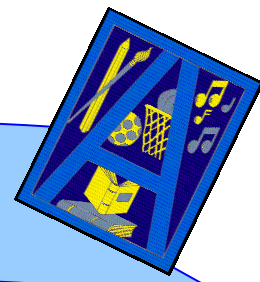


Abercorn News



February 2017

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 one of our qualifications verified by SQA and we are extremely pleased to learn that they have highlighted specific areas of good practice within the subject. We will continue to support pupils over the next few months to ensure that they reach their full potential in this SQA qualification diet.

So far we have had 10 new S1 pupils confirmed as joining us in August 2017. They will have the opportunity over the next 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.

We have been very fortunate over the last few weeks to have the opportunity of working with Ryan James from The Buttery in Glasgow. He is working in partnership with us to assist us in raising funds for our Special Olympics athletes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him in advance and watch this space for more information.

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

Spring Break

School closes Friday 31st March at 2.30pm
School Re-opens Tuesday 18th March

Dates for your Diary (March 2017)

Monday 27 th February	Culinary Awards Talk
Tuesday 28 th February	Spanish Trip Parents Meeting at 2pm
Thursday 2 nd March	Parents Evening 4.15pm – 7.15pm
Friday 3 rd March	Culinary Excellence Visit (Mrs Johnston and 5 pupils)
Wednesday 8 th March	P7 transition visit
Thursday 9 th March	Transition Club 5.30 pm
Tuesday 14 th March	Clydebank Campus Taster Day
Wednesday 15 th March	Clydebank Campus Taster Day
Wednesday 15 th March	P7 Transition visit
Tuesday 21 st March	P7 transition visit with lunch
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 28 th March	Caledonian Award 1 night residential trip to Loch Lomond
Friday 31 st March	Whole school fun morning (Fundraising for the prom)
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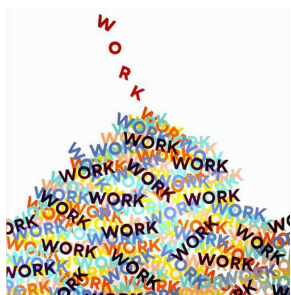
Parents Evening

Our second parents evening of the academic session will take place on Thursday 2nd 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.

Work Experience/Work Awareness



Our S4 pupils recently took part in a week's worth of activities aimed at Developing the Young Workforce. A number of the young people were out on week long work placements in a variety of

workplaces including nurseries, hairdressers, shops, leisure centres and RSBI. They 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 places such as Novotel, City Chambers, Kelvingrove Museum, Woodside Library 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.

Scottish Studies

Young people in S3 who have been further developing their knowledge of Scotland recently visited Kelvingrove museum to take part in a workshop about Scotland. They had the opportunity to look at tartan material and see how kilts are made as well as finding out more about life on the Island of St Kilda. All involved thoroughly enjoyed the trip.



S1 Puma Trip

S1 pupils recently gained their Puma reward trip and chose an afternoons bowling. This is their reward for gaining the most Puma points between October and Christmas. Puma points are awarded for **P**unctuality, **U**niform, **M**erit and **A**ttendance with the incentive of a treat for the year group with the most points at the end of each term.

Anime Club

Anime club on Tuesday lunchtime continues to be a huge success. We have been visited by Mr Loydon, father of Amelia and Embeth in S1, who has considerable knowledge of all things Anime and Japanese. The pupils have enjoyed watching some of his obscure collection of films (some of which he has gifted to the club). Members have been fascinated by learning about the many forms of Godzilla. Thank you for your time Mr Loydon.

