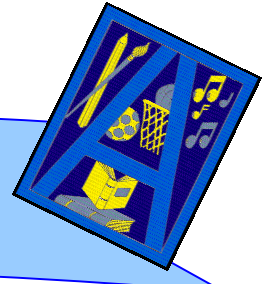


# Abercorn News



March 2011

## Head Teacher's Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer

We are now officially in springtime. It has been a long winter for our young people and I cannot remember a time when pupils have been indoors quite so much. Despite this, behaviour has been excellent, contributing greatly to our very positive school ethos. During the term the school has been involved in a number of successful projects with some senior boys achieving the Sports Leadership Award – Well done boys. The new after school clubs have been extremely successful and we hope to continue and extend these in session 2011-2012. Our S3/S4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the SVS trip to Alton Towers. They also visited Blackpool, Chester and Old Trafford. I am pleased to say they were a credit to you and to Abercorn.

As recently as last week, the Parent Council provided a beautiful lunch for the Parent Forum. If you were able to manage along, I am sure you will agree that it was a very enjoyable relaxing event. Thank you to the Parent Council and Mrs Johnston (H.E.) for their efforts. We are looking forward to next session when we hope to offer a range of outdoor learning experiences for our S1/S2 classes. S4/5/6 are currently working hard to complete assessments which will lead to SQA examinations in May. We wish them every success.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families an enjoyable Spring break.

Kindest Regards

Catherine McPhillips  
Head Teacher

**Spring Break Holiday**  
**School closes on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
**at 2.30 pm and re-opens on**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

## Dates for your Diary - April

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| <b>Friday 1st</b>                | S3 Reviews Parents will be informed of appointments                          |
| <b>Monday 18th</b>               | School closes for Spring Break   |
| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b> | School reopens   |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>  | Abercorn's Apprentice Launch (S2)  |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>  | Easter Service   |
| <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>    | Easter Activities for S1 and S2 (organised by Abercorn's Crazy Entertainers) |
| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>    | Holiday (Good Friday)  |
| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>    | Holiday (Easter Monday)  |
| <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b> | Standard Grade Art & Design Exam   |
| <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>  | In service Day   |
| <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>    | Holiday (Royal Wedding)  |

## Spanish Trip



Some of our senior pupils are looking forward to their trip to Spain in June. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our recent fundraising Bingo Night a success. We raised over £700.

## Cross Country Championships

The cross country Championships have now come to an end. 11 pupils participated in the series of 2 events. We are extremely proud of all the pupils who took part as their effort and conduct was exceptional. However our particular congratulations go to Kyle Hannin (S2) who won the U13 boys championship over 1km, Janet Hughes (S3) who won the U15 Girls championship over 1km and Billy Nicholson (S3) who won silver in U15 boys championship over 2km. Well done!!

## Sports Hall Championships



Abercorn recently took part in the Scottish Junior Agility Championships in Stirling. We joined forces with Ashcraig School to create a team known as **ABERCRAIG**. It was a closely fought contest all

day however we are pleased to say that Abercraig won the championship - beating 4 times champions Highland by 2 points. Great achievement from the boys from both Ashcraig School and Abercorn. Congratulations to the pupils who took part - Wesley Young (S4), Billy Nicholson (S3), Phillip O'Neil (S3), Paul McAlinden (S5) and Kyle Hannin (S2).

## Riding for the Disabled



The S5/6 Volunteer Group recently visited the Riding for the Disabled stables in Summerston. They looked at the horses, their stables and the food that they eat. It is hoped the group can go back soon and

help to muck out the stables.

## Litter Pick

The S5/6 Volunteer group were recently visited by a member of the Glasgow City Council Cleansing Department. The group learnt that they could be fined for dropping litter in the streets (especially if they were seen by CCTV). They talked about the hazards of litter, for example harming wildlife or attracting vermin. They were also trained how to use the litter-pickers to pick up litter safely.



## Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2011

To raise funds for Comic Relief on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of March we had a Non-Uniform, a Red Nose Café, and some red hair spraying with a choice of stencils. Pupils had also been taking part in 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' and guessing 'How long do you think Mr Close can juggle Red Noses'.



Great fun was had by all and we managed to raise a fabulous £180! Thank you to everyone for helping us to support this great cause. Lauren McLaughlin won the teddy with red nose and diddy boppers, and Skye McLachlan won the football strip for being nearest the juggling time!

## Mary's Meals 'People All Together 2014' Logo Competition

Recently 1B, **all** of S2 and the SG S3 class have been working on producing a logo for this competition. They all experimented well and put their problem solving skills to good use, developing their ideas towards the design brief. We have sent in 49 entries and are waiting to hear. This competition is for a great cause and is offering fabulous prizes – so fingers crossed!

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

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