



Abercorn News



October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Everyone has returned to school refreshed after our October break and ready to work hard in this very busy term.

You will have received a copy of your son/daughter's curriculum plans for this session. This is a very useful document as it will provide you with:

- names of teachers
- information on subjects and courses
- your son/daughter's planned outcomes for the session

Included with the curriculum plans was a letter asking if you agree with the targets that have been set and asking if there is anything else that we as a school can do to support you. Thank you to everyone who has already returned this form to assist the ones who have not been able to as yet I have enclosed another copy with this newsletter. I would be very grateful if you could complete and return this letter as soon as possible.

On Wednesday, 28 September, Mrs Couper and two senior pupils, Kyle Gault and David Mott were given the opportunity to visit Auschwitz with the Holocaust Educational Trust. This was an excellent opportunity for our young people to develop their knowledge and understanding of the traumatic events that took place during World War Two. They are currently working on an interactive visual display that they will use with other pupils so that others can share their experiences.

Our first Parent's Evening of the session takes place this week. Parents' evenings give you the opportunity to speak to your son/daughters subject teachers, as always feedback from this event was excellent with everyone agreeing that it gave them an opportunity to speak about their child's learning. A second parents' evening will take place in February/March 2017.

Between now and the end of term two school services/assemblies have been organised and the dates for these are shown below. The first is our annual Celebration of Success event which takes place towards the end of this month, this assembly gives us the opportunity to recognise the achievements of specific pupils and it is a great way for them to be congratulated in public. I hope that you are able to join us for this event. The second event is our annual Carol Service.

As you will be aware December is always a very busy month here in the school. Once again a range of activities and outings will be arranged for our pupils to participate in. Further details will be sent home nearer the time. The main changes, however will be take place during the week beginning 12 December as 35 pupils and 6 staff will be in Italy for our Ski Trip Mr Devlin and the school band/choir are busy preparing for their Christmas Carol Service which will take place on Tuesday, 20th December.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions, queries or suggestions. I look forward to welcoming you all over the coming weeks and hope that you are able to attend at least one of these organised events.

Patricia McGowan

Bingo Night

Abercorn's annual Bingo took place on Thursday 13th October. We raised the fantastic amount of £1075. Thank you very much to everyone who came along to support this event and also thank you to those who donated prizes.



Transport Co-ordination Centre Freephone Number

Please call the Transport Co-ordination Centre on **287 1056** if a pupil is not going to be on the morning taxi run. The school should also then be informed of any pupil absence. This number can also be used to enquire about taxi's which may not have turned up on time report any issues.

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 5 minutes. Pupils should be ready and waiting for their taxi to arrive.



S1 Halloween Party

The Friday afternoon Abercorn's Crazy Entertainers group hosted a Halloween party for pupils on Friday 28th October. A great time was had by all and thanks must go to Mrs Johnston, Mrs Leyden and Miss O'Neill for helping the pupils to run the party.



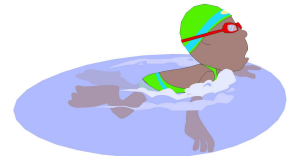
Amazonia

To complement their work on the Crash in the Jungle novel they have been studying in English our S1 pupils recently visited Amazonia to find out more about jungle animals and how they survive. They enjoyed the trip very much.



Sponsored Swim

Our pupils recently took part in a sponsored swim to raise funds to subsidize residential trips. They had a great time completing their lengths of the pool and the money is still coming in. To date we have collected over £3300 and we wish to thank all parents/carers/families and friends for supporting this fundraising event.

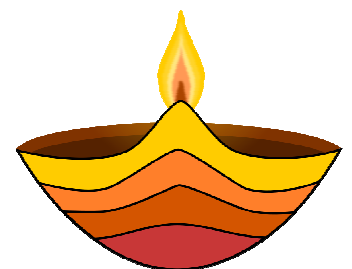


Social Café

We have a number of pupils and former pupils travelling to the Special Olympics UK Games next summer to represent Scotland West in a variety of sporting disciplines. They are responsible for raising the money needed to participate in this wonderful experience and we have made a commitment to try to help with this therefore, S2 recently held a Social Café where pupils had the opportunity to purchase juice and a cake and all proceeds went towards the Special Olympics.

Diwali Party

S2 recently took part in a Diwali party to celebrate the Hindu Festival of Light. They had the opportunity to sample traditional Hindu and during the event they took part in a quiz to showcase their learning in Religious and Moral Education during the Hindu topic.



Dates for your diary (November-December 2016)

Thursday 3 rd November	Internet Safety talk for S5/S6 pupils Parents Evening
Thursday 3 rd November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22 nd November	Celebration of Success Assembly
Monday 5 th December	Robot Wars Filming Outing (selection of S5/S6 National 5 Computing students)
Wednesday 7 th December	Annual Christmas Fair (10 am – 12 noon)
Saturday 10 th December to 17 December	Ski Trip
Wednesday 14 th December	S1 and S4 National 3 Science trip to Science Centre
Tuesday 20 th December	Carol Service
Wednesday 21 st December	School closes at 2.30pm
Thursday 5 th January 2017	School re-opens



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