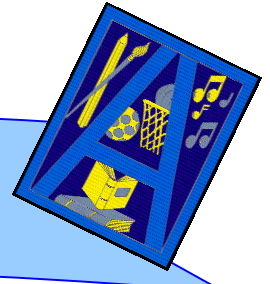


Abercorn News



January 2011

Head Teacher's Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer

The new term is off to a great start. Pupils are now back refreshed from their Christmas holidays and are finally able to spend their interval and lunch breaks outdoors.

This term will be demanding for both staff and pupils as there will be "catch up" from lessons missed due to the inclement weather and also the senior school will be hard at work in preparation for their examinations in May.

The SVS department is currently preparing with S3 and S4 for their bi-annual trip to Alton Towers. This is always a popular trip and pupils are very much looking forward to it.

I would be most grateful if you could impress upon your children that the wearing of school uniform is essential. Pupils should always have their school tie, black or grey school trousers and black shoes. Hooded tops are not permitted inside the school building.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Kindest Regards

Catherine McPhillips

STOP PRESS:

Reminder that Parents Night will take place on Thursday 3rd February 2011 from 4pm till 7pm

In addition, prior to the start of Parents Night S2 parents are invited to attend an option choice meeting at 3.30pm

Dates for your Diary (February 2011)

Tuesday 1 st February 2011	–	S3 Polio Vaccinations
Wednesday 2 nd February 2011	–	S1-S3 Trip to Glasgow Science Centre
Thursday 3 rd February 2011	–	S2 Option Choice Meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 3 rd February 2011	–	Parents Night 4pm – 7pm
Friday 11 th February 2011	–	In Service Day
Monday 14 th February 2011	–	Holiday
Tuesday 15 th February 2011	–	Holiday
Wednesday 16 th February 2011	–	In-service Day
W/b Monday 21 st February 2011	–	S4 Work Experience and Work Awareness Programme

A full list of dates until the end of June is attached to the back of this month's newsletter

Pantomime

On Wednesday 19th January 60 pupils and staff attended The Magical Adventures of Robin Hood Pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre. We are very grateful to Mr Alan Rennie who donates the pantomime tickets to the school every year and also to The Pavilion theatre who kindly rearranged the dates since we had to cancel our first planned outing due to the adverse weather conditions before Christmas. Everyone said it was a very enjoyable afternoon.



Cross Country

The Cross Country Championship began again this month with pupils competing at the Garscube Estate on Tuesday 25th January. Abercorn competed very successfully last year winning the Under 13, Under 14 and Girls category. There will be three events this year. Pupils who compete in all 3 events will be awarded a medal, however, we are hoping to successfully defend our titles and retain the trophies for another year. Good luck to all pupils involved!



School Football Team



Our squad for this year includes Mark Wilson, Stuart Harkins, Robbie Shaw, Jack Roach, James Stewart, Edward

Farquhar, Paul Docherty, Paul McAlinden, Kyle Hannin, Billy Nicholson and Wesley Young. They took part in a tournament at Toryglen Sports Complex on Friday 14th January and were very successful with 3 victories in 3 games. This means they are now top of the league. Good luck with the remaining games boys!

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Christmas Party



Abercorn Crazy Entertainers (ACE) who meet on a Friday afternoon did very well to organise a wonderful Christmas Party for S1/S2. They had music, games, and a snack for every child. They are currently working on Easter activities for S1 and S2 to

take part in and are enjoying deciding on what to do.

Science Centre

S1 – S3 are looking forward to a trip to Glasgow Science Centre on Wednesday 2nd February where they will get the chance to see the exhibitions in the Science Mall, learn about the Solar System in the Planetarium and see a new 3D film in the IMAX



cinema. We are grateful to the Science Centre for allowing us to come along and take part in these excellent activities.

Abercorn's Apprentice

In a change to the usual Lion's Den format for S2 Enterprise classes, they will this year take part in a task modelled on the popular BBC1 show "The Apprentice". In **Abercorn's Apprentice** pupils will be split into groups to work on a task set by the panel of judges. They will work in connection with The Scottish Food and Drink Federation and local company VMG Foods to plan, research, produce, package and market a food product. Their work on this project will cross over several subject areas to allow them to use their knowledge and skills in each subject to make the best possible product presentation.



