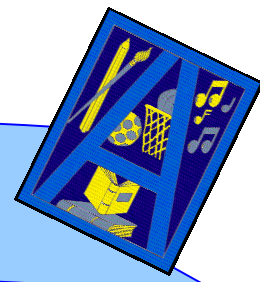


Abercorn News



December 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

When the school returns in January 2012 Abercorn Secondary will have a new Head Teacher in place. I'm sure you will be delighted to hear that Ms McGowan has been appointed and I am certain that Abercorn will continue to be a Centre of Excellence under her leadership. Can I take this opportunity as I hand over to her to thank staff, pupils and parents for supporting me during the last few months. I was especially heartened by the large turnout of parents/carers at our recent Christmas Service. Partnership with parents is crucial in ensuring that Abercorn pupils continue to thrive and feel secure and safe.

As you will see from the newsletter pupils experienced a wide range of Christmas activities and treats. This would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff and I thank them for this. In addition the behaviour of pupils has been excellent and I would like to say well done to them for that.

A number of tickets for the Circus Starr Winter Tour 2012 in aid of The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice have been donated to the school. This is a not for profit community interest company giving back to the local community and they are offering our families the opportunity to go along to the show on Tuesday 31st January 2012 at 4.45pm in Partick Burgh Hall. If you would be interested in taking tickets for this event please contact myself at Abercorn school.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 9th January happy and refreshed

Maggie Beaton
Acting Head Teacher

Congratulations to Ms McGowan who was recently appointed Head Teacher and will take up her post on Monday 9th January



Dates for your Diary (January 2012)

Monday 9th	School re-opens
Wednesday 11th	XL group to Ibrox Climbing Centre
Thursday 12th	S1 Outing to People's Palace Age of Invention Workshop (9.30am – 12 noon)
Wednesday 18th	S1 Outing to GMRC From Telegrams to Telephones workshop (12.30pm – 3pm)
Friday 20th	Standard Grade Art Prelim (All Day)
Tuesday 24th	Cross Country at Garscube Estate 10am – 1pm

Football



The school football team will end the year sitting comfortably at the top of the West of Scotland Schools

League. The last round of games at Toryglen saw the boys win all four matches against tough opposition. The team look forward to continuing this good run of form after the New Year.

Tapas

S3/S4 went to have tapas at Las Ramblas in Bearsden. Pupils had a fantastic time tasting all the food they had learned about in class such as paella, tortilla, and pollo al ajillo.



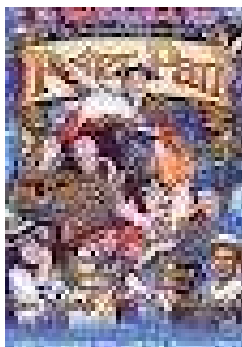
Morrison's 'Let's Grow' Vouchers



Thank you for handing in the Morrisons vouchers. They have been exchanged for apple trees to plant in the school garden in the Spring.

Pantomime

On Tuesday 13th December pupils and staff spent a very enjoyable afternoon at the Pantomime in the Pavillion. We have been very fortunate for a number of years now to be the grateful recipients of tickets donated to the school by Mr Alan Rennie. This year he donated 120 tickets which meant that all pupils who wanted to go to the pantomime could go.



Variety Club Party



variety
the children's charity

On Monday 12th December from 11am till 3pm all S1 pupils accompanied by their student tutors and Mr Robertson, their year head, attended the Variety Club Christmas concert and party in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This was a wonderful event organised by the Variety Club and all pupils enjoyed the music and dancing and were lucky enough to receive fabulous Christmas Presents. We are grateful to the Variety Club for continuing to include us in this and other events.

Christmas Fun Day

On Wednesday 14th December we held a very successful Christmas Fun day. We had a number of stalls selling different things including home baking, Christmas gifts, toys, DVD's, books and girls bracelets as well as our usual tombola, raffle and café. It was a fabulous morning and we are pleased to say we raised over £800 from the event. We are overwhelmed with this total and very grateful to all who supported the event. In particular, we must say a special thank you to Mrs Jean McKenzie (grandmother of David Mott in S1) who donated the majority of the home baking and an awful lot of Christmas baubles to make the bauble wreaths which were on sale at the Christmas gift stall. As well as this she also gave up her time on a few occasions to provide assistance to make the bauble wreaths and it is fair to say we would not have had so many available for sale had it not been for this. Thanks also to Mrs Maher (mother of Neil Maher in S3) and Mrs McKillop (mother of Samantha in S2) who also donated items they had made.

Raffle winners at the service were – 1st Prize (large hamper) Mrs McKenzie; 2nd prize (smaller hamper) Ms Larinski; 3rd prize (knitted Christmas toys) Lorna and 4th prize (selection of treats) Mrs McKillop.

Service

On Tuesday 20th December we held our annual Christmas Service. This was enjoyed by all who attended and the pupils who participated were, as always, excellent. We had a number of first time performers including Michelle Wood (S1) who sang 'Walking in the Air' and Ryan Cuzen (S3) who performed live for the first time. Well done to all!

Student Council Hamper

At the Christmas Service the Student Council were delighted to confirm they had raised a total of £77 from raffling the Chocolate Hamper. They took the opportunity when everyone was together to pick a winner and the lucky person chosen to win the box full of chocolate treats was Craig McNeil (S2). A second prize of a giant Christmas Cracker filled with games and puzzles went to David Morrison (S2). Along with a number of student councils across the city ours have pledged their support to the people of Malawi and have therefore decided that the money raised from this raffle will go to Mary's Meals.



Christmas Lunch



On Friday 19th December pupils came together in the dinner hall to have their Christmas Lunch. Everyone seemed to enjoy the 3 course feast and staff

commented on the good behaviour of the children and the lovely festive atmosphere throughout.

Healthy Packed Lunches

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that since Abercorn is committed to being a 'Healthy Eating school' we try to encourage all pupils to make healthy choices when it comes to the food they eat. We have, however, noticed that there are a number of pupils whose packed lunch contains items which would not be considered to be healthy.

If possible could parents/carers please ensure that pupil's packed lunches contain healthy sandwiches/rolls and fruit or raisins as opposed to chocolate snacks.

Uniform

As you know the Abercorn School Uniform consists of:

- White Shirt, buttoned
- School tie
- School jumper
- Black trousers (boy)
- Black Skirt or trousers (girl)
- Black shoes or trainers

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers as they prepare for their child to return to school in January that pupils are not permitted to wear football colours, hooded jumpers, leggings or white trainers. An example of an ideal school uniform is shown here:



Merry
Christmas

From all the staff and pupils