



FERNHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2017



Huge congratulations are offered to our stellar public speaking team, Morgan Grier and Ella McIndoe, who participated in the Glasgow regional semi-finals of the COPFS national schools' competition. The girls spoke passionately and informatively about the legal differences between childhood and adulthood and were rewarded with a place in the final, at the Sheriff Court. At this event, the team will defend Fernhill's Glasgow championship, having won the trophy last year.



On Saturday our S1/S2 mixed hockey team stormed to victory in a tournament held at Uddingston Hockey club. They played a team from Uddingston Grammar comprising mainly 3rd year students and won convincingly with an 8-0 score line then went on to beat Hamilton College 5 nil.

Mia Ferguson (P7) who swims most days before school, earned her just reward this month when she collected a gold and bronze medal at the Glasgow Schools Swimming Finals in Dennistoun. Well done Mia—a great achievement



Parents and Friends of Fernhill,

Head Teacher's Welcome

As you will see in the enclosed articles life as ever, is extremely busy in our school right now with the final push for Senior School under way following the SQA Prelims, S3 exams completed and S2 exams about to get underway, to say nothing of the constant buzz in the Primary and Nursery Departments! Just this week the colourful celebrations of the World Book Day followed hard on the heels of our celebration of Ash Wednesday, marking the start of the Holy Season of Lent.

Yes, Fernhill is certainly thriving and our distinctive character and qualities are being increasingly recognised so much so that I'm delighted to report our school roll has increased by around 10% since the start of the Session: a testament to the commitment and determination of our parents, our pupils and our staff. I would like to express my gratitude to all sectors of our School Community for everything they do to make Fernhill such a unique and distinctive beacon of light within the spectrum of Scottish Education.

As well as our academic activities, however, you will see within the newsletter, evidence of the wide range of social events taking place, and today we celebrated our Annual House Swimming gala which was a fantastic success!

My thanks again to all who contribute to our school for the commitment, enthusiasm and expertise they all bring to our cause, and I look forward to seeing as many of our Family as possible at our Annual One Heart One Mind Ball on March 18th!

Best wishes,

Dr Laura J Murphy
Head Teacher

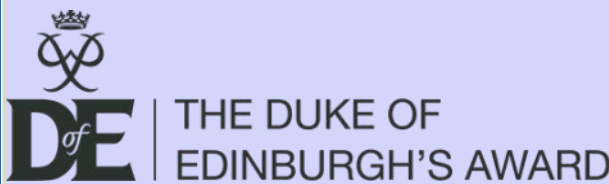


Another successful trip to Austria. We had a great time whether we were learning to ski or improving our skills to Black Run level. We also had a busy Apres-ski programme. We enjoyed a trip to Salzburg for retail therapy one afternoon; bumboarding followed by hot chocolate; quiz night; games night; a visit to the local pizzeria for a celebration on the final evening. Everyone received a certificate for their downhill slalom run at the end of the week from their instructors. All participants also received a certificate from the staff.



These included :awards for wardrobe malfunction; constantly falling over while standing still; providing us with the biggest laugh ... and being the most forgetful!

Fernhill girls did themselves proud when they took part in a practice walk on a wet, windy and cold day as part of their duke of Edinburgh programme. They also participated in orienteering and map reading during their visit to Mugdock Park. Also with a Duke of Edinburgh expedition around the corner these girls participated in a campcraft workshop to brush up on their survival skills. We wish them well on their trip!



There's nothing like a bit of competition to encourage resilience and tenacity and the infants showed both in abundance during their pancake tossing activity. Combining numeracy skills with intense concentration, judgement and balance, the children counted as they tossed the pancakes over and over again. In true Fernhill fashion everyone gave heaps of encouragement and the results were astonishing! Needless to say everyone loved the pancake they received as a well deserved prize for wonderful team spirit and determination to do well!



Everyone loves Pancake Tuesday but when you get to explore the hills with your hot chocolate in your backpack it seems much more exciting. These young explorers donned their outdoor gear and headed to the hills to have their pancakes in the great outdoors.



Primary 4 attended a retreat at The Holy Family in Bellshill as part of their First Holy Communion preparation. The children were joined by boys and girls from St Patrick's Primary in Coatbridge. They worked alongside each other in workshops and played together at interval. The children visited the church, listened to Bible stories, enjoyed art activities and even had the opportunity to meditate. It was a great experience for everyone involved.



This week we had the great privilege of welcoming a tennis coach from Glasgow Sports Council to our school to work with pupils from Nursery through to Primary 7. The children had a great time practicing their tennis skills!



Well done to all who took part in our House competition Balloon Debate! It was Napier House who came up as the winning team.



Irish Boyband TAKEN visited us this month to perform for our pupils and speak with them about Internet safety. A great afternoon. Thank you Taken!



ONE HEART ONE MIND

Charity Ball 2017



A culinary extravaganza! An exquisite Italian feast!
Sumptuous 5 course dinner from Italy's most celebrated celebrity chef **FABIO CAMPOLI**.
Followed by dancing and live entertainment from "CHIC le FREAK"

Host DJ - Capital Radio's **GARY SPENCE**

Performing LIVE... **CHIC le FREAK** - A brilliant tribute band playing all the hits of Chic.
A guaranteed dance floor filler.

2017's HOTTEST TICKET

Saturday 18th March 2017 / Hilton Hotel Glasgow
Drinks reception 6.00pm - 7pm Dinner Dance 7.00pm Carriages 1.00am

£100 per person, **PREMIUM TABLE** for 10 £1000 (includes full page ad in official programme)

DRESS CODE: Black Tie for the guys and Black & Red evening wear for the gals (preferred, but not essential)

To secure your tickets, email info@oneheartonemind.co.uk
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Fabio Campoli

ITALY'S FAVOURITE CELEBRITY CHEF

FABIO CAMPOLI is currently chef for various Italian network TV channels. