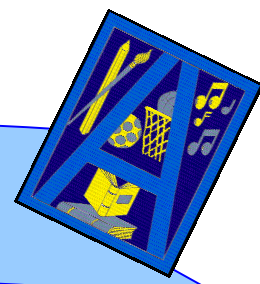


Abercorn News



May 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter, the summer holidays are nearly upon us and I cannot believe how fast this school year has been. As always this has been another extremely busy month for all of the pupils and staff in Abercorn as you will see from this newsletter.

Our annual Awards Ceremony will take place at the end of next month and we have enclosed a copy of your invitation with this newsletter – I hope that you can all join with us then to celebrate the success of our young people and of our school achievements this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries regarding the end of term activities etc.

Patricia McGowan

June 2016 Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1 st June	Senior School Prom, Grand Central hotel
Wednesday 1 st June	Scottish Disability Sport Athletics Event at Grangemouth
Wednesday 1 st June	P7 Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd June	P7 Transition Day
Monday 6 th June – Tuesday 7 th June	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Monday 6 th June	S1 Trip to Science Centre 9.30am 12.30pm
Tuesday 7 th June	S4 National 1/2 Science Trip to Edinburgh Zoo
Tuesday 7 th June	Adventure Race at Pollok Park
Wednesday 8 th June	Scottish Education Awards Final – Gaelic Education
Wednesday 8 th June	Variety Club Athletics at Scotstoun
Wednesday 9 th June	S1-S3 Summer BBQ 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 9 th June	Wheelchair Basketball Abercorn v Hollybrook
Thursday 9 th June	Transition Club (5.30 pm until 7 pm)
Friday 10 th June	S2 Highland Games
Saturday 11 th June	Residential trip to Spain leaves
Tuesday 14 th June	Parents Lunch (invitations to follow)
Tuesday 14 th June	ASL Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral at 7pm
Wednesday 15 th June	Residential Trip to Skye leaves
Wednesday 15 th June	Lord Provost Award Ceremony in City Chambers
Thursday 16 th June	Social Enterprise Award Ceremony in the Hub, Edinburgh
Friday 17 th June	Spain trip returns to Glasgow
Sunday 19 th June	Skye Trip returns to Glasgow
Tuesday 21 st June	Summer Service and Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 22 nd June	European Football Day
Thursday 23 rd June	Olympic Day (non-uniform)
Friday 24 th June	School closes at 1pm

Summer Barbeque

Abercorn Crazy Entertainers are busy organizing an end of term barbecue for S1-S3. They have chosen to hold this event on Wednesday 8th June between 6.30pm and 8 pm. The event will cost £2 per pupil. All pupils must be dropped off and collected by a parent.

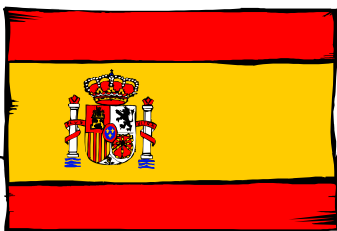


Football News

The school football team retained the Regional trophy for the 3rd year in a row. This has been another fantastic season for the team. They were disappointed to come second in the recent National tournament, however, they have had a fantastic season and we are very proud of their achievements. A great year completed and the team now looks forward to next season.



Spain Trip



The senior school Spanish trip is due to depart on Saturday 11th June till Friday 17th and final money towards the cost of the trip should be paid

now to Miss Campbell. During the trip pupils will visit Camp Nou, Waterworld Aqua Park, La Sagrada Familia, Visit to a famous tapas restaurant.

Senior School Prom

Our senior school pupils have now received an invitation to the annual Prom which will take place in the Grand Central Hotel on Wednesday 1st June. The Prom Committee have been busy planning this event to ensure it is a great success. Tickets to the prom are priced at £18, this includes a 2 course meal and still juice throughout the evening. Senior pupils can pay their money now to Mrs Leyden. Further fizzy juice is available from the hotel on the night for a cost if pupils wish to bring some spending money.



Abercorn's Apprentice

On Wednesday 25th May our S2 pupils took part in the final of the Abercorn's Apprentice competition which they have been working towards in Enterprise. 3 teams took part in creating a 2 course menu for a family of 4 on a budget. Pupils had to look at costs and ideas to ensure they could keep within the £10 budget. Everyone who took part did very well and pupils showed confidence when presenting to the external judges. This is an Interdisciplinary Learning project here young people work on their ideas in Enterprise, Home Economics and Art and Design. Our thanks to Des Logue from Barclays, Lisa Murphy, our Employment Skills Partner from Glasgow City Council and Gemma Fraser from the Scottish Waterways Trust..



