



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter. It has been a very difficult month for everyone in the school after we received the tragic news that Billie Jo Naismith sadly died earlier this month. As a school community we have been supporting each other through this extremely difficult time. All of our staff and young people have spent time remembering Billie Jo and taken time to talk to each other about their feelings at this time. I would like to thank you all for your kindness and on-going support during this difficult period and I have passed on all of our condolences and sympathy cards to Billie Jo's family.

As you know we have been going through a period of change with our Support for Learning Workers due to three members of staff retiring over recent months. We have now welcomed two new Support for Learning Workers to our staff team Paula Clews and Karis Morgan. We are very happy to have them here and they are already proving to be excellent additions to our school community.

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, 18th December, I hope that you will all be able to attend.

Patricia McGowan

Dates for your Diary (December 2018)

S5 Reviews throughout December – Parents will be advised of appointments	
Tuesday 4 th December	Christmas Fair – 10 am until noon
Thursday 6 th December	Water Safety Talk (Independent Travellers)
Saturday 8 th December	Pila, Italy – Ski Trip departs
Thursday 13 th December	Peter Pan Theatre Trip (selected pupils only)
Friday 14 th December	Ski Trip returns
Monday 17 th December	'Movie and Meal' from 3.30 until 5.30 pm approx
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Carol Service (10 am)
Tuesday 18 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 18 th December	School Ceilidh 1.45 until 3.00 pm (approx.)
Thursday 20 th December	School closes at 2.30 pm for holidays!!!
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Monday 7 th January	School re-opens

Christmas Fair



Class 3A Personal Achievement Award group are busy organizing the annual Christmas Fair. They have chosen to hold the fair on Tuesday 4th December from 10am till 12 noon. There will be a selection of stalls including home baking; raffle; tombola; café and Christmas gifts. 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



We have been overwhelmed by the success of The Duke of Edinburgh Award within the school and the commitment of our staff team to ensure that this award is inclusive and our pupils have the opportunity to participate. Congratulations to all of the young people who attended the Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony at the Royal Concert Hall on Wednesday 21st November. This was a fantastic achievement with a number of young people successfully achieve Bronze and Silver Levels. In addition to this our school also won two awards, we have not only been named as the Glasgow Duke of Edinburgh Centre of the Year we were also awarded an Inspiration Award. These awards recognize the hard work and dedication of our staff to ensure that our young people can participate and achieve success in this awards scheme. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating not only Mr Leahy for his leadership and management of this award scheme but also all of our staff who participate in the expeditions etc. Not to mention congratulations to all of our young people - well done to you all.

Christmas Carol Service



Our next event will be the Christmas Carol Service which will take place on Tuesday 18th December in the morning and, again, all parents, carers and friends will be made warmly welcome.

Children in Need

On Friday 16th November we held our annual Children in Need fundraising day.

Young people had the opportunity to wear their own clothes and take part in a variety of activities whilst donating to charity. We are delighted to say we raised £252. Included in this money was £150 from our recent sponsored swim – the school contribution for our non-uniform day. Thank you to all who contributed to this and our recent sponsored swim.



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 14th December 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.

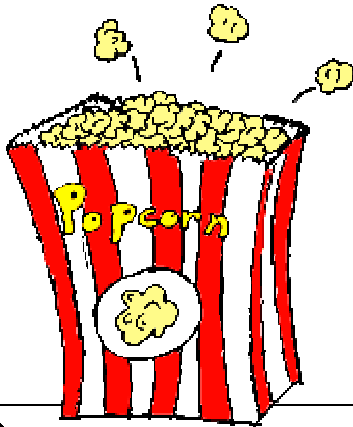


Movie and Meal

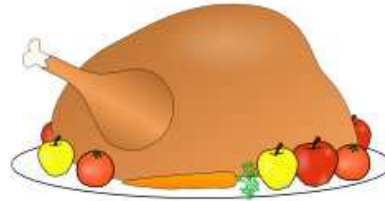


Last year we had a very successful 'movie and meal' evening. Young people who attended

watched a seasonal movie and we had a variety of treats as well as a small meal. This year we plan to do it again. Enclosed with this newsletter is a letter asking if your son/daughter would like to attend. I would be grateful if you could return this **asap** so that I can look at whether or not it is possible to change the timings of our school taxis. Unfortunately if everyone in the taxi does not wish to attend this event then it will be necessary to collect your son/daughter from school. I hope that they are able to attend this event as we had a fantastic time last year.



Christmas Lunch



Our Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 18th December this is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in the run up to Christmas.



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.

Peter Pan Royal Conservatoire

We are delighted to have received an invitation for some of our pupils to go along to the Royal Conservatoire's production of the Peter Pan on Thursday 13th December at 12.30pm. We are looking forward to this



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