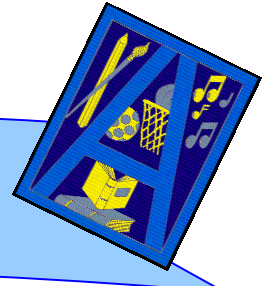


# *Abercorn News*



**September 2011**

## *Head Teacher's Introduction*

Dear Parent/Carer

This is an emotional time for me as I prepare to leave Abercorn. I have strong affiliation to this wonderful school community and would like to pay tribute to everyone who has supported me over the years.

I have been extremely fortunate in my role as head teacher to work with an amazing senior management team who have worked tirelessly to improve outcomes for your children and have shown great loyalty to me personally.

There have been many changes to staff over the years, however we have been delighted by the outstanding calibre of the staff who continue to ensure that the highest level of learning and teaching takes place and that each and every one of our young people achieve their fullest potential. This year some of our senior pupils will be presented for Intermediate 2 courses in Maths, English, Computing and Administration. This is unprecedented in a Additional Learning Needs School and we are absolutely delighted that our young people are being afforded this opportunity.

I would like to commend our pupil support assistants and ancillary staff without whom we would be unable to offer the high level of support required for our more complex young people. They undertake an inordinate amount of tasks varying from reading – toileting. They support classroom work, help with administration, drive the minibus and many other duties too numerous to mention. I thank them for their patience and their hard work.

Our janitors are completely invaluable to the smooth running of the school and support us in many ways not directly linked to janitorial duties i.e. answering telephone calls, managing attendance and supporting young people emotionally.

Our office staff are ever patient in dealing with taxis, supporting planning and managing the incessant telephone calls. I am sure you will agree that despite trying to juggle their numerous tasks, they are extremely helpful to everyone and their pleasant, approachable personalities contribute significantly to our Open Door Policy.

Finally to you and your children, I would like to say a big thank you for your support, generosity and friendship over the years.

I wish you well and hope that Abercorn will continue to flourish.

Kind Regards.

Catherine

## Take 2 Programme – Free Films with your Glasgow Kidz card or Young Scot Card

Glasgow Young Scot and Kidz Card holders and an accompanying adult get in free only to special Saturday morning screenings at 11.30am at GFT (Rose St, Glasgow) & Cineworld Parkhead. All other GFT tickets £3.00. Each child's ticket admits one adult free of charge. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



(Please arrive early to book your tickets as places are on a first come first served basis). Card must be shown at time of booking.

The following films are scheduled to be shown between now and the end of the year:

DATE	TIME	FILM
<b>SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEP</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>MARS NEEDS MOMS</b>
<b>SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>RIO</b>
<b>SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>ARRIETTY</b>
<b>SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>KUNG FU PANDA 2</b>
<b>SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCT</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>THE SECRET OF KELLS</b>
<b>SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>THE LITTLE VAMPIRE</b>
<b>SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOV</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>LABYRINTH</b>
<b>SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOV</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>RAINING CATS AND FROGS</b>
<b>SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOV</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>A CAT IN PARIS</b>
<b>SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOV</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS</b>
<b>SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DEC</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>WINNIE THE POOH</b>
<b>SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (3D)</b>
<b>SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>HOME ALONE</b>
<b>SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>ELF</b>
<b>SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>BUGSY MALONE</b>

## Eco News



Abercorn's Eco-Committee is up and running again this session and they are currently involved in collecting Morrisons "Let's Grow" vouchers. We have been very fortunate in

recent years to be able to collect enough of these vouchers to get great gardening equipment to help the eco-committee in their work and we are hoping for the same again this year. Please send any vouchers you get into your child's student tutor, the school office or Mrs Middleton.

## Variety Club Outing

S2-S4 pupils were invited to M&D's Theme Park on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. This outing is organised every year by the Variety Club and we are very grateful that they continue to provide our pupils with the opportunity to attend. Despite very wet weather all the pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they worked their way round the theme park experiencing the various different rides which were available. Most even managed to find a dry corner to eat their lunch and enjoy the treats provided by the Variety Club.



## Youth Club

Abercorn will once again be running a Youth Club on a Thursday after school. The format will be similar to last year with a range of activities including Judo, Computers, Wii, Table Tennis, Swimming, Zumba Classes, Skiing etc. The club will aim to finish at 4.05(except skiing) with the taxi's arranged for 4.15p.m. If your child is going skiing you will be contacted separately with arrangements.

## Bingo Night



S4 SVS are busy working on their Community Event unit and have been involved in planning and preparing for our annual Bingo Night. This event will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October and everyone is welcome. Tickets cost £4.50 (includes 2 books) and can be bought from the school. Refreshments will be provided

## Camas 2011



On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 10 pupils, along with Miss Campbell and Mr Robertson left Queen Street Station for a 6 day visit to Camas Outdoor Centre. Camas is situated on a very isolated part of the Island of Mull. There is little electricity, no TV, no computers, and no shops or houses for miles in any direction. That said however, the pupils had a fantastic time abseiling, canoeing, hill walking, peat-digging, swimming and a host of indoor activities. The Monday and Tuesday were stormy days but it did not stop us getting out and about, even though we got soaked through!

This was a great opportunity for pupils to develop deeper friendships with one another, and they were excellent at helping each other through the day's activities. All of the pupils enjoyed the experience and discovered what it was like to live together as a community. The pupils were a credit to themselves and to Abercorn, and it was a joy for Miss Campbell and Mr Robertson to lead the trip. Well done everybody!

## Fit for Girls Programme

On the 29<sup>th</sup> September the Fit for girls programme will be starting up again at North Woodside gym. This will run from 3.30pm till 4.15pm every Thursday until at least Christmas. Each week the classes will involve a number of various different activities such as Zumba, Boxercise, Body attack, Body combat, Yoga etc.

## Friends of the River Kelvin



Over the course of the whole school year all pupils in the school were involved in preparing drawings for use in 6 mural panels that

were commissioned by Friends of the River Kelvin. These panels were for their Headquarters at Ha'Penny House Bridge. A large number of drawing were incorporated into the murals and a wide range of pupils and staff were involved in painting the panels. They were all completed and looked terrific before collection at the end of June. Well done everyone!

## Student Council

This year's Student Council is in the process of being set up. For the most part last year's Class Representatives will remain "in office" for this coming session with our new S1 classes each about to elect a representative to join the council on their behalf.

All pupils will be given the opportunity to discuss matters relevant to them with their class and the class representative will then have the responsibility for bringing these issues up with the rest of the Student Council and the Head Teacher.

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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Enterprise Extravaganza



Having received funding from a business link, pupils from all year groups produced work

throughout last session for sale in the 'Enterprise Extravaganza' held in the City Chambers



in June.

Pupils produced a wide range of hand felted goods using merino tops and prefelt, using the wet felting technique – which is hard & energetic work!

S1 worked on and made brooches, framed pictures and a fabulous banner (now hanging in the school); S2 made bags; S3 made necklaces; and S1-S6 made mobile phone/DS pouches.

The pupils all worked brilliantly and our stall got great attention and praise. Another outlet for showing and selling our work became available at a recent Craft Fair.

A huge thankyou to Jennifer Orr S5 who gave up her Saturday to come along and help. She was a great ambassador for the school and a great salesperson!



