary but also in the Gairloch area. Sheena organises and runs the Ellon Netball Gala and has been Chairperson of the Garioch Primary Schools Netball Association for the past 3 years.

Our P5 coaches are Zoe Webster, senior pupil from Ellon Academy and parents Kirsty Wotherspoon and Lori Jaffrey.

We are hoping that current coaches will continue to support the development of netball at the school and that more parents will come forward to offer their support.

Please talk to our coaches or contact the school office if you would like to volunteer to help out.

## Golden Tea Party

Congratulations to the following children who received twenty four stickers and an invite to our recent Diamond Tea Party.

P1 - Claudia Reynolds, Abea Jonker, Matthew Smith, Isla Kilgour, Liam Batty, James Clifton-Sprigg, Jake Gordon, Callum McLean-Brown, Freya Watson, Charlie Watson, Kyle Davidson

P2 - Ailsa Graham, Rebecca Paxton, Eilidh Duncan, Ben Riddell, Duncan Souter, Leah MacDonald, Kyla Kennedy

P2/3 - Rebecca Rennie, Isabella Nesbit-Haynes, Kimberley Smith, Harry Barclay, Miller McKay, Sophie Kaczmarek, Lucas Bastaple

P3 - Joel Skivington, Owen Black, Patrick Findlay, Harry West, Charlie Paterson, Will Ferguson, Ella Chalmers, Yasmin Carr, Jack Walls, Anya Bramwell, Ryan Slessor, Liam Kinnaird, Ameera Ahmed, Katie Reid, Daniel Aitken

P4 - Lewis Milne, Emily Graham, Jan Rozalski

P5 - Aimee Thompson, Ailbhe O`Sullivan, Ethan Barclay, Mellissa Taylor

## School Dinner Tickets

To help with time efficiency it would be appreciated if dinner tickets could be purchased in books of ten rather than individual tickets. A book of dinner tickets costs £20.

It would also help to improve efficiency if all dinner money could be placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and the amount of money enclosed written onto the envelope. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

## Playground Improvements

A substantial sum of money has been allocated to Ellon Primary for playground improvements and we had hoped that these could take place over the Easter holidays. However, due to a variation to the window replacement contract the work on the playground will now take place over the summer holidays.

It is estimated that the work will take between six and eight weeks to complete so hopefully the work will be finished by the time we return from the summer holidays.

## Charities

This term we have supported BBC Children in Need and raised a total of £331.36 to help disadvantaged children and young people in the UK.

We also raised £2,450.63 for NSPCC through our sponsored spell. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful fundraising efforts for these charities.

We now have a school fundraising calendar covering national and school led events. We intend to work on

this to ensure that we focus on one big school led fundraiser and one national event per session. We will then alternate the national events so that we can contribute to them in a fair way over a three year period. Next term Mr Fyfe will be leading a school led fundraising event linking with the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. So look out for 'Get Fit for Glasgow'.

## Primary 7 Transition Event

Primary 7 pupils from all the Ellon Network schools took part in a P7 transition event on 27<sup>th</sup> February at the Victoria Hall.

The children were challenged with coming up with design ideas for areas within the new Academy. Children worked in mixed teams with P7's from other schools. This gave pupils a great opportunity to meet up with other P7's who may be in the same class in S1. The winners from all participating schools will be making a VIP visit to the New Ellon Academy site next term.



The winners from Ellon Primary were Sophie Purser Callum Rennie and Lucy Connor.

## Friends of Ellon Primary

Friends of Ellon Primary, our fundraising group, have created a facebook page with the aim of keeping parents updated about fundraising activities. The page will go live this week.

## National Youth Choir of Scotland

All children in P3 will have an Information/Application form from the National Youth Choir of Scotland sent home with them this week.

Please check school bags for this information.

## School Easter Service

This Easter Service will be taking place on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April** at school. Family and friends are very welcome to join us. Please let us know if you intend joining us as space in the hall is limited. If you want to join the P4-7's the service will start at 2.00pm. The P1-3 service will begin at 2.30pm.

## School Photographs

The children will be having class photographs taken this coming **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Please ensure that children are wearing school uniform for the photographs.

## School Car Park

Due to the high number of car movements in the car park, we need to ensure the safety of the children and you can help us to do that. Please do not walk children through the car park at any time of the day.

## Diary Dates

### April

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Return to school

### May

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Holiday

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Reports issued to parents

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations (afternoon)

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations (evening)

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> P6 trip to Alltnacriche

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> P7 trip to Kindrogan

### June

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

### July

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Last day of term