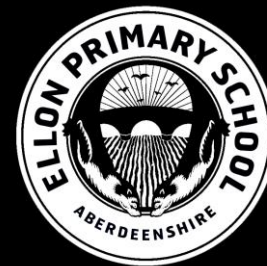


ELLON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

September 14



Staffing

This session we welcome nursery nurse, Jessica Gresham to our nursery team. Jessica will be working in nursery each day between 11.00am and 2.00pm.

Mrs Jacqueline Rogahn, PSA will be working at Ellon Academy from next week. Mrs Rogahn has been a PSA at the school for the last five years and has supported many children with their learning in that time. We wish her well and thank her for all that she has done at Ellon Primary.

A warm welcome to Mrs Alison Bonnar, PSA who will be joining us for one day a week on a Wednesday.

Ellon Pupils Run for Fun

Despite the wet weather last Sunday lots of children from Ellon Primary participated in the Middleton Trust Fun Run. The rain didn't dampen the spirits of the staff & children who took part as you can see from the big smiles in the photographs of Sophie Hendry and Megan Allan and brothers Dylan and Sean Power



Thanks go to our DHT, Mrs Whalley, Mrs Cunningham, Miss Briskham and Mrs Stewart for supporting and encouraging the children to take part. Special thanks go to Mrs Cunningham & PE teacher Kelly Mair for training the participants in the lead up to the event and leading in the organisation.

Primary 7 Play Leaders

Our P7 play leaders, Lucas Park, Callum High, Finlay Rose, Logan Vavangas and Fraser Connon have got off to a flying start this session.



The boys have been very proactive in getting the playground football activities up and running. They all show great leadership ability and great patience when working with the younger children.



Well done boys!

Active Friends

Our Active Friends are up and running and this year our house captains and vice captains are team leaders to all the active friends belonging to each of the houses.

Active Friends is a peer mediation and conflict resolution system that was developed last session to address unhappiness through fall outs in the playground. The Active Friends act as mediators to help resolve low level squabbles and disputes.

Have a look at our Active Friends board opposite room one the next time that you are in school.

School Grounds Development

The planned work to redevelop the playground will begin on **Monday 22nd of September**.

Disruption will be kept to a minimum, however access to the school will only be possible at certain gates.

The main front gates leading onto the steps into the playground will be closed off.

Entrance gates during the refurbishment period will be the

- front gate beside the bus stop
- side gate on the path leading to Gordon Park
- back gate beside the tennis pavilion

It is important that parents and children do not enter the nursery or main school entrance through the car park at any time.

The work is estimated to go on over a ten week period. This of course is weather dependent.

We can look forward to a much improved playground in December.

- Curriculum Development – Active Literacy
- Curriculum Development – Improving Performance in Mathematics
- Reporting

A paper copy of our improvement priorities will be sent home to every family next week. Look for a leaflet entitled Ellon Primary School Priorities for Improvement 2014 – 2015 in your child's school bag.

We will be asking for parent views to inform the direction we take in relation to rewards and sanctions and curriculum development.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our nursery is participating in the world's biggest coffee morning to help raise money for Macmillan cancer support.

This will take place on **Friday 26^h September** during the morning from **10.00 – 11.45am** and afternoon from **1.30-3.15pm**.

We would be delighted if you could come along to support this event.

Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd September. Please come along to the AGM, make your voice heard and show your support for the work of the Parent Council.

Parent Council Events

Parent Council are planning a number of events over the next few months. They are:

September Distribution of Spree Books

Sunday 21st September Paper Doll studio photograph opportunity for families.

November Quiz night, date to be confirmed

Thursday 30th October Pumpkin Disco/Lantern Competition

Tuesday 11th November Bags to School collection date.

Saturday 29th November Christmas Extravaganza including P1-3 enterprise stalls. (meet Santa, festive stalls, soup & sweet mince pies)

December Elf Shelf

There will be more information from the Parent Council soon on these forthcoming events.

School Improvement Priorities

The areas for improvement to be carried out throughout the year are:

- Promoting Positive Behaviour with a focus on Rewards and Sanctions systems

Let's Grow Vouchers

We are collecting 'Let's Grow' vouchers to enable us to exchange them for seeds & garden equipment. These vouchers can be collected from Morrison's. Please donate any vouchers you or your friends and family collect.

Dress Down Day

Each month there will be opportunities when pupils can dress down and our first dress down day is on **Friday 26th September**. Children must bring £1 if they decide to dress as they please. The money collected will be split between Macmillan Cancer Support and school fund.

Parent Appointments

Please note that our parent meetings will be held on **Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of October**.

The aim of this appointment is to provide an opportunity for a short meeting to discuss how your child has settled in to his/her new class.

Appointment invites will be issued on **Friday 26th September**.

VIP's - Volunteers in Primary

We have been very lucky over the years with the willingness of our parents and grand parents to become involved in helping out with a wide variety of tasks in school.

We are appealing for VIP's again this session and you will find in the note attached a description of some of the things you can help us with.

Please support us we really do need and appreciate your help.

Dates for your Diary

September	What's On
Monday 22 nd 7.30pm	Parent Council AGM
Friday 26 th	Dress Down Day Macmillian Coffee Morning (nursery)
October	What's On
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th	Parent Appointments
Monday 13 th - Friday 24 th	October Holiday
Thursday 30 th	Halloween Disco/Lantern Competition
November	What's On
Thursday 6 th	Road Safety Magic Show P1-3
Tuesday 11 th	Bags to School collection date.
Friday 14 th	Children in Need
Monday 17 th	In-service day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 18 th	In-service day (school closed to pupils)
Wednesday 19 th	Additional In-service day (school closed to pupils)
Saturday 29 th	Christmas Extravaganza
December	
Tuesday 2 nd	Travelling Book Fair
Wednesday 10 th	Pantomime Beauty & the Beast

Christmas party and concert dates will be issued at a later date

