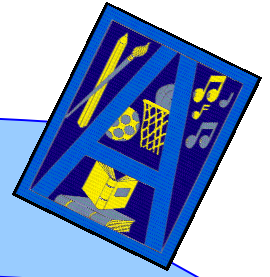


Abercorn News



December 2018

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 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. 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

Patricia McGowan

Merry
Christmas



Christmas Holiday Information:

School will close at 2.30pm on Thursday 20th December and re-open at 8.55 am on **Monday 7th January 2019.**

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



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Theatre Trip

On Thursday 13th December a number of pupils and staff spent a very enjoyable morning at the Peter Pan performance in the Royal Conservatoire. We are very grateful to them for donating these tickets to us free of charge.

Christmas Lunch



On Tuesday 18th December our school community 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 18th December we held our annual Christmas Carol Concert. As always the festive musical treats displayed by Mr Devlin and his talented musicians were lovely. Thank you to Mr Devlin and his musicians for their hard work preparing for this event and thank you also to all of the parents/carers and friends who attended.



Christmas Fair

On Tuesday 4th 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. It was a fabulous morning and we are delighted to say we raised over £1000 from the event. We are very grateful to all who supported us. Thank you to everyone who donated home baking and prizes.

Raffle

Thank you to the family of William Gordon in S3 who donated 3 huge hampers for us to raffle. We chose 2 as first and second prize in our raffle on the day of the Christmas fair and we kept a third one to raffle to our young people with the proceeds going to charity. That has been a hugely successful venture and we have raised enough money to fund 10 Christmas Dinners for the homeless through Social Bite. They were delighted to receive this money from us and assure us it will be put to good use ensuring people who have nowhere else to go get a hot meal on Christmas Day. Thank you to everyone for their support in this.



S1/2 Christmas Party

On Friday 14th 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.

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**.



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Uniform

May we take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform in case you intend to purchase new items over the holidays. 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



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 another 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. We wish them well in the future.

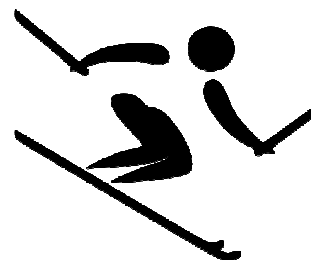
Christmas Movie Night

A number of young people stayed behind on Monday 17th December to watch a Christmas movie and enjoy a Dominos pizza. It was a lovely evening which they all enjoyed very much.



Ski Trip to Pila

A number of staff and young people have recently returned from another successful trip to Pila where they were putting their ski lessons in to practice. They had a fantastic time and made some amazing memories. Thanks to Mr Leahy for organizing and accompanying them along with Mr Kerr, Mr Anderson and Mrs Couper.



St Andrews Day Café

Well done to 3D who recently hosted a lovely St Andrew's Day café for the local nursery children. They planned this social event in Personal Achievement Award and catered for it through their learning in Home Economics where they discussed appropriate foods to serve to small children and celebrations. The children from North Woodside Nursery and Cowcaddens Day Nursery had a lovely time and with the help of Mrs. Egan's Volunteering group they made a lovely St Andrew's Day card to take home to their families.

