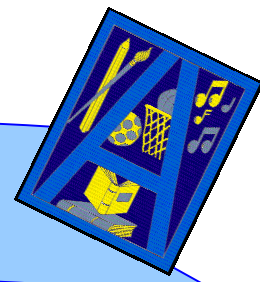


Abercorn News



February 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter. This is always a difficult term for staff and pupils. SQA examinations and the continued implementation of Curriculum for Excellence contribute to the increase in pace for everyone with all internal assessments having to be completed by the end of March.

We recently had a very successful parents' evening and it was gratifying to see so many parents in attendance. Throughout the evening parents completed a questionnaire about "How nurturing is our school?" and I will inform you of the results next month. A special thank you must also be given to Mr & Mrs McMaster, who are currently organising a fundraising event for the school. I will keep you updated on the success of this event.

As many of you are aware we have been experiencing ongoing difficulties with transport over the last few months. I have had a couple of meetings with Educations Services and TOA to try and resolve these issues and hopefully the service you are receiving has improved. However the Parent Council felt very strongly that all parents' views should be gathered regarding transport and they are in the process of collating the results from this survey. I would also appreciate you contacting Transport Co-ordination Centre on **0800 324 444** if you do experience any difficulties, **however** please do not hesitate to contact **the school** if you require further information on this matter.

As you will see from the diary section March will be a very busy month with a number of fundraising events and of course our Easter Service which you will shortly receive an invite **for**.

Patricia McGowan

Dates for your Diary (March 2013)

S4 Reviews continue throughout March – Parents to be advised of appointments

Friday 1 st March	Abercorn Fundraising Dance (organized by Mr and Mrs McMaster), Crawford Halls Partick 7.30 pm – 12.00
Wednesday 6 th March	Spring Fair 10am – 12 noon
Wednesday 13 th March	S4 SVS Mock Interviews
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Fundraiser including non-uniform
Thursday 21 st March	Bingo Night (Proceeds to Spanish Trip)
Friday 22 nd March	Easter Service
Sunday 24 th March – Tuesday 26 th March	S3/4 Residential Trip to Alton Towers
Thursday 28 th March	School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break. Re-opens Monday 15 th March at 8.55am

Marie Curie Mini Pots of Care



As a social enterprise, the S3 Business class is taking part in Marie Curie Cancer Care's **Mini Pots of Care fundraising** activity. The

pupils are learning about charitable giving and the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Each pupil has received their own pot and daffodil bulb to **plant**, and when it starts to grow they can buy the plant for a £3 donation to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Our fundraising target is £50, and the S3 Business class recently sold homemade tablet to staff to add to the daffodil fundraising appeal.

Ice Cream Shop



As part of their S2 Spanish course some pupils visited Jaconelli's and ordered themselves an ice cream in Spanish. They all managed to ask for their chosen flavour using the correct Spanish vocabulary as well as saying please and thank you in Spanish. We also took the opportunity to turn the visit

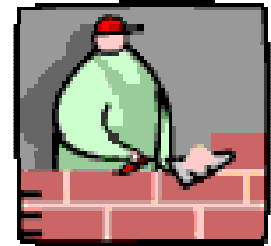
into an IDL opportunity and they asked some questions about who owned their business as they had been learning this in Enterprise.

Bingo Night

S5/6 pupils are really looking forward to their trip to Spain at the end of term. In order to help with some of the costs Miss Campbell has organized a Bingo Night to be held here in the school on Thursday 21st March. Tickets priced £5 are available from the school.



Work Experience/ Awareness



S4 pupils have been studying the World of Work in SVS and all recently completed either a work experience placement or a series of work awareness visits. Pupils carrying out work experience placements were in places such as City Building, RSBI, hairdressers, retail outlets etc. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their week and gained a valuable insight into the world of work and what is involved. Reports back from the employers indicated that the young people all showed a great attitude and some have even said they would be happy to offer a permanent position when they leave school. Pupils taking part in the Work Awareness week visited a variety of workplaces to find out more information about the different jobs there are available to them. They visited places such as the transport museum, Partick Thistle Football Club, The Dog's Trust, the bowling. They all enjoyed their time out and about and all agree they have learned valuable information which will help them to decide what they would like to do when they leave school.

Special Olympics

We now have 13 Abercorn Pupils and 2 coaches attending the National Summer Special Olympic Games in Bath in August this year. Each athlete has been asked to raise in excess of £375 each which we are hoping to assist with at Abercorn. We are well on our way to reaching our target but we are hoping for a little help with this.



Special Olympics
Great Britain

At school over the coming months we are going to organise events which the athletes will be a part of, for example, Bag packing, Olympic Café, Ceilidh and a raffle.

We are looking for you and your family's help!

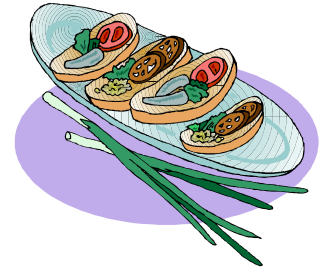
Can you help us with prizes for the raffle? Or even better, are you able to organise a fundraising event for our Special Olympic athletes at your local golf club, Pub, social club or work?

