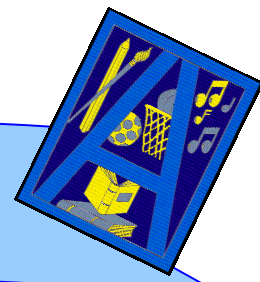


# Abercorn News



April/May 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the April/May edition of our newsletter. As always this has been an extremely busy month for all of the pupils and staff in Abercorn. Many of our senior pupils have been involved in their SQA examinations including the new National qualifications. I was very pleased with their mature attitude towards these and their ability to keep very level headed during this stressful time. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success when they receive their results in early August.

As you will see from this newsletter we have been successful for the second year in a row winning both the Regional and National football trophies – again I am sure you will join me in congratulating our team.

We are currently preparing for a number of end of term events to take place next month including two residential trips and the Senior School Prom, S1-S3 BBQ, Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and of course our annual Awards Ceremony – I have included your invitation to this with this newsletter.

It was with great sadness that Mr Cochrane moved on to pastures new at the end of April. I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success with his future career. Mr Cochrane was a great asset to Abercorn and work tirelessly to engage, motivate and nurture our young people. He will be greatly missed.

*Patricia McGowan*

## June Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	S2/S3 Personalisation and Choice Information Session (Parent Event)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Athletics Event – Grangemouth
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Primary/Secondary Transition
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary/Secondary Transition
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Race for Life
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Take a Break/Family Fund Information Session (Parent Event)
8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Adventure Race (Pollock Park)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Bags 2 School Collection (Eco Event)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior School Prom, Grand Central Hotel
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Social Enterprise Awards Ceremony, Edinburgh
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Awards Ceremony
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Spanish Trip Residential Trip
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior School BBQ (S1-S3)
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Spanish Trip returns
22 <sup>nd</sup> June to 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Blairvadach Trip
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes for summer holidays at 1 pm

## Blairvadach

Our S1 and S2 pupils will be taking part in a residential trip to Blairvadach before the summer holidays. They will go on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and stay for 2 nights, arriving back at school in time to finish for the holidays on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## Coca Cola Factory



Our S1 pupils recently visited the Coca Cola Factory in East Kilbride as part of their Enterprise course. They received a tour of the factory as well

as a history of the company. They were shocked to discover the range of products made by coca cola – not just fizzy juice!

## Greater Maryhill Foodbank

Our S6 pupils have been visiting Greater Maryhill Foodbank as part of their level 3 Religion, Beliefs and Values Award where they have been spending time sorting out the food donations. They have been able to link this experience to the values of world religions.



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> June between 6.30pm and 8 pm. They will be providing more information shortly.

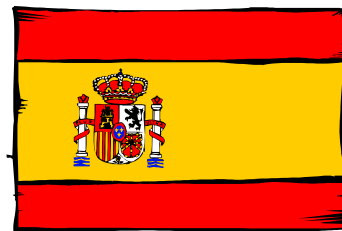


## Football Success

The school football team retained the Regional and National trophies for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. This has been a fantastic season for the team as they completed their fixtures un-beaten – this has never been achieved before. In the National final they beat Hollybrook 1 – 0 and the game was a fitting tribute to the goal scorer Kyle Hannin as it was his last ever game. A great year completed and the team now look forward to next season.

## Spain Trip

The senior school Spanish trip is due to depart on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June till Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and final money towards the cost of the trip should be paid now to Miss Campbell. During the trip pupils will visit Camp Nou, Waterworld Aqua Park, La Sagrada Familia, Visit to a famous tapas restaurant.



## 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 Wednesday 10<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. Senior pupils can pay their money now to Mrs Leyden. Further fizzy juice is available from the hotel on the night for a cost if pupils wish to bring some spending money.

## Abercorn's Apprentice

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May our S2 pupils took part in the final of the Abercorn's Apprentice competition which they have been working towards in Enterprise. 3 teams took part in creating products which linked to the Scottish Year of Food and Drink and the Special Olympics World Games – we had Olympic Dough Rings, Pop up photography and Scottish Smoothies. The smoothies were the eventual winners, however, everyone who took part did very well and pupils showed confidence when presenting to the external judges. Our thanks to Des Logue from Barclays, Kenneth Munro from Munro Healthcare and William McGowan from Yorkhill Children's Foundation for giving us their time to judge the groups.

## Malawi Day

On Thursday the 21st of May we put "normal" school work to one side and took part in our first ever Malawi Day. The aim was to experience what life might be like for a pupil growing up in Africa and consider the kind of daily struggles they have to deal with in order to do the



simplest of things, whilst having fun and raising money all at the same time! As you can see from the photos we didn't get the weather you might have had in Malawi but that didn't stop us from having an amazing day. I would like to thank all the pupils and parents for their incredibly generous donations which totalled £497.05 all of which goes to the Malawi Leaders of Learning project which Mr Anderson is taking part in next Autumn.

## Abercorn's Boxing Clever

The S4 class studying towards a National 2 Business in Practice qualification have been operating a Social Enterprise where they have been providing a gift box service. So far this year they have sold boxes for Christmas, Valentines and Easter with sweet treats inside.



As they are a Social Enterprise they have chosen to give their proceeds to Yorkhill Children's Foundation. They have already been able to hand over a cheque for £80 earlier in the year and were today delighted to donate a further £127.80.

Mr William McGowan from the foundation came along today to collect the cheque and explain to the class what the money will mean for the children in Yorkhill.

## Glasgow Disability Alliance – Summer Activities

Glasgow Disability Alliance are running a programme of fun, free learning for our young disabled people over the holidays. This will be especially useful for those young people leaving school this year. Glasgow Disability Alliance provides free lunch plus transport and personal assistance if required. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. For more information please contact them on 0141 556 7103 or email [info@gdaonline.co.uk](mailto:info@gdaonline.co.uk)

