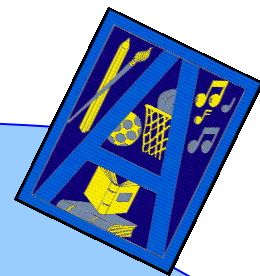


Abercorn News



January 2012

Dear Parent/Carer

It is an honour and a privilege that I am writing my first newsletter as Head Teacher of Abercorn Secondary School. Pupils and staff have returned from their Christmas holidays refreshed and prepared for the work ahead during this very busy term. I am very pleased that the term has got off to a great start with our young people taking part in a number of sporting events and curricular visits. The SVS department are currently very busy preparing our S4 pupils for mock interviews and work experience and all of our young people are looking forward to developing their knowledge of the workplace.

Curriculum for Excellence continues to be the driving force behind all of the developments within the school. I would like to invite you to an information evening on the afternoon of Tuesday, 21 February to inform you of the progress we have made and to give you the opportunity to express your views of the curriculum that we are developing within Abercorn. Your opinions are very important to us and we firmly believe that we will provide better learning opportunities for our young people if we work together.

The last few weeks has seen a return to very cold weather and I would be most grateful if you could impress upon your children the importance of bringing an outdoor jacket with them to school.

Please continue to use the tear-off slip provided if you have any views regarding how we maintain Abercorn as an excellent school.

Patricia McGowan

Dates for your Diary (February 2012)

February	
Thurs 2nd	Parents' Evening
Fri 3rd	S4 Employability Carousel
Wed 8th	S4 Mock Interviews
Mon 13th Tues 14th	Holiday
Wed 15th	In Service Day
Thurs 16th	S2 visit to Riverside Museum Age of Invention workshop
Tues 21st	Cross Country Event
	Curriculum for Excellence Parents' Information Session
Throughout	S4 Reviews Parents will be informed of appointments
Mon 27th	S4 Work Experience/Awareness week

Girl's Group Bracelets



The group of girl's who are part of the Personal Presentation group on a Friday Afternoon are pleased to say that they raised £116 from selling their

hand-made bracelets. They are very grateful to everyone who purchased them and would also like to acknowledge the contribution of parents in raising this fantastic sum.

Links with Dubai



Some of you who have older children in the school or have had other children who attended Abercorn may

remember Miss Sharon Storrie who left us a few years ago to teach in Dubai. Sharon and her class have been part of a weblink project with our current 2C class, they have been exchanging information on each of their home countries. Sharon recently returned to Scotland to visit family for Christmas and she came into Abercorn to visit us. She brought with her a whole bag of goodies which were typical of the United Arab Emirates. In return 2C are now busy collecting typically Scottish items which

they will parcel up and send over to her and her class.

Museum Visits

S1 recently attended two very informative workshops organized by Glasgow City Council Museum service. On the 12th January they went to The People's Palace for a workshop entitled 'The Age of Invention' where they learned about different household items and how they had been invented and developed into the products they see in their homes today. On their return they were able to tell us amongst other things that the washing machine was invented before the television. On the 18th January they went to the Glasgow Museum Resource Centre for a workshop entitled 'From Telegrams to Telephones' where they learned about how the art of communication has changed over time in line with developments in technology. They enjoyed this workshop very much and most pupils said that getting the chance to make and use a Morse Code device was their favourite part of the trip. Both of these workshops directly link with the ICT course they are studying, however, they also had many features which are relevant in other curricular areas.



If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve the school or you wish to discuss a particular topic with Ms McGowan, Head Teacher, please complete and return this tear off slip to the school.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Coming Soon

Abercorn Secondary School will be...

**Fundraising for
Sport Relief**



Friday, 23 March 2012

Lots of events including:

non-uniform day

Cafe

Official Sweatbands for sale