If the answer is yes please call Mr Kerr. With your help we will easily reach our target of £6000.

We are applying on behalf of all the athletes to their local councils and area committees for funding as it is the end of the financial year.

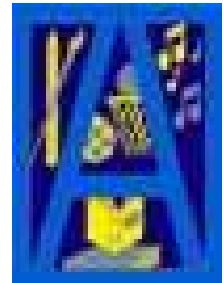
Tapas Visit

As part of their S3 Spanish culture course all S3 pupils took part in a visit to Las Ramblas Tapas Restaurant in Bearsden on the 29th January. They had the opportunity to order some tapas dishes and experience the culture of Spain as they have been learning in class eg tortilla, paella. Everyone loved it and they are already asking when they can go again!



Abercorn's Apprentice

On Tuesday 19th February the Business department launched our annual S2 Apprentice competition. All S2 pupils saw a presentation which gave them details for their task for this year's project. They were told that in order to promote Fair Trade they must create an exciting product using fair trade ingredients. They will be required to carry out market research to determine the validity of their ideas and also to ensure that people like their products. All pupils will work on the business aspect of their project in Enterprise, they will create and test their product in HE and they will design a logo and suitable packaging in Art and Design. They will bring together all of their ideas to present to a panel of judges made up of local business partners on Wednesday 5th June.



Art & Design News

A group of pupils recently had their Art & Design work exhibited in the Tramway. Their work was on show as part of an exhibition showing a selection of S1 and S2 work from across all the Secondary schools in Glasgow.

Pupils who had their work exhibited were:- Kieran McLaughlin, Myles Blockley, Alice Agnew, Michelle Wood, Kyle Gault, Gavin Roberts, Shannon Stewart, Brandon Mohsin, and Conor Barbour



In December and January S1, S2 and S3 took part in an IDL activity working on entries for the annual competition "Show Racism the Red Card" in Modern Studies and Art & Design. We are now just waiting and looking forward to hearing the results.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day Friday 15th March 2013

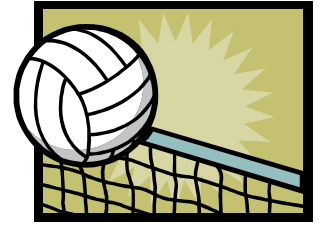
We will be having a number of fundraising activities to support this years 'Red Nose Day'.

These will include the usual:-

- *non-uniform day on Friday 15th March for £1*
- *'Red Nose Café' at morning interval on Friday 15th March 50p for juice and a cake*
- *Red Hair sprayed - stencils 20p each*
- **And the all new Official Red Nose 'Dinosaurs' on sale from Miss Walsh at £1 each – limited number, first come first served**

Langside college link

We have a group of S2 students out on Wednesday mornings at the moment. They are doing a 6 week block at Langside college; taking part in different sports activities with the HNC/HND Sports coaching students. They are really enjoying it. S2 Students taking part in this are Rosie O'Neil, Nicole Lang, Lyndesy McSwiggan, Courtney Miller, Shamila Khaliq, Craig Kelly, Jamie Cooper and Stephen Nolan.



Good News

We are pleased to report that Michael Quinn and Chris Kilpatrick (S5) have successfully gained weekend and after school employment in the 5 star Radisson Hotel in the town. Michael completed a period of work experience in the hotel last year and staff were so impressed they offered him a permanent job. Congratulations to both boys.



School Bank



Abercorn has for a number of years now worked in conjunction with the Royal Bank of Scotland City branch in Gordon Street to open accounts for pupils, order replacement cards and PIN's and provide an easy way to make deposits. We feel this encourages pupils to save and anyone with a school bank account who would like to deposit money can hand it to Mrs Logue. If anyone needs further information regarding bank accounts or would like to open one for a pupil please contact Mrs Logue Monday to Friday.

SQA Exam diet 2013

Exact times to be advised individually

Date	Subject	Level
Wednesday 24 th April	Art and Design	Standard Grade
Friday 26 th April	Computing Studies	Standard Grade
Monday 29 th April	English	Standard Grade
Tuesday 2 nd May	SVS	Standard Grade
Wednesday 8 th May	Administration	Standard Grade
Wednesday 8 th May	Administration	Intermediate 1
Wednesday 8 th May	Administration	Intermediate 2
Thursday 9 th May	Modern Studies	Standard Grade
Friday 17 th May	English	Intermediate 1
Friday 17 th May	English	Intermediate 2
Wednesday 22 nd May	Maths	Intermediate 1
Tuesday 28 th May	Computing Studies	Intermediate 1
Tuesday 28 th May	Computing	Intermediate 2

Pupils will receive a detailed list of their own exams in due course including the times allocated for each paper.

If you require any further information regarding any of the exams please do not hesitate to contact the school.

