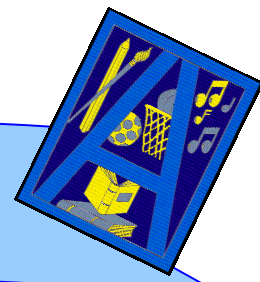


Abercorn News



May 2017

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 on Tuesday, 20 June 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 relevant staff member if you have any queries regarding the end of term activities etc.

Patricia McGowan

June 2017 Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1 st June	PEEK Awards Ceremony (evening: Miss Thomson and pupils)
Friday 2 nd June	Dragon's Den event (S2 pupils presenting to a panel of judges)
Monday 5 th June – Tuesday 6 th June	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (Bronze)
Monday 5 th June – Tuesday 6 th June	P7 Transition Day
Tuesday 6 th June	Adventure Race, Pollock Park
Wednesday 7 th June	Scottish Disability Sport Athletics Event at Grangemouth
Thursday 8 th June	The Trades House of Glasgow Prize Giving Ceremony
Thursday 8 th June	Transition Club
Thursday 8 th June	Senior School Prom, Grand Central hotel
Friday 9 th June	Maths Event, Glasgow University (selected pupils)
Tuesday 7 th June	Museum on the Mound (selected S3 pupils)
Saturday 10 ^h June	Residential trip to Spain leaves
Tuesday 13 th June	Visit to City of Glasgow College (Miss Jaffrey and pupils)
Wednesday 14 th June	Basketball Fun Day, Emirates Arena
Wednesday 14 th June	ASL Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral at 7pm
Thursday 15 th June	S4 PD Award: Water Balloon Wars
Thursday 15 th June	Dance School of Scotland Performing '9 to 5', Citizens Theatre
Thursday 15 th June	S1-S3 Summer BBQ 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday 16 th June	DYA Cycling group to Drymen
Saturday 17 th June	Spain trip returns to Glasgow
Saturday 17 th June	Red Star Athletics Championships
Monday 19 th June	"Sponge the Staff" fundraising event in aid of Mary's Meals
Tuesday 20 th June	Summer Service and Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 21 st June	Social Enterprise Awards Ceremony, Edinburgh (selected S3 pupils)
Wednesday 21 st June	Submarine Time Machine (whole school attending performance)
Friday 23 rd June	Highland Games (whole school competition)
Monday 26 th June	Race for Life (organized by Caledonian Award)
Monday 26 th June	Home Economics Trip to Tennents Training Academy
Tuesday 27 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 Thursday 15th 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/carer.



Football News

The school football team retained the Regional trophy for the 4th year in a row. This has been another fantastic season for the team. They were disappointed to come runners-up in the recent National tournament, only conceding one goal in the last minute of the final. 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.



Senior School Spain Trip



The senior school Spanish trip is due to depart on Saturday 10th June until Saturday 17th. Any 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, and a 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 Thursday 8th 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. Fizzy juice is available from the hotel on the night for a cost if pupils wish to bring some spending money.



Snack Attack Challenge



S4 Business students were delighted to win the Snack Attack

Challenge run by Traidcraft to promote Fair Trade. Their winning product was fruit crisps (mango, strawberries, banana and dates which were produced by Fair Trade farmers), called McMess Crisps.

As part of their Fair Trade topic the students



will be selling Geobars, which they won from Traidcraft, at the school tuck shop for £1.00 from Monday, 22 May. All monies raised will be donated to charity.

Safe Road User Award



Our group of 4 senior school pupils who have been studying for the Safe Road User Award will go to Drumchapel High to undertake the online assessment part of the course. Fingers crossed they will be successful.

Art & Design Department News

Last month we sent in a large number of entries from S1 & S2 to the **Tesco Bank Art Competition for School with the National Gallery**. Pupils had to produce work based on the Musical theme of 'Tune in Turn on'.

Well done to the 4 pupils who made it through to the final shortlist of entries from this nationwide competition. They are: Matthew Douglas, Dean Carmichael, Owen Meehan and Kyle Devlin.

At the end of April we had Judges into the department to view the work of 9 senior pupils. Their National 5 Design work and final pieces were being judged as part of The Trades House of Glasgow Schools Craft Competition. They were very impressed by the work they saw. We have had a letter inviting all of the pupils involved to the Prize Giving on Thursday, 8th June. Fingers crossed!!!

At the end of last term Jai Drake attended the Awards Ceremony in Edinburgh of the Friends of the RSA Schools Art Award 2017. He won First Prize in one category, winning an amazing £250 for himself! He also had his winning entry on show in the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh for

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two weeks. Pupils from S2-S6 had the opportunity to enter this competition, and we had send in a large number of great entries. We have had the artwork returned and a variety of pieces are on display, along with Jai's winning entry, in the school hall.

All this success follows on from Amie Ramsey and the S1's success in the Imaginarium Competition earlier in the year. Amie won overall First Prize and a £65 voucher for Art Workshops, and the whole of S1 with all their entries won the Group Entry Award – with £60 vouchers for the school.

Well done everyone!!!

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Silver Success



Five senior pupils completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition last week. The pupils were accompanied by Mr Leahy on their 3 day, 2 night camp in the Glen Tilt area. This was a challenging expedition for the pupils and we would like to congratulate them on their success – well done!!! This is the first time Abercorn pupils have been successful in the Silver category.