



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter. On Tuesday, 19th November we held our annual Celebration of Success event. This gave the school community an opportunity to recognise a number of our recent achievements. We were delighted to recognise a number of achievements including Jonathan Graham's Higher Grade Computing, Chloe Porter, Aimee Leigh Allan and Stephen Lamb's employment successes and our recent Eco Schools Green Flag renewal. Our Special Olympians achievements were also recognised and it was great to have our former pupil Alistair Kemley attending to tell us about what competing for the Special Olympics means to him. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents/carers who attended this event and to remind you not to take individual photographs or video clips during these events, we will Tweet updates on our Twitter feed. Thank you for your continued support in relation to this.

As you will see from the "dates for your diary" section December looks as though it is going to be an extremely busy time. I will strive to keep you informed of all outings/trips as these have an impact on our young people's timetables and I am very aware of the necessity to ensure that everyone is fully prepared for any changes within the school day.

Included with this envelope is an invitation to our Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday, 17th December, I hope that you will all be able to attend.

Patricia McGowan

Dates for your Diary (December 2019)

S5 Reviews throughout December – Parents will be advised of appointments	
Monday 2 nd December	S5/6 Heritage Heroes group to Riverside Museum
Wednesday 4 th December	Christmas Fayre 10 am till 12 noon All Welcome
Friday 6 th December	Whole School Assembly Internet Safety
Wednesday 11 th December	Immunisation Nurse to speak to S1
Wednesday 11 th December	S1/2 Trip to the Shops
Thursday 12 th December	A group to Cinderella at the Royal Conservatoire
Friday 13 th December	S1 and S1/2 to Crazy Entertainers Christmas Party
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 th December	Science of Christmas Tour (Whole School)
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Carol Service am, (all welcome, invitations attached)
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Ceilidh pm (party clothes can be worn after lunch)
Thursday 19 th December	School Closes 2.30pm (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)
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Monday 6 th January 2020	School re-opens

Christmas Fayre



One of our S3 Personal Achievement Award groups are busy organizing the annual Christmas Fayre. They have chosen to hold the fair on **Wednesday 4th December from 10am till 12 noon**. There will be a selection of stalls including home baking; raffle; tombola; café and Christmas gifts as well

as some Christmas Games to play. All parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to come along to the fair. Donations for the home-baking stall and our Tombola would be very gratefully received.

Duke of Edinburgh



We continue to be overwhelmed by the success of The Duke of

Edinburgh Award within the school and the commitment of our staff team to ensure that this award is inclusive and our pupils have the opportunity to participate. Congratulations to all of the young people who attended the Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony at the Royal Concert Hall on Monday 18th November to receive their awards. This was a fantastic achievement with a number of young people successfully achieving Bronze and Silver Levels again this year. We continue to enhance our Duke of Edinburgh provision and this year have 6 young people undertaking the Gold Award. It has been widely noted that in terms of presentation and levels we have one of the highest percentages of young people achieving Duke of Edinburgh of any school in Glasgow. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating not only Mr Leahy for his leadership and management of this award scheme but also all of our staff who give up their time to participate in the expeditions etc. Not to mention congratulations to all of our young people - well done to you all and good luck to those taking part this year.

Christmas Carol Service



Our next event will be the Christmas Carol Service which will take place on Tuesday 17th December in the morning and, again, all parents, carers and friends will be made warmly welcome.

Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we held our annual Children in Need

fundraising day. Young people had the opportunity to

take part in a variety of activities organized by various groups of young people whilst donating to charity. We are delighted to say we raised over £200. Thank you to everyone for their support.



S1/S2 Christmas Party

Our Friday afternoon group Abercorn's Crazy Entertainers have been busy organizing the next event in their social planning calendar – the Christmas Party. They have invited S1 and S2 along on Friday 13th December to take part in Christmas Games and activities. S1 and S2 pupils are welcome to bring party clothes to school and will have the opportunity to change into these at lunchtime.



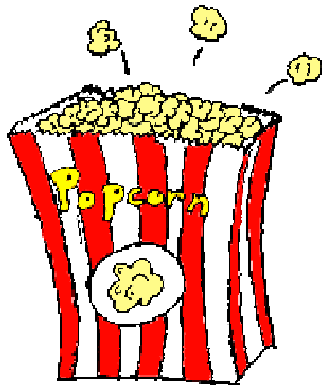
Movie and Meal



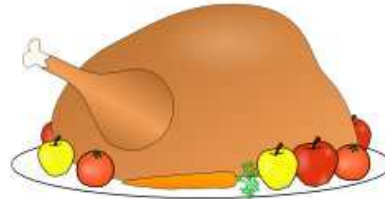
The last couple of years we have had a very successful 'movie and meal' evening. Young people who attended watched a seasonal

movie and we had a variety of treats as well as a small meal. This year we plan to do it again. Enclosed with this newsletter is a letter asking if your son/daughter would like to attend. I would be grateful if you could return this **asap** so that I can look at whether or not it is possible to change the timings of our school taxis.

Unfortunately if everyone in the taxi does not wish to attend this event then it will be necessary to collect your son/daughter from school. I hope that they are able to attend this event as we had a fantastic time last year.



Christmas Lunch



Our Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 13th December this is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in the run up to Christmas.



Christmas Ceilidh

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in our Christmas Ceilidh on Tuesday 17th December in the afternoon. Again, all are welcome to bring party clothes for this event and will have the opportunity to change at lunchtime.

Royal Conservatoire Panto

We are delighted to have received an invitation for some of our pupils to go along to the Royal Conservatoire's production of Cinderella on Thursday 12th December at 12.30pm. We are looking forward to this and are grateful to the Conservatoire for the invitation.



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