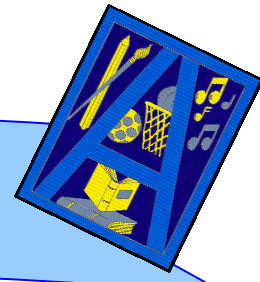


Abercorn News

April 2018



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter. As always this has been an extremely busy month for all of the pupils and staff in Abercorn. Our senior pupils are busy completing their SQA and wider achievement assessments. A number of our senior pupils are preparing for their SQA National 5 examinations, as well as one pupil sitting their Advanced Higher Music. I am very pleased with their mature attitude towards these and their ability to keep a level head during this stressful time. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success when they receive their results in early August.

Mrs Collie and our Shinty Team took part in National Shinty Competition in Aviemore last week. I am delighted to announce that they have successfully retained their title – Abercorn National Shinty Disability Champions for the fourth consecutive year!!! Well done to our team and our coach Mrs Collie.

The summer term is always a particularly busy time for us here in Abercorn. Over the next two months there are a number of sporting activities organised not to mention residential trips to London, Spain and both Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Leyden decided to take early retirement and she left the school on Friday, 27 April after 11 years of service. Mrs Leyden has been a dedicated and hardworking member of the Abercorn team who filled our school calendar with many creative activities including: ABERmania; Crazy Hat Walks; BBQs not to mention being the member of staff who introduced our annual school Prom. I would like to thank Mrs Leyden for her hard work and dedication and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a long, restful and enjoyable retirement.

Mr Scougall has also joined the Abercorn staff team as the new PE Teacher, I am confident that he will be a great asset to the school and an inspiration to all of our pupils. I am sure you will look forward to meeting him over the coming months.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents/carers who attended our information session last week. Parental feedback stated that they found it very beneficial being able to talk with Family Fund, Children First Financial Adviser and a local post school setting Get Included.

I have enclosed a copy of a letter with this newsletter that provides you with information on Unicef's Rights Respecting School Award. We are about to begin our journey towards securing this award for the school and I am confident you will support us with this.

Please continue to follow us on Twitter: [@AbercornSecSch](https://twitter.com/AbercornSecSch). This will keep you up to date on all of the events, outings and activities we are arranging.

Patricia McGowan

Football Success



The school football team are continuing to perform very well in the Regional tournament. The last round of games took place on Friday 27th April and we finished the year second overall. Well done to all of the young people who have participated over the years. This success means we have qualified for the National tournament in Toryglen. We will keep you updated of the results.

Spain Trip

Final preparations are being made for the senior school Spanish trip and



final money towards the cost of the trip should be paid now to Miss Campbell. In addition, please ensure that passports and Health Cards are up to date. During their trip pupils will visit a number of attractions and also there will be a visit to a famous tapas restaurant.

Senior School Prom



Our senior school pupils will shortly be receiving an invitation to the annual Prom which will take place in the Grand Central Hotel on Thursday, 7th June. The Prom Committee have been busy planning this event to ensure it is a great success.

Netball

Our netball team recently took part in the last round of fixtures. They again performed very well and finished 2nd in the league. In addition they won the shoot out competition. Congratulations to them all.

Glasgow's Dragon's Den

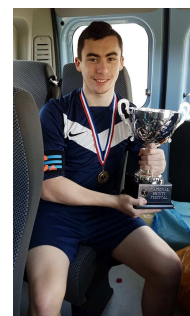
Our S3 Business Enterprise class recently took part in the Glasgow's Dragons Den competition. They attended the event in the City Chambers and presented their business idea of cushions and bunting to a panel of judges. They did very well and have won £50 for the school. Well done to them.

After School Family Cooking sessions

We have a number of families participating in after school cooking sessions. These are facilitated by Carol our college hospitality lecturer. Everyone involved is enjoying the sessions and preparing and cooking some lovely dishes.

Shinty

Our school shinty team once again travelled to Aviemore to participate in the National Shinty Festival. We were defending champions having won the tournament for the last 3 years. After some great performances throughout the event it came down a sudden death decider against our local rivals Hollybrook. It was fitting that our captain William Mitten who has been such an integral part of the team over the years scored the Golden Goal to bring the trophy back to Abercorn for the 4th year in a row. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Collie for her hard work coaching and preparing the team to take part in these events.



May and June 2018 Dates for your Diary

S1 and S2 reviews throughout May – appointments to be advised individually

May	
Wednesday 2 nd May	National 5 Admin and IT exam
Wednesday 2 nd May	After school clubs start (every Wednesday after school)
Monday 7 th May	May Day Holiday
Tuesday 8 th May	In-Service Day
Wednesday 9 th May	Pupils return to school
Monday 14 th May	P7 transition afternoon
Tuesday 15 th May	Duke of Edinburgh bronze expedition practice (overnight)
Wednesday 16 th May	Jacob's Engineering Challenge Final (Science Club group to attend)
Monday 21 st May	P7 transition afternoon
Monday 21 st May	S5/6 Making Journeys Group planned outing
Friday 25 th May	May Day Holiday
Monday 28 th May	May Day Holiday
Tuesday 29 th May	Abercorn's Apprentice for S2
Tuesday 29 th May	Strategy Board Games club group to visit West End Games
Wednesday 30 th May	Primary 7 transition All Day
Wednesday 30 th May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver qualifying expedition
Thursday 31 st May	Primary 7 transition All Day
Thursday 31 st May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver qualifying expedition
Thursday 31 st May	Bingo Night tickets priced £5 available from Ms Campbell or Mrs Reilly
June	
Friday 1 st June	Duke of Edinburgh Silver qualifying expedition
Friday 1 st June	Community Litter Pick
Monday 4 th June	Residential Trip to London leaves – pupils to be at Central Station for 7.40am
Monday 4 th June	Barclays Sports event
Wednesday 6 th June	Residential Trip to London returns to Central Station at 7.15pm
Thursday 7 th June	Senior School Prom, Grand Central Hotel tickets available from Mrs Reilly
Thursday 7 th June	Netball Tournament
Saturday 9 th June	Residential Trip to Spain leaves
Thursday 14 th June	Seagull Trust Barge Trip to Falkirk Wheel
Thursday 14 th June	Junior School Summer BBQ 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Saturday 16 th June	Residential trip to Spain returns
Thursday 21 st June	Summer Service and Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 26 th June	School closes at 1pm
August	
Monday 13 th August 2018	In –service day for teachers
Tuesday 14 th August 2018	In-Service days for teachers
Wednesday 15 th August 2018	School re-opens for pupils

SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS

YOUTUBE

SETTINGS →
TICK SAFE SEARCH FILTERING
→ TICK STRICT

TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES (NOT GREEN)

DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER (IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM SEARCHING ANYTHING)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
ALLOWED CONTENT

MAKE ITUNES SAFE

(TO KEEP DEVICES SEPARATE WHERE YOUR ITUNES
ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO)

ITUNES ON YOUR COMPUTER → EDIT → PREFERENCES
DECIDE WHICH SHOWS AND RATINGS ARE ← PARENTAL
APPROPRIATE FOR THIS DEVICE
AND OTHER DEVICES.

SAFARI

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
SET IT UP THE WAY YOU WANT IT AND APPROPRIATE
FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
INSTALLING APPS OR DELETING APPS

GUIDED ACCESS

(FOR KIDS TO STAY WITHIN AN APP, TO AVOID GOING TO OTHER APPS AND WEBSITES)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
→ SCROLL DOWN TO LEARNING ← ACCESSIBILITY
GUIDED ACCESS → TOGGLE ON

