



Dear Parent/Carer

As you will see from this newsletter it has been another very busy month here in Abercorn. The pupils have enjoyed a number of excellent Christmas activities including a Pantomime, Cinema trip and the Variety Club Party.

Twenty Four pupil, six staff, five former pupils and two parents have returned from the Italian ski-trip. As always everyone who went on this trip had a great time with staff saying that all pupils were a credit to you and the school.

Our Christmas Carol Service was a great success. I would like to thank those parents who were able to attend.

As you are all aware HMIe completed our school inspection at the end of last month, the pupils and staff made a very positive impression and we are pleased that they recognized what a good school this is. They will be sending a letter to you sometime in January with information on their thoughts about our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2013.

Patricia McGowan



Dates for your Diary (January 2013)

Monday 7 th	School Re-opens 8.55am
Friday 11 th	Molendinar Award Finals City Chambers
Tuesday 15 th	Social Enterprise Parents Café 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Monday 21 st	S2 pupils to Full Steam Ahead Museum Workshop Riverside Museum Technologies and Science
Tuesday 22 nd	Cross Country Championships 9.00am – 1.00pm
Friday 25 th	Standard Grade Art & Design Prelim All Day (S4 pupils)
Friday 25 th	Football Team to Toryglen Regional Football Centre 12.30pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday 29 th	S1 pupils to Coca Cola Factory 9.00am – 1.00am Technologies and Social Subjects

Morrison's 'Let's Grow' Vouchers



Thank you for handing in the Morrison's vouchers. They have been used to purchase herbs and plants to grow in the school garden. These should be delivered to school in the spring. Thank you also to the Eco-Committee who organised the collection of the vouchers.

Pantomime

On Thursday 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 60 tickets which meant that all pupils who wanted to go to the pantomime could go.

Variety Club Party



On Monday 3rd December from a number of pupils in S1-S4 attended a wonderful Christmas party organised by the Variety Club. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the music and dancing and were lucky enough to receive lots of treats. We are grateful to the Variety Club for continuing to include us in this and other events.

Christmas Lunch



On Tuesday 18th December our 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.

Christmas Fun Day

On Friday 7th 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



customized gloves as well as our usual tombola, raffle and café. It was a fabulous morning and we are pleased to say we raised over £745 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 S2), Miss Simpson (mum of Harry Gronski in S2) and Miss Kilday (mum of Keiran McNiven in S3) who between them donated the majority of the home baking. Mrs McKenzie also made a lot of the Christmas wreaths and table decorations which were on sale in the Christmas gifts stall. Thanks also to Mrs Maher (mother of Neil Maher in S4) and Mrs McKillop (mother of Samantha in S3) who also donated items they had made and Ms Pollok (mum of Corey Clark in S5) who donated two M&S hampers.

Christmas Carol Concert



On Tuesday 18th December we held a Christmas Carol Concert. This was enjoyed by all who attended and the pupils who participated were, as always, excellent. Well done in particular to Corey Clark (S5) – a first time performer.



School Band Gig

On Thursday 6th December the school band played a gig at the central hotel during the Financial Services Christmas lunch. Michelle Wood (S2), Kyle Hannin (S4) and Gareth Kennedy (S6) all performed along with former pupils Iain Souter and Graham Collins. It is a very prestigious event during which we were happy to provide the entertainment and the organisation have kindly offered to donate the proceeds of their raffle to the school.

Shinty Club

Mrs Collie and Miss McAllister have started a Shinty Lunchtime Club on a Friday. We have two slots, one for the girls and S1 pupils and one for the S2/S3/S4 pupils. Thanks also to The Glasgow Gaelic School for donating equipment which we will get at the start of the new term. Parents' can look forward to games in the future where Abercorn School will be playing other schools and entering a competition.

Ski Trip

On Saturday 8th December a group of pupils, staff and former pupils left for a trip to the slopes of the Pila ski resort in Italy. Despite a number of people suffering with the winter vomiting bug everyone had a fabulous time and all the preparations and lessons meant they are now very accomplished skiers. It was a great opportunity for our pupils to take part in a residential trip abroad whilst allowing them the opportunity to use their skills in a realistic context. We are pleased to report behaviour was excellent. Well done to all who took part and thank you to the parents and staff who went along also.



Molendinar Award

We recently submitted an entry for the Molendinar Award with the focus being on our commitment to sport and sporting legacy. We have since received confirmation that we have made it through to the final event to be held on City Chambers on 11th January. Fingers crossed we are successful.

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:



