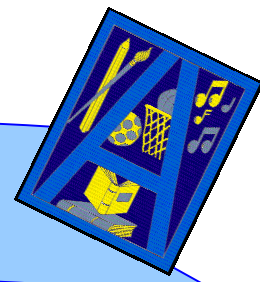


Abercorn News



April 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter. Pupils and staff have returned refreshed from their Spring Break. As you can see from all of the articles in this newsletter we have had a very busy few weeks. I found out at the end of last week that we have won our second Platinum Partnership Award, which we will receive at an Awards Ceremony next month – well done to everyone.

Our S4/S5/S6 pupils are working hard in preparation for the SQA examinations and in the completion of all of their assessments, I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success.

Our school funds have also received a massive boost this month with Mr & Mrs McMaster managing to have a local distillery double match their fundraising – the school received a further £3110. I would like to say a very special thank you to them both.

As you are all aware, I am always interested to hear your views, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Patricia McGowan

May Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2 nd May	S1-S3 Fun Day (organized by S3 Business Group 1)
Monday 6 th May	May Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	In-Service
Friday 10 th May	Blairvadach Adventure Race
Monday 13 th May	S1 HE Trip to Museum of Rural Life, East Kilbride (am)
Tuesday 14 th May	Hopscotch Drama S1-S3 (Hamish's Healthy Nutrition Mission)
Wednesday 15 th May	Social Enterprise Cake Stall organized by S3 Business Group 2 (Period 6) CfE Curricular Information Session for S2/S3 Parents/Carers (2-3pm)
Wednesday 22 nd May	S1 trip to Science Centre (am)
Friday 24 th May	Holiday
Monday 27 th May	Holiday

June Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5 th June	Senior School Prom – The Grand Central Hotel
Wednesday 5 th June	Abercorn's Apprentice Final
Tues 11 th / Wed 12 th June	P7 Transition full day visits
Tuesday 11 th June	Abercorn's Got Talent (organized by S3 Personal Development Award)
Friday 14 th June	Spanish trip Departs
Tuesday 18 th June	S1-S3 Summer BBQ (6pm-8pm)
Wednesday 19 th June	Summer Fair including Social Enterprise Café
Thursday 20 th June	Spanish Trip Returns
Friday 21 st June	Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 26 th June	School closes for summer 1.00pm

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Abercorn's Apprentice



All S2 classes are now well underway with their work on the Apprentice project. Their task this year is to create an exciting product using fair trade ingredients. There have been great discussions taking place regarding the product ideas in

Business, appropriate ingredients in Home Economics and appropriate packaging in Art & Design. Our judges are all booked in for the final on Wednesday 5th June and the teams are working towards having their presentation ready for that day. Good luck to all involved!

Primary/Secondary Transition

Our transition programme is continuing and the Primary 7 pupils are now participating in a block of Monday visits where they attend PE and then stay for lunch. They all seem to be enjoying this period of settling in and as always we hope this will make their introduction to the school full time much easier. Plans are now being made for their 2 full day visits in June and as has become tradition there will be an informal transition party on those days to allow them to chat with the current S1 over a cake and juice. We have found this has been beneficial to them as it allows them to chat to the pupils who were in their position most recently whilst beginning to develop friendships.

Lost Property

We have recently had a lot of items of lost property left around the school.

Please ensure that your child's clothes and belongings have their name on it to allow us to return anything that we find.



Blackpool and Alton Towers Residential Trip



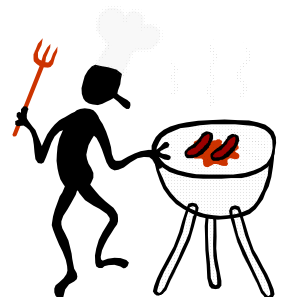
28 pupils, mainly from S3/4, accompanied by 6 staff recently enjoyed a very successful 2 night residential trip to Blackpool and Alton Towers. Staying in the Woodhey House Hotel in Chester they visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Alton Towers

and Old Trafford football stadium. The pupils had a great time, despite the snow, and we are pleased to report they behaved exceptionally well, receiving compliments from both the coach drivers and the Stadium tour guide. They really were a credit to the school.



Summer Barbeque

Abercorn Crazy Entertainers are busy organizing an end of term barbecue for S1-S3. They have chosen to hold this event on Tuesday 18th June between 6 and 8 pm.



Fundraising Social Night



As previously reported Mr and Mrs McMaster (parents of William in S3) organized a fundraising event at the start of March raising £1555 for the

school. We were overwhelmed to discover that the Robertson Trust had agreed to double match what was raised on the night giving us £3110, so in total we have received £4665. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to Mr and Mrs McMaster, we are extremely grateful for the donations and will put it to good use.

