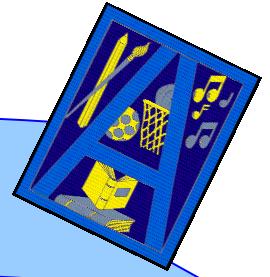


Abercorn News



April/May 2011

Head Teacher's Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a very busy term with our young people in S4/S5/S6 being involved in a comprehensive diet of examinations. We are very proud of their efforts and wish them well for August when their certificates will be issued.

As you can see from our articles in this newsletter, we continue to offer enterprising and experiential learning. The young people benefit greatly from the range of experiences on offer and engage in learning as a result.

Our award ceremony will be held on Tuesday 21st June at 10.30 am and I look forward to seeing you there.

Kindest Regards

Catherine McPhillips
Head Teacher

Please find your invitation to the annual awards ceremony attached. We would be grateful if you could return this to us as soon as possible to allow us to plan seating arrangements for the event

Dates for your Diary - June

June

Thursday 2nd	Int 1 Spanish Exam
Friday 3rd	Int 1 and Int 2 Computing Exam
Wednesday 8th	P7 Induction Day
Thursday 9th	Prom
Sat 11th - Fri 17th	S5/S6 Trip to Spain
Wednesday 15th	Abercorn's Apprentice Final
Thursday 16th	Summer Barbeque
Tuesday 21st	Awards Ceremony
Friday 24th	School closes for summer

Good Weather

We were fortunate last month to have experienced a lovely spell of weather, however, it has brought to our attention the need for pupils to be protected from the effects of the sun. Please try to ensure that your child has sun cream and a hat with them at all times as, in addition to being in the playground at break time and lunch time, they may be out and about on trips or curricular visits. This is particularly important if your child is allergic to the



ingredients of some creams and would therefore be unable to borrow from someone else.

Abercorn's Apprentice

Moira Stalker from the Scottish Food and Drink Federation and Sandra Brown from local food factory VMG Foods visited us on 20th April and gathered S2 pupils together to explain their



Apprentice Challenge. Pupils have now been working on their ideas for a few weeks and have by this stage chosen their pizza name, selected suitable ingredients and designed a logo. In HE they have had a go at making a

prototype of their idea and decided on what changes, if any, are needed for their final choice. They have been keeping information along the way to present to the judges at the final on the 15th June.

Football Success

In the Scottish 5 aside football championships the Junior A side came top of their league and won gold medals. The Senior A's and Junior B's both came third in their league. The west of Scotland 7 a side championships recently came to an end and we are proud to say the school team won their last 4 games to clinch the trophy for a second year running. Well done to all the teams and good luck in the last few remaining games of the school session.



P7 Induction Days

The P7 pupils who will be next years S1 have been spending time in the school recently. They have been with the PE department working on a number of tasks which have allowed them to start to get to know each other better. They have also just completed a 3 week block where they spent time in Art and Enterprise. During their Enterprise time they worked with HE to plan a "Blooming Great Tea Party" for themselves and the current S1. They will hold the Tea Party on the 8th of June which is their first full induction day. This will give them the opportunity to enjoy a cake and a drink of juice and spend time with S1 where they can discuss life in Abercorn and ask their peers any questions they may have. The money raised from the Tea Party will be donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care.



Glasgow Carers Service

We have received information about a Glasgow City Council initiative "Working to support carers". Across Glasgow, regardless of where they live, carers can access a range of services through locally based centres and projects. Support Services have been developed to support carers in their caring role. These services are designed to support all carers and will be able to provide information on support services to individual care groups (for example dementia, mental health or older people).



General information and advice is also available directly from the **Carers Information and Support Line** on **0141 353 6504**.

Alternatively if you can access Glasgow City's website there are links to information on a range of topics relevant to carers including benefits, support services, your rights and useful organizations. (See http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/Care_Support/Carers/)

Or for information on local projects which you may be entitled to access see http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/Care_Support/Carers/SupportServices/CarersForms.htm and choose your local area.

Lambhill Stable

The S5/6 Volunteer Action group have visited Lambhill Stables to meet their resident artist. They have taken part in two art classes to paint cut-outs of animals native to Scotland. These will then be varnished and displayed in the gardens located there. Anyone is



welcome to visit to look at the regeneration work being carried out there and volunteers are welcome to help maintain the vegetable/ fruit crops.