Safe Road User Award



Our group of 5 senior school pupils who have been studying for the Safe Road User Award have been to Drumchapel High to undertake the online assessment part of the course. So far we are delighted to say four of them have successfully completed the assessment to gain the Award and the fifth and final will undertake his assessment in the next few weeks. We are very grateful to Drumchapel High for their help with this assessment and for providing the ICT facilities. Well done to the group!

Scottish Education Awards – Gaelic Education



As we have previously said we have been shortlisted for the Gaelic Education Awards at the 2016 Scottish Education Awards. We are down to the final 3 and have now been visited by the judges to allow them to gather further information. We are delighted to have had the hard work of our pupils and staff in the area of Gaelic Education and Scottish Culture and Heritage recognized and we look forward to attending the Award Ceremony on the 8th June where the winner will be unveiled.

Lord Provost Award

We have also been shortlisted for the Lord Provost Award in recognition of the work done by our S5/6 Making Journeys Group on the area of Road Safety. As they have been planning various journeys they have paid particular attention to staying safe and have worked with the Road Safety Officer from Glasgow City Council who has put us forward for the prestigious Lord Provost Award. We will attend the Award Ceremony on 15th June and will keep you posted of the outcome.



Comic Con day

Our S5/6 group working towards their Dynamic Youth Award as part of their Wider Achievement timetable recently organised a Comic Con day which raised around £80 for Children In Need. They arranged for pupils to come dressed as Comic Con characters and the photos show a great day was had by all.

S2 Trip to Gurdwara

As part of their RE curriculum S2 recently visited the Gurdwara. There they met preachers and learned of the artefacts and experiences associated with the Sikh religion. Our young people even had the chance to try on a turban.



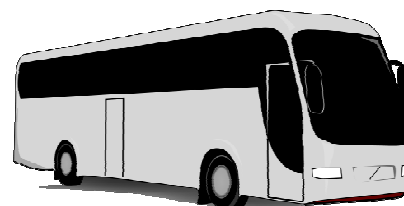
Barclays Inspire Event

S3 Business recently visited Barclays Bothwell Street Offices to take part in one of their Inspire Events as part of their Life Skills programme where they learned more about Business and Enterprise and took part in a Dragon's Den style challenge. Their behavior and participation on the day was commended by Barclays staff. Well done to all who attended.



Making Journeys Trip to Parliament

As part of their Making Journeys unit our S5/6 group planned and carried out a visit to the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. They arranged to travel by bus and planned their route and timetable for the day. Despite some wet weather they had a great day and their plans worked very well.



Blythwood Care School's Enterprise Challenge

1B recently took part in the Blythwood Care School's Enterprise Challenge. They were given £20 by the Blythwood Care charity and had the task of turning it onto as much profit as they could. They chose to use the money to buy cakes and hold bake sales. Through selling these cakes to each year group they managed to raise over £120. The objectives of the challenge fitted perfectly with the social enterprise learning

they had been undertaking in class and when they returned the profit to Blythwood Care they used it to support underprivileged children in India. The charity were so impressed with their idea and experience we were shortlisted and invited to an Awards Ceremony in Hillington where we were delighted to win best report.



Transition Club

As we prepare to see our S6 pupils leave for pastures new Miss Thomson has started a Transition Club to prepare the young people for moving on and to provide a means by which they can stay in touch. It will run once per month and will continue after the summer. Our young people are being given the choice of activities to participate in and we look forward to seeing them move on and hear their stories of their new experiences.

Help Yourself Grow Taster

Recently a number of our S6 students who are preparing to leave attended a Help Yourself Grow Taster in the Jeely Piece Centre in Castlemilk. Here they learned of some of the opportunities which will be available to them after they leave school. It was an excellent morning which they all enjoyed and links were made which will hopefully lead to positive destinations for our leavers.

Youth Games at Scotstoun



Recently a number of our younger pupils attended the Youth Games at Scotstoun Leisure Centre where they had a great time taking part in Athletic activities. They were delighted to come back with medals.

Summer Fun Day



Our S4 students working on their Personal Development and Personal Achievement

Awards recently organized a Summer Fun Day where they had stalls such as Home baking, tombola, beat the goalie and space hopper fun as well as face painting which was expertly applied by our Art pupils. Woodise Nursery children came along to take part in the fun also. It was a lovely morning which raised £280 for the Variety Club charity. We are delighted to support this charity after the number of excellent experiences they have provided for our young people over the years including an annual Christmas Party and Summer outing as well as Athletics events and as most of you know they sponsor our school minibus which we could not live without.

Trust Rugby Event

A number of young people had the opportunity to take part in the recent Rugby event organized by Trust Rugby where they learned more about the game and practiced their skills. They all enjoyed the day very much.

1+2 Language Day

On Thursday 26th May we showcased our excellent language work within the school.

The Scottish Government have pledged that young people should learn at least 2 languages in addition to their mother tongue. In Abercorn our additional 2 languages are Spanish and Gaelic.



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