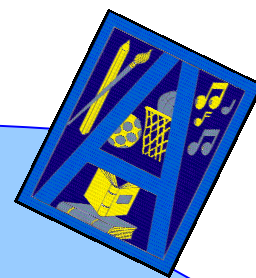


Abercorn News



Dear Parent/Carer

Pupils and staff have now returned refreshed from their October break. I'm sure everyone is aware that we have started back without Mrs McPhillips at the helm and this has resulted in a number of staff changes. I have taken on the role of acting Head Teacher until the position is filled – I anticipate that that should happen prior to the Christmas break. Miss McGowan and Mr Shields are sharing my role of Depute Head Teacher ensuring that the school continues to strive towards success and excellence with the minimum disruption.

In the weeks leading up to Mrs McPhillips' retirement we held several very successful events. The Parent Council provided an excellent lunch for the Parents Forum. At this event parents and carers had the opportunity to say their goodbyes to Mrs McPhillips. The pupils then held a special assembly in her honour where they presented her with a watch and a book of memories of Abercorn.

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and generosity during this time of transition. I look forward to your continuing support in the next few months.

The month of November is going to be a very busy time for staff, pupils and parents. Parents Night is being held on Wednesday 2nd November from 4pm till 7pm; S5 and S6 reviews are taking place; 2 pupils are representing the school on a trip to Auschwitz arranged by the Holocaust Education Trust and 50 pupils are spending a week at Keswick.

Kind Regards

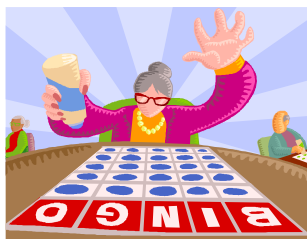
Margaret Beaton
Acting Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary (November 2011)

Abercorn Parents Evening
Wednesday 2nd November 2011
4pm – 7pm

Tues 1st	Glasgow Netball Tournament Firhill
Tues 1st	Injections
Wed 2nd	Parents Night
Mon 7th - Fri 11th	Keswick Trip / Finance Week
Thurs 10th and Fri 11th	S5 S6 Reviews
Fri 11th	Football Tournament
Tues 15th	S4 Business Event / Trip to Auschwitz
Wed 16th	Swimming Gala
Thurs 17th and Fri 25th	S5 /S6 Reviews
	Skills Scotland Careers Event S5/S6
Thurs 24th and Fri 25th	S5 /S6 Reviews
Fri 25th	Celebration of Success
Tues 29th	Parent Council Meeting
Wed 30th	S 4 Careers Event

Bingo Night



S4 SVS pupils recently organised and ran a Community Event as part of their Standard Grade course. They decided once again to host a Bingo Night and they all worked extremely hard to ensure the night was a great success. After costs around £600 was raised at this event. Thanks to all parents/grandparents and carers who attended and helped with donations, your support is very much appreciated.

School Christmas Cards



Pupils from all year groups contributed images and drawings to this years Abercorn Christmas Card Competition. Five entries were selected to be made into cards and sold in

assorted packs at our recent Bingo Night. The five winning pupils were:- Michelle Wood 1A, David Mott 1A, Lauren Fletcher 3B, Candice Binnie 3B and Phillip O'Neill 4A. Well Done Everyone!

Stirling Castle Trip



2A and 2B recently travelled to Stirling Castle as part of their topic on the Scottish Wars of Independence. They spent time touring the castle to find out what happened at various points in history. During this tour they met people who were dressed appropriately for the time they were portraying and who were more than happy to answer their questions. The pupils had a great time on the trip.

Amazonia Trip



All S1 pupils recently went to Amazonia at M&D's to learn more about the rainforests. This trip was designed to compliment their learning in English where they have been studying the Crash in the Jungle book by Jim Alderson. Our students listened attentively as they were guided around the animal enclosures. They also split into groups to enter the brand new interactive exhibit where they were 'transported' into a rainforest scene to find out more about the animals that live there. Finally they were given the opportunity to have free time to wander around and find out more about the things that interested them.

Carbeth Fishery Trip



On Friday 14th October 10 pupils went to Carbeth Fishery with Mr Dorrian, 6 of them were successful in making a catch with S1 pupil Kosrat Sardar catching 2 – well done to all pupils who took part.

Halloween Party

On Friday 28th October S1 pupils had the opportunity to attend a Halloween Party organised by the Abercorn Crazy Entertainers group. They were treated to Halloween snacks and the group had organised fun Halloween party games including "Smash the pumpkin" for the S1 pupils to take part in. A great time was had by all.



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

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Abercorn Youth Club



has now restarted



on a Thursday after school (till 4pm)



**Judo
Computers
Wii**



**Table Tennis
Swimming
Zumba Classes
Skiing**



For more information contact Mr Kerr