



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter. Once again it has been another very busy month in Abercorn.

On Wednesday, 8th November we held our annual Celebration of Success event. This gave the school community an opportunity to recognise a number of our recent achievements. We were delighted to recognise a number of achievements including Craig Shiells Higher Grade Music, Kyle Gaults Modern Apprenticeship and our success in the Evening Times Community Champion Awards. Our Special Olympians achievements were also recognised and it was great to have "Bonnie" the Seal to present their awards. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents/carers who attended this event.

On Tuesday, 14 November Jagoda our Childrens First Family Worker arranged a very worthwhile workshop for parents looking at online safety. I am sure you will all agree with the increase use of Social Media this is an extremely important subject. I was disappointed that so few of you were able to attend. I would like to arrange a further workshop and I hope that you will be able to come.

As you will see from the "dates for your diary" section December looks as though it is going to be an extremely busy time. I will strive to keep you informed of all outings/trips as these have an impact on our young people's timetables and I am very aware of the necessity to ensure that everyone is fully prepared for any changes within the school day.

Included with this envelope is an invitation to our Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday, 19 December, I hope that you will all be able to attend.

Patricia McGowan

Dates for your Diary (December 2017)

S5 Reviews throughout December – Parents will be advised of appointments	
Monday 4 th December	Variety Club Party (Selected pupils)
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Fair 10am till 12 noon
Thursday 7 th December	School Band performing at the FSA Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 12 th December	Whole School Assembly – Internet Safety
Thursday 14 th December	Police Scotland Internet Safety workshops for pupils
Thursday 14 th December	Jungle Book Pantomime (selected pupils)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	S1/S2 Christmas Party 1.40pm – 3.00pm
Monday 18 th December	Trip to Flip Out 10.30am – 12noon (selected pupils)
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Carol Service all welcome
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Ceilidh pm
Wednesday 20 th December	School closes at 2.30pm
Thursday 4 th January 2018	School reopens

Christmas Fair



The S3 Personal Achievement Award group are busy organizing the annual Christmas Fair. They have chosen to hold the fair on Wednesday 6th December from 10am till 12 noon. There will be a selection of stalls including home baking; raffle; tombola; café and Christmas gifts. The

pupils have been busy this year trying to think of new ideas for the fair and have decided to have a number of Christmas games such as hook a Christmas bauble, pin the nose on Rudolph, lucky lollies, Beat the Christmas Pudding (Goalie!). These games will all be 20p per shot with prizes available. In addition, we will have Santa's Grotto which can be visited for £2 per child. All parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to come along to the fair. Donations for the home-baking stall and our Tombola would be very gratefully received.

Duke of Edinburgh



Congratulations to all of the young people who attended the

Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony at the Royal Concert Hall on Tuesday 21st November. As always we had a number of young people achieving Bronze Awards and for the first time we also had 5 young people gain a Silver Award which is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations and well done to you all.

London Trip 2018

Please return all letters of interest so that final numbers can be calculated. Deposits can be collected later. More information is available from Mrs Logue.

Christmas Carol Service



Our next event will be the Christmas Carol Service which will take place on Tuesday 19th December in the morning and, again, all parents, carers and friends will be made warmly welcome.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November we held our annual Children in Need

fundraising day. Young people had the opportunity to wear their own clothes and take part in games whilst donating to charity. We are delighted to say we raised £161.30 – thank you to all who contributed.



Magic Breakfast

On Tuesday 21st November we launched our new breakfast Club. This has been subsidized by the Magic Breakfast charity and they provide us with the majority of the goods required to run the service free of charge. It is well documented that statistically young people learn better when they have eaten breakfast therefore, we are grateful to Magic Breakfast for their support in providing this opportunity.





Art and Design News

We have sent in entries to two competitions recently. The "Glasgow City Council Autism Awareness Logo Competition" and the

"Parliamentary Christmas Card Competition". Pupils worked very hard on these entries. All young people in S1 – S3 have taken part in a competition as well as a lot of senior pupils so Fingers crossed! Good luck everyone!

Clubs

Enclosed with this newsletter is a document compiled as a result of the recent questionnaire undertaken by Ms Thomson. She has managed to create a comprehensive list of clubs and opportunities suitable for our young people in the local areas. All contact details are listed so that you can get in touch if any are of interest to your family.

Christmas Lunch



Our Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 15th December, the young people will look at the menu in Student Tutor Time and choose what they

would like to have. This is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in the run up to Christmas.

Christmas Party



We have been fortunate again this year to receive an invitation for some of our pupils to attend the Christmas Party run by the Variety Club in the Crowne Plaza hotel. This will be Monday 4th December those attending will be given a letter. We have for many years been included in these events and we are very grateful for the generosity of this charity.

S1/S2 Christmas Party

Our Friday afternoon group Abercorn's Crazy Entertainers have been busy organizing the next event in their social planning calendar – the Christmas Party. They have invited S1 and S2 along on Friday 15th December after Christmas Lunch to take part in Christmas Games and activities. S1 and S2 pupils are welcome to bring party clothes to school and will have the opportunity to change into these at lunchtime.

Christmas Ceilidh

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in our Christmas Ceilidh on Tuesday 19th December in the afternoon. Again, all are welcome to bring party clothes for this event and will have the opportunity to change at lunchtime.

Jugule Book Royal Conservatoire Panto

We are delighted to have received an invitation for some of our pupils to go along to the Royal Conservatoire's production of the Jungle Book on Thursday 14th December at 12.30pm. We are looking forward to this.



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