Singing Telegrams

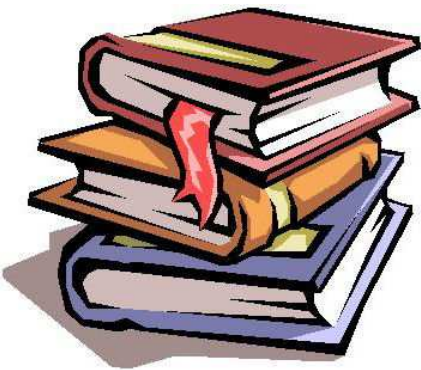


S4 Business, as part of their Business in Practice course are still operating a Singing Telegram service. For a cost of £1 young people can request for a singing telegram to be delivered to a friend to celebrate an

occasion. They have done Happy Birthday's, Merry Christmas's and Happy Valentine's as well as other ad hoc request along the way. They are currently learning songs for Easter telegrams and that will be the last service they offer this year. They have been looking at Social Enterprise and learning about using their profit to support a local cause and are currently deciding what to do with the profit they have made.

Literacy News

Our Literacy Homework Programme has got off to a great start. We have been seeing lots of fantastic spelling tasks being returned, and some of our young people are producing amazing work. Thank you so much for all the support they are receiving from home. By working together we are maximising your child's literacy potential! Please contact Miss Hunter with any questions around this.



In addition, each child will soon receive a Book voucher to help towards the cost of purchasing books.

Valentine's Party



Abercorn's Crazy Entertainers – a group of mixed year group young people who spend Friday afternoons planning social events within the school as part of

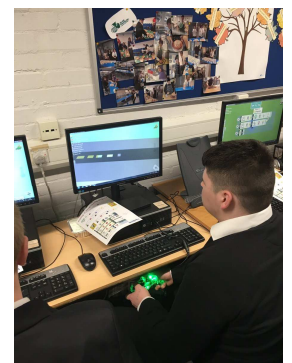
their Dynamic Youth Award, recently held a very enjoyable Valentine's party – they had the opportunity to invite another young person along to the party and games and activities took place.

Saltire Transport Card

The Saltire Transport Card provides free bus travel anywhere in Scotland and a concession rate for rail travel anywhere in Strathclyde for people with disabilities. The cards can be applied for at Buchanan Street Bus Station or your local Social Work office Monday to Friday 9.30 am till 3.30 pm. If applying you will require to have proof of age, address, disability and a passport photo. There are also options for companion cards in certain circumstances. For more information please use this link <http://www.transport.gov.scot/public-transport/concessionary-travel-people-aged-60-or-disability>

STEM Club

Our after school Stem (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club is going well. Young people are using the computer program Kodu to create games.



Transport Co-ordination Centre Freephone Number



Please call the Transport Co-ordination Centre on **0800 032 4444/0141 287 1056** if a pupil is not going to be on their taxi run. This is a freephone number available 24 hours a

day. The school should also then be informed of any pupil absence.

We must also be made aware if a pupil has not travelled in the morning taxi but **does** require to be added to the run for the home time journey. If pupils have not travelled in to school by taxi that morning drivers **will not** take them home without prior notice.

Please note also that the wait time for taxis is only **5 minutes**. Pupils should be ready and waiting for their taxi to arrive as drivers are unable to wait outside the house for longer than 5 minutes. Also if your son/daughter does not use the taxi journey Glasgow City Council are charged an amount for it.

If your child is not going to require the taxi it is important you contact Transport to let them know to cancel the taxi for that run. There are costs incurred when taxis arrive when not needed.

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**.

Craft Club

Our after school craft club is going well. Young people are enjoying the chance to be creative and use craft materials.



Uniform

All pupils have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms. Please continue to ensure that they observe our dress code. Our uniform consists of:

- black trousers/skirt
- **black shoes or all black trainers**
- white shirt
- school tie
- black cardigan
- black blazer

White or coloured trainers are not allowed and strictly no hoodies or football colours.

Red Nose Day

As you know each year we support Comic Relief through a variety of fun fundraising events. This year will be no different and these are currently being planned for the



Friday 24 March

day itself Friday 24th March. In the run up to Comic Relief we are selling Red Noses in School priced at £1 on a first come, first served basis. Please see Ms Walsh or Miss Jaffrey.