



Abercorn News



October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Everyone has returned to school refreshed after our October break and ready to work hard in this very busy term.

Apologies for the delay in sending home a copy of your son/daughter's curriculum plans for this session we aim to have them home to you asap. This is a very useful document as it will provide you with:

- names of teachers
- information on subjects and courses
- your son/daughter's planned outcomes for the session
- it is a useful document that will allow you to speak with your son/daughter about their learning in all subjects

Included with the curriculum plans will be a letter asking if you agree with the outcomes that have been set and asking if there is anything else that we as a school can do to support you. I would be very grateful if you could complete and return this letter as soon as possible after you receiving it.

On Thursday, 7th November, Mr Anderson and two senior pupils, Kyle Martin and Callum McLaughlin will be given the opportunity to visit Auschwitz with the Holocaust Educational Trust. This was an excellent opportunity for our young people to develop their knowledge and understanding of the traumatic events that took place during World War Two. They will begin working on an piece of work that they will use with other pupils so that others can share their experiences. Watch this space for more information

Our first Parent's Evening of the session takes place this week for pupils in S2, S3 and S4. This event will give you the opportunity to speak to your son/daughters subject teachers about your child's learning. A second parents' evening for pupils in S1, S5 and S6 will take place on Thursday, 27th February 2020.

Plans are starting to take shape for our Christmas festivities next month. As always there will be a Christmas Fair organised by our S3 pupils and our annual Carol Service. Pupils will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities again this session and more detail will follow, as well as more information regarding our end of term "Movie and Pizza" night.

Our annual Celebration of Success event will take place on Tuesday, 19 November. Please note that we have changed the time of this event to the afternoon. Invitations to this event were sent home earlier this month.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of our school team if you have any questions or queries. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Tuesday, 19 November.

Patricia McGowan

Bingo Night

Abercorn's annual Bingo took place on Thursday 10th October.



Thank you very much to everyone who came along to support this event and also thank you to those who donated prizes.

Transport Co-ordination Centre Freephone Number

Please call the Transport Co-ordination Centre on **287 1056** if a pupil is not going to be on the morning taxi run. The school should also then be informed of any pupil absence. This number can also be used to enquire about taxi's which may not have turned up on time report any issues.

We must also be made aware if a pupil has not travelled in the morning taxi but does require to be added to the run for the home time journey. If pupils have not travelled in to school by taxi that morning drivers will not take them home without prior notice. Please note also that the wait time for taxis is 5 minutes. Pupils should be ready and waiting for their taxi to arrive.



Zoolab



To complement their work on the Crash in the Jungle novel our S1 pupils have been visited by Zoolab who brought in a range of animals and spent time explaining how to care for them.

Halloween Party



Abercorn's Crazy Entertainers will hold their annual Halloween party on Friday 1st November. S1 pupils attended and looked amazing in their costumes. Thanks to all involved

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Young people in S3 who are working towards their Personal Achievement Award recently planned and organized a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. They worked hard to ensure staff and pupils had a lovely selection of homemade goodies available and were delighted when they counted up the donations. Thank you to all for the generous donations and well done S3.



Developing Skills for Life and Work

An increasing number of our Senior Phase young people are now out on placements to further develop their skills for life and work. This means they are out of school on weekly placements developing employability and social skills in local workplaces such as Woodside Nursery, Cowcaddens Nursery, Fred Paton Day Centre, 2 Fat Ladies at the Buttery. These are extremely beneficial opportunities and we are very grateful to all of the organisations who have offered places.

Ms Thomson has identified more young people who would benefit from this experience and is working with organisations such as Enable to ensure they are ready to undertake these placements.

Children in Need



We are as always participating in fundraising events for Children in Need. A letter is attached to this newsletter with more details.

Parliament Week



UK Parliament Week takes place from 4th 8th November. It is an annual festival that engages people from across the UK with Parliament, explores what it

means to them and empowers them to get involved. Organisations across the UK run events and activities throughout UK Parliament Week which explore what the UK Parliament means to them and their community. We will be participating in Parliament Week with planned events including re-launching and electing our pupil voice council and School Captains.

Anti Bullying Week

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is: 'Change Starts With Us' and Anti-Bullying Week runs from 1st - 15th November. We will begin this week by holding an 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday 12th November. This is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



Museum Workshops

S1 and S2 pupils have been or will be visiting one of the Glasgow museums for a technologies workshop. This allows them to put their learning in Technologies into context.

Residential trips

A number of residential trips are being planned to take place over the next 12-18 months including Edinburgh (which will take place just before the Spring break 2020), London (which will take place in the Summer Term 2020), Spain (which will take place in the Summer Term 2020), Camas (which will take place September 2020) and skiing in Italy (which will take place in December 2020).



We are aware some young people may have had invitations to more than one trip and wish to point out we do not expect families to pay more than they can afford. We advised all young people to talk to their parents/carers about the opportunities in order to come to a decision on what they would like to take part in and what was possible for them to take part in. Deposits are now due for all 4 residential trips and we would advise families to consider paying the balance in monthly installments to spread the payments.

If you would like any further information about any of the trips please contact the staff as follows:

Edinburgh– Mrs Logue and Mrs Johnston
London – Mrs Logue and Mrs Johnston
Spain– Miss Campbell
Camas – Mr Dorrian
Italy – Mr Leahy

Also bear in mind for Spain and Italy a current passport will be required.

We will also be sending home details regarding a trip to Blairvadach in March 2020 – watch this space for more information.

Dates for your diary (November - December 2019)
S6 Reviews throughout –appointments to be advised
S5 Reviews throughout – appointments to be advised

Tuesday 5 th November	Fire Safety talk for whole school
Tuesday 5 th November	2A to technologies workshop in Kelvinhall
Tuesday 5 th November	Mr Connor and the Digital Ambassadors to the Digital Leaders of Learning event
Wednesday 6 th November	Careers event in SECC
Thursday 7 th November	Mr Anderson and 2 senior pupils to Auschwitz
Friday 8 th November	STEM group to visit Kilpatrick café
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
Thursday 14 th November	West of Scotland Cross Country
Friday 15 th November	STEMfest event in Science Centre for some pupils
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need fundraising bake sale
Monday 18 th November	Tempest Photography in school to take School Photographs
Thursday 28 th November	Skip-a-thon fundraiser for British Heart Foundation
Friday 29 th November	In-set day (young people do not attend school)

December Dates

Wednesday 4 th December	Christmas Fair – 10 am until noon
Thursday 5 th December	RHS Celebration project (S2 and S3) Botanics (selected pupils)
Friday 6 th December	Whole School Assembly – Internet Safety
Monday 16 th December	The Science of Christmas Tour to visit – whole school
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Movie and Pizza night 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Carol Service (all welcome)
Thursday 19 th December	School Closes at 2.30pm



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