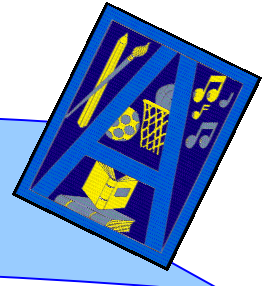


## Abercorn News

December 2017



Dear Parent/Carer

As you will see from this newsletter it has been another busy month here in Abercorn. The pupils have enjoyed a number of Christmas activities including a theatre trip, a pizza and DVD evening, trip to FlipOut and our end of term Ceilidh.

Our Christmas Carol Service was a great success. I would like to thank those parents/carers who were able to attend. The school band and choir were a great success earlier this month when they performed at the Financial Services Association Christmas Lunch in The Grand Central Hotel. It really is lovely to see our former pupils mixing with the new up and coming musicians and continuing to entertain people in the festive season.

Many of you will know that Miss O'Neill has already begun her maternity leave and she had a baby girl earlier this month. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on the birth of her daughter.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

Patricia McGowan

Merry  
Christmas



### ***Christmas Holiday Information:***

School will close at 2.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and re-open at 8.55 am on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year

## Pantomime

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December a number of pupils and staff spent a very enjoyable morning at the Jungle Book performance in the Toyal Conservatoire. We are very grateful to them for donating these tickets free of charge.

## Christmas Lunch



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December our pupils came together to have their Christmas Lunch. Everyone seemed to enjoy the 3 course feast and staff

commented on the good behaviour of the children and the lovely festive atmosphere throughout.

## Christmas Carol Concert

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December we held our annual Christmas Carol Concert. As always the festive musical treats displayed by Mr Devlin and his talented musicians were lovely and we staged our Abercorn Nativity. Thank you to Mr Devlin and his musicians and Mrs Couper for preparing the Nativity.



## School Band Gig

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December the school band played a gig at the Grand Central Hotel during the Financial Services Association Christmas lunch. It is a very prestigious event during which we were happy to provide the entertainment and the organisation have kindly offered to donate the proceeds of their raffle to the school. A big thank you to those who took part.



## Christmas Fair

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December we held a very successful Christmas Fair. We had a number of stalls selling different things including home baking, Christmas gifts, toys, DVD's and books as well as our usual tombola, raffle and café. For the first time we had Christmas games and a Santas Grotto which all proved to be very popular. It was a fabulous morning and we are delighted to say we raised over £950 from the event. We are very grateful to all who supported us. Thank you to everyone who donated things for us to sell. In particular, we must say a special thank you Mrs McKenzie grandmother of our former pupil David Mott for her donations of home baking and her help to run the stall. Thanks also to the family of William Gordon in S2 who donated 2 huge hampers as first and second prize in our raffle and to the family of Josh Mills who donated a Kevin and Katie Carrot from the popular Aldi Christmas advert to also be used in the raffle.

## S1/2 Christmas Party

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December S1 and S2 pupils were invited to a Christmas Party which was organized by the Crazy Entertainers Dynamic Youth group. Pupils were very excited about going along and there were a number of activities and treats planned for them. Thank you very much to Gareth Gillies who came along as Braedolph to entertain everyone.

## Alternative Transport Contact Number



The transport co-ordination centre have provided an alternative number which is more suitable to call from a mobile. If you use a mobile phone and need to contact the transport co-ordination

centre to query your child's transport you can call **0141 287 1056**.

## Uniform

As you know the Abercorn School Uniform consists of:

- White Shirt, buttoned
- School tie
- Black cardigan/jumper
- Black trousers (boy)
- Black Skirt or trousers (girl)
- Black shoes or trainers
- Black Blazer



We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers as they prepare for their child to return to school in January that pupils are not permitted to wear football colours, hooded jumpers, leggings or coloured trainers.

## St Aloysius' College voluntary service programme

We have been very fortunate this term to have had 2 pupils from St Aloysius College with us one afternoon per week as part of The Arrupe Programme which is a voluntary service programme. The programme provides St Aloysius students with an opportunity to use their own gifts and talents for the

benefit of others; and to reflect and learn from that experience. The pupils will undertake two different placements throughout their senior year and the group we had recently completed their first ten-week placements in Abercorn. Each placement has a different focus and aims to teach the student different things about themselves and the world. At the end of each week students went back to school and completed a journal, detailing their experiences. The group of pupils we had were excellent, they were very willing to get involved in everything that was asked of them and they were very supportive of the pupils they worked with.



## London Trip

Mrs Logue and Mrs Johnston are organising a residential trip to London with a full 3 day itinerary of exciting things planned. So far a number of young people have taken up the offer to go and paid their deposit. In January we will be looking to fill the spare places by opening up the offer to others who are already going on another trip. For more information or to make payments towards the trip please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Mrs Logue or Mrs Johnston.

## North West Foodbank Collection

Mrs Egan and her volunteering group organised a food bank collection throughout the month of December.

We were overwhelmed with your donations, as were the North West food bank when our young people delivered them on Friday. We would like to thank you very much for your support.



## Transition Club

Ms Thomson runs our transition club for young people who have recently left school. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December they visited the Christmas markets and had a lovely festive night with their friends. Thanks to Ms Thomson for organising this monthly club which the young people all say is a great opportunity to keep in touch with school friends.

## Christmas Movie Night

A number of young people stayed behind on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December to watch a Christmas movie and enjoy a Dominos pizza. It was a lovely evening which they all enjoyed very much.



## Christmas Cards

We are delighted to share with you that Jack Slavin in S4 won the competition to design the constituency Christmas card for Patrick Grady MP. Patrick visited the school

to congratulate Jack and told us that Karis Butcher from S2 had also been shortlisted. Well done to both.

## Old Christmas Cards

On the topic of Christmas cards the eco committee would like you to send in any unwanted or used Christmas cards in January as they will be taking these to Marks and Spencer for recycling which benefits the Woodland Trust helping them to turn unwanted waste into much needed trees and preserve the UK's wildlife habitats. Mrs Bennett will have a collection point set up in January to receive any unwanted or unused cards.



## Dates for your diary 2018

S4 reviews throughout January – appointments will be allocated individually

Date	Activity
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	School re-opens at 8.55 am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	S3 trip to People's Palace for technologies workshop
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	S3/4 Trip to Tennents Training Academy with Home Economics
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018	2A and 2B trip to Kelvin Hall for a technologies workshop
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Cross Country at Bellahouston