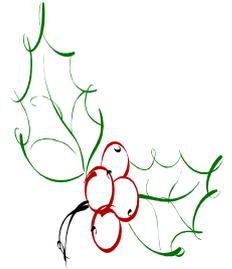




Aigburth High School

NEWSLETTER - December 2012_



Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is nearly here and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful welcome you have extended to me since I joined Aigburth High in September. The time seems to have flown by and pupils and staff have all been hard at work, making our school an even better and more exciting place to learn and achieve.

We have lots of ideas for new projects in the coming year and there will be many more occasions when we can come together, as we did for our Parents Evening in November, to celebrate your children's successes. Please make sure you check our new website, www.aigburthhigh.net, to find out about upcoming events such as our very informative Coffee Mornings. Our first two, on ASD and ADHD were very well attended and there will be more in the New Year.

May I wish you and all your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Kind regards, Cath Piercy

School Panto

Our school panto, "Abba Merry Christmas" will take place from 1.15 p.m. on Tuesday 18th December 2012. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards and there will be a Raffle to raise money for the school fund.

Parents can take pupils home afterwards but they must notify the office.

Eco-School Attainment

With the help of Year 12, Aigburth High became an Eco-School and gained the Bronze Award.

Charity Fundraising

This year we raised a super £345.30 for

Children in Need and £79.19 for the Poppy Appeal. Great job!_

Aigburth Buddies

Our buddies had a special treat last week. We took them to Greenhills in Mossley Hill for a Christmas Carvery. Their behaviour was impeccable! We were so proud. Other diners commented on how well behaved they were and how lovely it was listening to them sing.

As you know, our buddies give up their free time to help others. Buddies are trained to learn how to be a good listener; to be trustworthy; to speak on someone's behalf and about confidentiality. They learn many new skills which help them grow in

confidence. Well done buddies.

Ms Mollard

Well done Years 7 & 8!

On 11th December all our year 7s and 8s went Christmas Shopping to Belle Vale Shopping Centre. They were encouraged to buy presents for their families before themselves, which they all did expertly.

Members of the public commented on how well-behaved and polite our pupils were. Well done, Aigburth High!!!
Mrs Miller

English Success

The English Year 11 pupils have just had a very successful visit from Mike

Fitzpatrick, AQA moderator for Functional Skills English. He was very pleased and complimented pupils and staff on their excellent work!

Multicultural Event

In February, as part of Chinese New Year Celebrations for the Year of the Snake, we will be having a performance of a traditional Lion Dance for our pupils.

Theatre Group

During this term we had a visit from an excellent science theatre group who performed "Lady Cecily's Soundbox" to the whole school.

The group incorporated music and farce to teach 'sound'. We all enjoyed it so much we plan to have them back next year!

Exams

It's almost that time of year again. From January onwards, all Year 11 pupils will be taking part in examinations for Entry Level, GCSE, and Functional Skills. This goes across all subjects with the Art exam beginning in the first school week. Full attendance is vital for all pupils. Good Luck to Everyone!

Information Update

If your address or contact telephone numbers have changed recently, please let the school office know on 0151 427 1863. It is vital that we are able to contact parents or carers in an emergency.

Drinks in School

Please remember, fizzy or energy drinks (such as Lucozade, Red Bull) are not healthy and are not allowed in school. Pupils are allowed to bring bottled water if they need a drink during school time and water is available in all classes.

Mencap Links

A big thank you to Mencap. Their support worker, Simon, has worked with Sixth Form over the term on Life Skills and will work with year 10 next term. They have also provided funding to support our Christmas Coffee afternoon with carols and to enable our choir to perform at Sandfield Park School and Greenheys Old People's Residential Home. The performances were enjoyed by all!

Medication

Please remember, pupils with regular medications should, wherever possible, receive this at home

before school. If pupils require temporary medication of any sort, school must have a letter from home before it can be given.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are prohibited in school and will be confiscated.

Dinner Money

School dinners cost £9.00 per week (£1.80 per day). Dinners must be paid for in advance, and by Monday of each week at the latest.

Polite Reminder

If pupils cause damage to the school building or its contents, parents/carers will be sent a bill for the cost of the repairs. It is unfair that damage caused by the inappropriate behaviour of one or two pupils should affect the money school is able to spend on everyone else.

School Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear: sweatshirt, white shirt, black trousers/skirt and sensible shoes (no trainers or Jewellery). P.E. Kit is white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. As the weather will be very cold over the coming months pupils should have

a jumper or sweatshirt and a coat each day.

Xmas Holidays

School closes at 1p.m. on Thursday 20th December. Pupils return at normal time on Tuesday 8th January 2013.

**Have a great
Christmas break;
see you in the New
Year!**