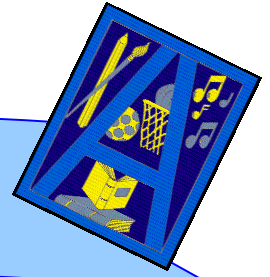


Abercorn News



December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will see from this newsletter it has been another busy month here in Abercorn. The pupils have enjoyed a number of Christmas activities including a theatre trip, a pizza and DVD evening and our end of term Ceilidh.

Our Christmas Carol Service was a great success. I would like to thank those parents/carers who were able to attend. It really is lovely to see our former pupils mixing with our new up and coming musicians and our staff team entertaining our school community during this festive season.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2020.
Patricia McGowan

Merry
Christmas



Christmas Holiday Information:

School will close at 2.30pm on Thursday 19th December and re-open at 8.55 am on **Monday 6th January 2020.**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year



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Theatre Trip

On Thursday 12th December a number of pupils and staff spent a very enjoyable morning at the Cinderella performance in the Royal Conservatoire. We are very grateful to them for donating these tickets to us free of charge.

Christmas Lunch



On Friday 13th December our school community came together 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 Carol Concert

On Tuesday 17th December we held our annual Christmas Carol Concert. As always the festive musical treats displayed by Mr Devlin and his talented musicians were lovely. Well to a number of S1 pupils who took to the stage for the first time to entertain us in a variety of ways. Thank you to Mr Devlin and his musicians for their hard work preparing for this event and thank you also to all of the parents/carers and friends who attended.



Christmas Fayre

On Wednesday 4th December we held a very successful Christmas Fayre. We had a number of stalls selling different things including home baking, Christmas gifts, toys, DVD's and books as well as our usual tombola, raffle and café. It was a fabulous morning and we are very grateful to all who supported us. Thank you to everyone who donated home baking and prizes.

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Raffle

Thank you to the family of William Gordon in S4 and Ross Gordon in S1 who donated 3 huge hampers for us to raffle. We chose 2 as first and second prize in our adult raffle and we kept a third one to raffle to our young people with the proceeds going to charity. That has been a hugely successful venture and we have raised enough money to fund 15 Christmas Dinners for the homeless through Social Bite. They were delighted to receive this money from us and assure us it will be put to good use ensuring people who have nowhere else to go get a hot meal on Christmas Day. Thank you to everyone for their support in this.



S1/2 Christmas Party

On Friday 13th December S1 pupils were invited to a Christmas Party which was organized by the Crazy Entertainers Dynamic Youth group. Pupils were very excited about going along and there were a number of activities and treats planned for them.

Alternative Transport Contact Number

The transport co-ordination centre have provided an alternative number which is more suitable to call from a mobile. If you use a mobile phone and need to contact the transport co-ordination centre to query your child's transport you can call **0141 287 1056**. If you know your child will be absent and therefore not require a taxi please let them know but make sure you provide the safe you wish transport to restart.



Uniform

May we take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform in case you intend to purchase new items over the holidays. As you know the Abercorn School Uniform consists of:

- White Shirt, buttoned
- School tie
- Black cardigan/jumper
- Black Skirt or trousers
- Black shoes or trainers
- Black Blazer



Pupils are **not** permitted to wear football colours, hooded jumpers, leggings or coloured trainers.

St Aloysius' College voluntary service programme



We have been very fortunate this term to have had another 2 pupils from St Aloysius College with us one afternoon per week as part of The Arrupe Programme which is a voluntary service programme. The programme provides St Aloysius students with an opportunity to use their own gifts and talents for the benefit of others; and to reflect and learn from that experience. The girls we had this term were excellent, they were very willing to get involved in everything that was asked of them and they were very supportive of the pupils they worked with. We wish them well in the future.

Christmas Movie Night

A number of young people stayed behind on Monday 16th December to watch a Christmas movie and enjoy a pizza and ice cream. It was a lovely evening which they all enjoyed very much. We were able to make a great donation to a local foodbank from this event. Thank you to everyone who sent in items.



Residential trips

A number of residential trips are being planned to take place over the next 12-18 months including Edinburgh (which will take place just before the Spring break 2020), London (which will take place in the Summer Term 2020), Spain (which will take place in the Summer Term 2020), Camas (which will take place September 2020) and skiing in Italy (which will take place in December 2020).



We are delighted that so many young people have chosen to take part in these trips and are looking forward to them.

Payments towards these trips should now be made and we advise paying a small amount monthly to ensure you are not left with a big amount to pay at the one time. We are looking in to the possibility of arranging a session in school with the Family Fund to help families apply for support towards the cost of the trip if this is proving difficult and will be providing you with an invitation to this in the New Year.

If you would like any further information about any of the trips please contact the staff as follows:

Edinburgh– Mrs Logue and Mrs Johnston
London – Mrs Logue and Mrs Johnston
Spain– Miss Campbell
Camas – Mr Dorrian
Italy – Mr Leahy

Also bear in mind for Spain and Italy a current passport will be required.

We will also be sending home details regarding a trip to Blairvadach in March 2020 – watch this space for more information.

British Heart Foundation Fundraiser



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Our whole school recently took part in a Skip-a-thon to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. We are delighted to have raised over £280. Thank you to all families who donated so generously to this. It was great fun.

Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity



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We continued our fundraising for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity throughout December with a Guess the Number of Soor Plooms in the Jar fundraiser which raised over £30. This will be added to the previous

money raised and £110 will be donated to the hospital charity in recognition of them including us in their Oor Wullie Big Bucket Trail.

Investment Challenge

Thank you to BNP Paribas who once again came to Abercorn to allow our young people to take part in the Investment Challenge. This is a great opportunity for young people to experience the Financial Services Sector and

allows them to develop skills for work.



School Photographs

As you know school photographs were taken recently. If you have ordered these they have now arrived in school and will be sent home with your child.

Christmas Ceilidh

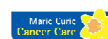


Thank you to Care for a Ceilidh who once again provided the entertainment for our Christmas Ceilidh. We have been fortunate over the last few years to have had them provide us with

professional musicians for this event and it makes it such a lovely experience for our young people.

Social Enterprise

One of our Business classes has been operating as a Social Enterprise this term, they called themselves Tartan Treats and have been making Scottish themed gift packs and cards.



You may have seen these on display at the Christmas Fayre they are delighted to have made over £230 from these products. As a Social Enterprise they will now be donating their profits to charity and have chosen to support Marie Curie.

Science of Christmas

Thank you to Glasgow Science Centre for bringing their Science of Christmas show to Abercorn. It was a very informative look at how Science and STEM play a part in Christmas activities.

