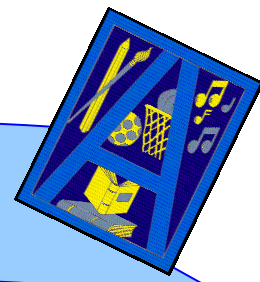


Abercorn News



February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter. This is always a difficult term for staff and pupils. SQA examinations and the internal assessments for the new national contribute to the increase in pace for everyone. So far this term we have had a number of our qualifications verified by SQA and we are extremely pleased to learn that they have highlighted specific areas of good practice within the school. We will continue to support pupils over the next few months to ensure that they reach their full potential in this SQA qualification diet.

As you will see from the inside page of this newsletter we have been awarded the Glasgow Secondary Sports School of the Year for 2015. I am sure you will agree that this is a marvellous achievement for our school and I would like to thank you for your support of our sporting events and of course the staff and pupils for their hard work.

We have 18 new S1 pupils so far confirmed as joining us in August 2016. They have had the opportunity over the last couple of months to spend one afternoon each week learning the routines of Abercorn – they and their parents will be a great addition to the Abercorn community.

You will shortly receive an invitation to our Easter Service and I hope that you will be able to attend. As you all know we appreciate your continued support and if there is anything that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Patricia McGowan

Dates for your Diary (March 2016)

Spring Break
School closes Friday 1st April 2.30pm
School re-opens Monday 18th April

Wednesday 2 nd March	S3 Trip to Museum on the Mound Edinburgh
Thursday 4 rd March	Prom Committee Crazy Hat Walk to raise funds Parents' Evening (4.30pm until 7.30 pm)
Friday 18 th March	S1 Easter Party organized by Abercorn Crazy Entertainers
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Service
Thursday 24 th March	Cross Country National Championships at Bellahouston
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday – School Closed
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday – School Closed
Wednesday 9 th March	Swimming Gala
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Sports Person of the Year Awards – Good News!



We are delighted to announce that we were crowned Glasgow Secondary Sports School of The Year at the recent Sports Person of the Year Awards in the City Chambers. This is due to the many and varied opportunities

we provide for our young people in the field of sport and we are delighted that the tireless work of our PE teachers and others within the school who offer sporting activities as well as the outstanding achievements of our pupils in a number of different sports has been recognized with this prestigious award.

Love Food Hate Waste Club



Mr Baird has been working with a group of senior pupils after school on a Tuesday to raise their awareness of the healthy possibilities with leftovers in your fridge. The group are

thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to develop their skills in the kitchen are taking on board the idea that a healthy diet can be achieved on a budget.

Ski Club

We have a group of skiers once again developing their skills on a Thursday afternoon in preparation for the ski trip which will run to Italy this December. The pupils are already getting very excited about the trip and are loving the opportunity to practice on a regular basis. Mr Leahy is now taking installments towards the cost of the trip. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact him.



John Muir

Our pupils working towards their John Muir Award have been very busy volunteering to transform Lambhill stables. They have been working in the grounds and gardens in some extremely difficult weather conditions but have enjoyed their experience and are very proud of how it is taking shape.



Parents Evening

Our second parents evening will take place on Thursday 3rd March from 4.30pm till 7.30pm. This an opportunity to speak to your child's teachers about their work in each individual subject area.



Dragon's Den

We recently had 2 groups competing in the Glasgow Dragon's Den event at the City Chambers in association with the Social Enterprise Academy. These groups presented their ideas to a panel and we are delighted to say both were deemed worthy of investment and they returned with a cheque for £50 per group. Group one comprised the S3 Business class who have been hand delivering greetings messages with treats made to order eg Valentines and will continue with Easter cards. Group 2 have been created personalized candles. Both groups have been marketing and selling their products and services and in keeping with the Social Enterprise agenda have chosen to donate their profits to a local charity.

Cross Country

Our young people recently took part in another cross country event and we are delighted to say they returned with a number of medals. In addition there were number of pupils there again in a volunteer capacity as they work towards their volunteering award. They were commended for how well they did. Congratulations to everyone who was there.



Work Experience/Work Awareness

Our S4 pupils recently took part in a week's worth of activities aimed at Developing the Young Workforce. 8 of the young people were out on week long work placements in a variety of workplaces including nurseries, hairdressers, café's, leisure centres and RSBI. All 8 got very good reports with many receiving very positive comments for their conduct and work rate during the week. The other young people within the year group took part in a series of work awareness visits where they had the opportunity to see a number of different work places and gather information. They visited 2 workplaces per day over 5 days and covered places such as TheDog's Trust, Allied Vehicles, Sainsburys, Starbucks, Braehead Management, City Chambers, BBC, to name a few. The young people got a lot from this experience and have had the opportunity to evaluate the visits and explain what they liked and disliked. We are very grateful to all of the workplaces who gave up their time to give our pupils such beneficial experiences.

STEM Club

The Science/Maths departments have been linking up with Glasgow University's Dr Craig Melville, Various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Ambassadors and ComputerXplorers South West Scotland to offer a club on Thursday afternoons. They will be using Legobotics to learn about problem solving, technology and team work. So far the club has been a great success and pupils are really enjoying seeing their designs taking shape.

Art and Design News

Pupils working within the Art and Design Department have been taking part in a number of exciting planned outings and in school events to enhance their curriculum.

Project Ability Workshop

Project Ability is a Glasgow based visual arts organization. Our National 4 and 5 group



visited recently to take part in a portrait workshop by acclaimed artist Tanya Raabe-Webber. Whilst there the young people had the opportunity to develop their skills and techniques, taking on board advice and tips from Tanya. Each week Project Ability selects an 'Art work of the week' and we are delighted to say that the portrait drawn by Craig Sheills of his classmate Connor was chosen as the best piece of art created that week. Congratulations Craig.

Royal Scottish Academy Art Workshop

We were delighted to welcome the Royal Scottish Academy into Abercorn recently when they held

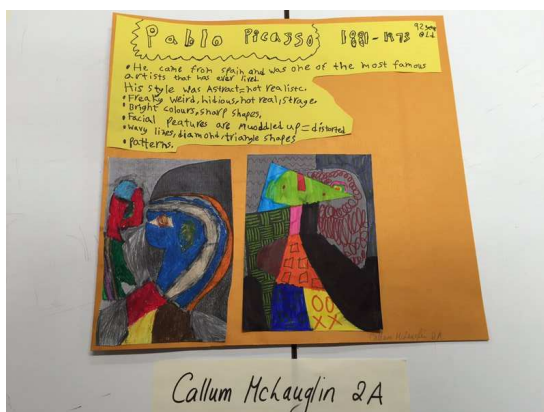


workshops for our senior pupils. The pupils benefitted greatly from the expertise and advice from the artists and created some fabulous work.

The Whisky Bond

A large number of young people had the opportunity to visit the Whisky Bond to take part in an Art and Design workshop with Stephanie Mann. Over the course of the full day we were able to send a number of different groups who had a great experience

S1-S3 Pablo Picasso Artwork



Our pupils working within the Broad General Education have been learning about Pablo Picasso and recreating some of his masterpieces. They have learned a lot about his life as well as the inspirations for his work.