



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter. As you can see it has been yet another busy month here in the school. Our senior pupils have begun sitting their examinations and finishing all of their SQA assessments. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success.

I have had a busy month attending meetings regarding the second phase of our building refurbishment work which is scheduled to begin on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. I will forward you all of the relevant information on this when I receive it.

Finally, at the end of last term I sent home a letter detailing our school uniform and, in line with a majority of other secondary schools, we intend to introduce blazers to the school. I am always grateful to you for supporting us with all of our new initiatives and I am confident you will continue to do so.

Please continue to check your son/daughters bag as there are lots of outings planned and return updates to be issued.

*Patricia McGowan*

## May Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Transition Parents evening with Mr Robertson and P7 parents
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Generation Science Workshop (S2)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Glasgow Education Partnership Award Visit
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Ashley Collins (Former Britain's Got Talent contestant) to visit and perform
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Citizenship Awards
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	In-Service Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Holiday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	May Holiday
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Social Enterprise Parents Café
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Caledonian Award Residential Trip to Pitlochry
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Abercorn's Apprentice (S2)

## Abercorn's Apprentice



All S2 classes are now well underway with their work on the Apprentice project. Using the referendum on Scottish independence

as a context pupils have the task of creating an exciting product using Scottish 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 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May and the teams are working towards having their presentation ready for that day. Good luck to all involved!

## Special Olympics World Games – Los Angeles



We are delighted to let you know that a number of our pupils (both past and present) have been chosen to represent their country in the Special Olympics

World Games to be held in Los Angeles next year.

They have to raise a significant amount of money to attend and fundraising activities will be organized to help with this. Details of the first of these events is attached to this newsletter.

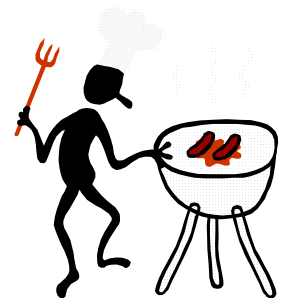
## Lost Property

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.



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> June between 6 and 8 pm.



## Social Enterprise Café

S3 Business are still operating a Social Enterprise parents café once a month. They have this year been raising money for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice Brick by Brick appeal. In addition, we now have another successful Social Enterprise operating within the school. Once a month S3 Business hold an Aberscove morning where staff are invited to enjoy tea and scones. Again, the money raised from this venture will go to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice Brick by Brick appeal and we are delighted to report that the Social Enterprise Academy have agreed that this project deserves our second Social Enterprise in Schools Award which they will receive in June.

## Edinburgh Zoo

As part of their Science course S1 recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to Edinburgh Zoo where they were fortunate enough to get to see the Pandas. They were also allowed to visit the petting zoo where they were able to hold a variety of animals such as snakes and rats. They all had a brilliant time.

## Rugby



We were very lucky to recently receive a visit from the Portugese National Rugby 7's team ahead of their

appearance in the rugby 7's in Glasgow. S3 had the pleasure of meeting them and prepared for the visit by researching Portugal. They had the opportunity to ask the squad questions and find out more about them and their country and then they were able to take part in training games.

The event was videoed and can be viewed on the Scottish Rugby Online section of the Scottish Rugby Union's website.

## Spain Trip

The Spanish trip is due to depart on 14<sup>th</sup> June and final money towards the cost of the trip should be paid now to Miss Campbell.



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> June. The Prom Committee have been busy planning this event to ensure it is a great success. Tickets to the prom are priced at £15, this includes a 2 course meal and still juice throughout the evening. Further fizzy juice is available from the hotel on the night for a cost. Senior pupils can pay their money now to Mrs Leyden.

## Netball

Our Special Olympics girls' netball group recently attended the UK Netball Championships in Leicester. They travelled by coach to Leicester for the weekend and took part in a number of games during the competition. They did very well against some stiff competition and were delighted to come home with Bronze medals. Well done to all of them.



## Youth Games

S1 recently took part in the Glasgow Youth Games. The Glasgow Youth Games aim to raise the profile of sport within Glasgow schools and provide young people with the opportunity to experience participation in a large scale sporting event.

All pupils did very well and enjoyed the experience with some recording great times in the events they took part in.

## SQA Exam diet 2014



**Exact times to be advised individually**

**Our exam diet got underway at the end of April.**

**The following exams will take place in May.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Level</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths	Intermediate 1
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Administration	Intermediate 1
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Administration	Intermediate 2
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Computing	Intermediate 1
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Computing	Intermediate 2
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Spanish	Intermediate 1

Pupils should have received a detailed list of their own exams 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.

### **June Dates for your Diary (provisional)**

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Variety Club Outing
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior School Prom – The Grand Central Hotel
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Transition Days
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	School Band to attend Music Event at City Halls
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Caledonian Award Race For Life event
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior Spanish trip Departs
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior School BBQ
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior Spanish trip returns
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Summer Service and Awards Ceremony
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Commonwealth Activities pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Fishing and Camping Trip (overnight)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Commonwealth Day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closes at 1pm

**Special Olympics  
World Games  
Fundraiser**

**Saturday 7th June 2014**

**Scotstounhill Bowling Club  
Anniesland Road**

**7pm - 11.45pm**

**Disco, Buffet, Raffle**

**Tickets £5**

**available from the school or  
Edward Farquhar's family**