Youth Club

We have received information from Enable Scotland about a Youth Club which they run in St Joseph's Primary School in Milngavie on a Tuesday evening from 7.15pm – 9.00pm. They offer arts and crafts, games such as pool and they have a Nintendo Wii. If you think your child may be interested please contact the school for more information.



The Parliament Show

The Hopscotch Theatre Company visited the school on Tuesday 3rd May to deliver their latest production "The Parliament Show – From School Council to Scottish Parliament" This was an excellent production detailing the history of the Scottish Parliament told through the eyes of the student studying it. The pupils enjoyed the production very much and now feel they have a greater understanding of how their country came to have its own parliament.



Art & Design News.....May

* Show Racism the Red Card Competition



As you know **Modern Studies** and the Art & Design Department join forces with pupils to work on, and enter, this annual competition. Unfortunately we have not had any specific winners this year, but have received a letter and certificate of thanks for taking part and the commenting on the high standard of entries. In an email the work of Neil Simpson and the S1 group animation entry by – Dougal Fraser, Jamie Baxter, Jack Bulloch and Connor Mills were Commended. Well Done to everyone!

* Mary's Meals "People All Together 2014" Logo Competition

From the 49 entries we sent in we have 4 Runners Up in two of the age categories. The judges were very impressed with all of the work sent in and said in a letter how difficult they found their job. The Runners Up were :- Robyn Maltman, Sophie Latto, Mark Lawrence and Mark Wilson. Congratulations to them. They have received a certificate.



* Trades House of Glasgow School Craft Competition

Two judges from the Trades House visited the school on the 3rd May to inspect the Art & Design Int 2 Design work of Edward Farquhar, James Stewart, Andrew Russell, Andrew Coyle and Laura Stewart. As well as the Higher Design work of Pervinder Singh Reehal. They also looked at the Group piece entered by 1C – their felted banner. The judges were very impressed with all the work and enjoyed their visit and meeting some of the pupils. Fingers crossed!



The Trades House of Glasgow

Summer Barbecue

Preparations are under way for our annual summer barbecue for S1-S3. This will be held in the school playground on the evening of Thursday 16th June. More information is attached to this newsletter.



Bag Packing in Marks and Spencer

On Friday 20th May Mrs Leyden along with some parent volunteers went to Marks and Spencer in Sauchiehall Street to pack customer's bags and ask for donations towards our Senior Prom. It was a very successful afternoon raising ££ towards the night. This will help us greatly in the preparations.



End of Term Awards Ceremony

We are busy planning our annual End of Term Awards ceremony which will take place on Tuesday 21st June at 10am. All pupils in Abercorn have achieved highly this year in a number of areas and we welcome this opportunity to recognize these achievements. Pupils will be heavily involved in the ceremony both receiving awards and showcasing their talents. Please find your invitation attached to this letter. We



would be grateful if you could complete the tear off slip and return it to school indicating whether or not you are planning to attend in order for us to make sure we have sufficient seats available for people.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Kyle Hannin and Janet Hughes who were successful in the recent Cross Country Championships. Both won trophies and were crowned champions in their respective age category. Well done to both of you!



Public Health Information

We have received the following information from the Director of Public Health to pass onto you:



There has been a recent increase in the numbers of measles cases in Scotland and the rest of the UK, mainly affecting younger adults. Many of the cases have been associated with recent travel abroad especially to France. A number of current measles outbreaks have been reported from France, Belgium, Spain and Switzerland.

Measles is highly infectious and can be a dangerous illness. It spreads easily in schools, universities and summer camps. Those who are not fully immunised with two doses of MMR are most at risk of developing measles.

As we approach the time of year when many children and students are travelling abroad on summer trips and family holidays, NHS Boards are urging parents to protect their children against measles. If your child has missed out on two doses of MMR vaccine, please consider getting your child fully immunised with MMR before you travel abroad during the summer break. Please contact your GP or practice nurse to arrange vaccination as soon as possible.

If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve the school or you wish to discuss a particular topic with Mrs McPhillips, Head Teacher, please complete and return this tear off slip to the school.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____