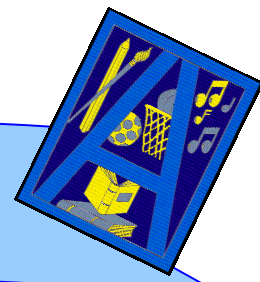


Abercorn News



February 2015

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 internal assessments for the new national contribute to the increase in pace for everyone. We will continue to support pupils over the next few months to ensure that they reach their full potential in this SQA qualification diet.

We recently had a very successful Parents Forum lunch organised by our Parent Council and it was gratifying to see so many parents in attendance. This event gave parents/carers the opportunity to talk to each other and also to hear about the developments within school and nationally. One of the topics discussed is the introduction of new Wellbeing and Assessment Plans which will be discussed during our annual review process. Over the next few months we will provide you with information in relation to the eight wellbeing indicators used to write these plans.

Many of you will know that the swimming pool has been closed for nearly two weeks now due to a routine inspection of our facilities etc. We hope that this will take place quickly to allow for our pool will be operational again soon.

You will shortly receive an invitation to our Easter Service and I hope that you will be able to attend. As you all know we appreciate your continued support and if there is anything that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Patricia McGowan

Spring Break

Dates for your Diary (March 2015)

School closes Thursday 2nd April 2.30pm
School re-opens Monday 20th April

Wednesday 4 th March	4A and 4B Mock Interviews 11.20am – 1pm
Wednesday 11 th March	Intermediate 2 Admin Prelim Periods 1-4
Wednesday 11 th March	Intermediate 1 Admin Prelim Periods 1-4
Thursday 12 th March	Alton Towers Residential Trip Parents Meeting 4pm
Thursday 12 th March	Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Friday 13 th March	Intermediate 1 Maths Prelim
Sunday 22 nd March	Residential Trip to Blackpool and Alton Towers leaves at 7.30am
Tuesday 24 th March	Residential Trip to blackpool and Alton Towers returns approx. 5pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Rugby Team to Tournament 4pm – 5.30pm
Friday 27 th March	S1 Easter Party
Tuesday 31 st March	Easter Service
Thursday 2 nd April	School Closes 2.30pm for Spring Break
Monday 20 th April	School Reopens

Alton Towers

A number of pupils in S3 and S4 are getting very excited about taking part in a residential trip to Blackpool and Alton Towers. This trip leaves on Sunday 22nd March at 7.30am and returns on Tuesday 24th March around 5pm. During the trip pupils will visit Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Alton Towers and Old Trafford, home of Manchester United as well as staying in the Woodhey Hotel in Chester for 2 nights. Pupils are required to contribute £150 to the cost of this trip and this should now be paid. Mrs Johnston and Mrs Logue will hold a short information session for the parents of those pupils going to provide further information about the trip and answer any questions you may have. This will take place at 4pm on Thursday 12th March (before the start of Parents Evening). If your child takes any medication it would be helpful if you could bring the details along to the meeting.

STEM Club

The Science/Maths departments have been linking up with Glasgow University's Dr Craig Melville, Various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Ambassadors and John McGill from ComputerXplorers South West Scotland to offer a club on Thursday afternoons. They will be using Legobots and Minecraft to learn about problem solving, technology and team work. So far the club has been a great success.



Parents Evening

Our second parents evening will take place on Thursday 12th March from 4.30pm till 7.30pm.

Art & Design News

British Heart Foundation

– The Arts & Crafts DYA group would like to thank everyone who supported them by buying their hand sewn padded hearts. They raised £20 for the British Heart Foundation.



Show Racism The Red Card Competition

– Well done to all S1 and S2 who produced entries this year, this was supported by with great work in Modern Studies.

Unfortunately we didn't have any winners, but got a thank you for entering. Artwork above is by Robin Sillars 1A.



Comic Relief – Red Noses! – As you know each year we support Comic Relief through a variety of fun fundraising events. We would like to let you know that in the run up to Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 13th March, we are selling Official Red Noses in school at £1 each on a first come, first served basis

