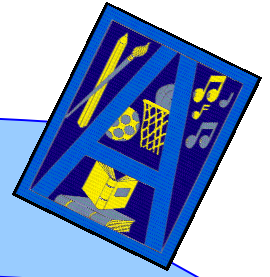


Abercorn News



February 2018

Dear Parent/Care

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 very pleased with their comments. We will continue to support pupils over the next few months to ensure that they reach their full potential in this SQA qualification diet.

Over the coming weeks we will begin our Primary/Secondary transition programme. 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.

Last session I informed you that Ryan James from The Buttery in Glasgow was assisting us with fundraising. We are looking forward to attending a fundraising dinner next week in the restaurant. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him in advance and watch this space for more information.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a note of appointment times for parents evening. I would like to thank everyone who returned their slips on time as this meant that we could allocate appointments well in advance. This will be the second time we have used an appointments system following the extremely positive feedback that we received in November.

As you will be aware we are continuing to experience inclement weather, it seems to have been a long, colder winter this year. Can I please remind you to ask your son/daughter to bring a winter jacket to school as we are often out and about in the community as part of their learning activities.

Our lost property has once again increased with a number of good items in it including: trousers, jumpers and jackets. Unfortunately there are no names on any of the items. Can I please ask that you write your son/daughters name on their clothing. I appreciate your help with this matter, it is very frustrating for us not being able to give back the items in our box.

I am looking forward to welcoming you all to the school tomorrow for our open afternoon where we have a number of speakers/advisors in school to talk over items with yourself. We have a Money Advisor from Children First, Family Fund and Get Included. Invitations were sent out a few weeks ago.

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

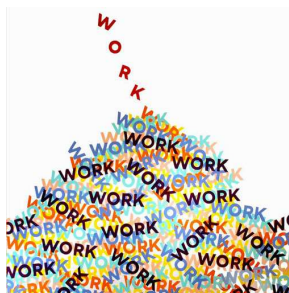
Parents Evening

Our second parents evening of the academic session will take place on Thursday 1st March from 4.15pm till 7.15pm. This is an opportunity for parents



of young people in S4, S5 or S6 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

settings including nurseries, shops, offices, cafes, 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 Barclays, the Fred Paton Centre, Royal Mail and John Lewis. The young people got a lot from this experience will have 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.

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

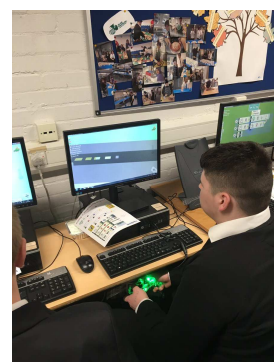
their Dynamic Youth Award, recently held a very enjoyable Valentine's party – they had the opportunity to invite another young person along to the party and games and activities took place.

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.

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.

Reuse Recycle Fair

On Wednesday 28th March after the Easter Service we will be hosting a re-use/recycle fair. Our eco-committee have organised this and it is an opportunity for you to donate any unwanted items to be resold to raise funds. There will also be a tombola and an opportunity to have some refreshments. If you require any further information or to donate items please contact Mrs Bennett and the eco committee.

Sports Relief

As you know each year we support Sport Relief through a variety of fun fundraising events. This year will be no different and these are currently being planned for the day itself Friday 23rd March. In the run up to Sports Relief we are selling Sports Relief bands in School priced at £1 on a first come, first served basis. Please see Ms Walsh or Miss Jaffrey.



Residential Trips

Our planning and preparation is well under way for the residential trips we have coming up in the next few months. Our S1's are going to Auchengillan with some senior pupils. A mixed group are

off to London Monday 4th June to Wednesday 6th June; another mixed group are off to Spain Saturday 9th to Saturday 16th June and a further mixed group are heading skiing in Italy in December. Deposits have now been taken for all trips and further payments are required to ensure the balance is paid on time. As always you can pay these up if you prefer. Please get in touch if you require further information.



Dates for your Diary (March 2018)

S2 and S3 reviews ongoing appointments to be advised individually

Thursday 1 st March	Parents Evening for S4, S5 and S6
Tuesday 6 th March	Arnold Clark STEM Lorry Launch
Wednesday 7 th March	Residential Trip to Auchengillan leaves
Friday 9 th March	Residential trip to Auchengillan returns
Thursday 15 th March	Netball team to League at Bellahouston
Thursday 15 th March	Transition Club 5.30 pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 20 th March	National Cross Country at Bellahouston
Wednesday 21 st March	Clydebank College Taster Day
Thursday 22 nd March	Clydebank College Taster Day
Friday 23 rd March	Sports Relief Fundraiser (non-uniform day)
Friday 23 rd March	Crazy Entertainers Easter Egg Hunt for S1
Wednesday 28 th March	Easter Service
Wednesday 28 th March	Reuse Recycle Fair (After service)
Thursday 29 th March	Dance-a-thon Fundraiser to raise money for prom
Thursday 29 th March	School Closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break (re-opens Monday 16 th April)
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