Scottish Education Awards Active Nation Award



We are pleased to advise that we have been shortlisted as finalists for the Scottish education Awards Active Nation Award. This category recognizes schools that have developed opportunities for all children and young people to be active on a regular basis with a wide participation in sports and other physical activities. A team of representatives will be in school on Friday 10th May to gather more information and interview some of the pupils about their opportunities for keeping active and we are hoping to be successful.

Tenner Challenge



Both of our S3 Business classes are currently participating in the Young Enterprise "Tener challenge". Each class has been allocated £10 and their task is to try and turn it into as much money as possible during the month of May. Group 1 has chosen to arrange a fun morning for S1-S3 pupils on Thursday 2nd May. There will be a small entry fee and a number of exciting things will be happening throughout the morning. They will be using their £10 to purchase refreshments for pupils. Group 2 have decided to organize a cake stall, they will use their £10 to purchase ingredients and bake a selection of cakes to sell to pupils on Wednesday 15th May. They would be happy to receive any donations of baking to boost their total. Since they have been learning about Social Enterprise they will be using their profit to donate to a good cause. They have decided it will be added to the parents café profit going to Yorkhill.

Sponsored Hat Walk

The Prom Committee will be taking part in a sponsored Hat Walk on 10th May. They will walk 10 times around the school in their crazy hats.

North Glasgow 5K Fun Run

On Sunday 21st April Mr Kerr, Mr Anderson and Mr Baird entered the North Glasgow 5k fun run. They were joined by Kosrat Sardar (S2), Kyle Gault (S2), Kyle Hannin (S4), Billy Nicholson (S5) and Derek Keith a former pupil. Despite the wet and windy conditions all finished in the top 50 and had a great day. Well done to all who took part.

BBC Visit

As part of the weather topic in Geography, 1C and 2C were lucky enough to be given a tour of the BBC Studios on the 27th March. The tour consisted of a weather workshop where they wrote their own weather report.



The computer package that was used allowed the children to be as creative as they liked, adding temperatures, all weather types and even some severe weather conditions. They then had the opportunity to present it in a professional setting. The children created fantastic reports which were recorded for us to watch. We then had a tour of the BBC, being allowed access to a television and radio studio and then lastly meeting the weather presenter 'Kirsty McCabe'.

This was a wonderful opportunity for them and they all represented Abercorn School very well, showing their excellent manners at all times. Most of all the children all had a fantastic time!

Football News

Billy Nicholson (S5), Kyle Hannin (S4) and Kyle Gault (S2) recently represented the Under 19's Scotland National LD Squad. They competed against Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland in the Home Nations cup. The Scotland team managed to win the overall tournament with Billy Nicholson getting on the score sheet and most impressively Kyle Hannin scoring a hat trick and being given the 'man of the match' which meant he got to keep the match ball. All the boys deserve fantastic praise for their commitment to training and fantastic effort representing their country.

Shinty Competition

Abercorn recently entered 2 teams in the National First Shinty Competition in Aviemore. This was a 2 day competition for secondary pupils with Additional Support Needs all over Scotland.

On the first day they were put into mixed teams to allow them to get to know the other pupils taking part. They took part in a lot of Shinty Skills work and played mini-games which, they said, was great fun. At the end of the first day they returned to the MacDonald Highland Resort hotel for dinner followed by a disco and karaoke.

On the second day the competition began. 10 teams in total took part. We had entered 2 teams of mainly lower school pupils who, at times, found themselves up against some 6-foot sixth years from other schools. They did themselves proud however winning three games. Ava Goncalves (S4), William Mitten (S1) and Gordon Sim (S1) all scored 4 goals each. William even came home with the honour of having scored the goal of the competition. Well done William.

The pupils all returned to school delighted with their medals and very proud of their performances. It was an honour to be asked to be the first Glasgow school to take part and we are already looking forward to taking part next year.

Social Enterprise Café

S3 Business are still operating a Social Enterprise parents café once a month. They have so far managed to raise a significant amount of money which they intend to use to help sick children in Yorkhill.

SQA Exam diet 2013

Exact times to be advised individually

Date	Subject	Level
Wednesday 24 th April	Art and Design	Standard Grade
Friday 26 th April	Computing Studies	Standard Grade
Monday 29 th April	English	Standard Grade
Tuesday 2 nd May	SVS	Standard Grade
Wednesday 8 th May	Administration	Standard Grade
Wednesday 8 th May	Administration	Intermediate 1
Wednesday 8 th May	Administration	Intermediate 2
Thursday 9 th May	Modern Studies	Standard Grade
Friday 17 th May	English	Intermediate 1
Friday 17 th May	English	Intermediate 2
Wednesday 22 nd May	Maths	Intermediate 1
Tuesday 28 th May	Computing Studies	Intermediate 1
Tuesday 28 th May	Computing	Intermediate 2

Pupils will receive a detailed list of their own exams in due course including the times allocated for each paper.

If you require any further information regarding any of the exams please do not hesitate to contact the school.

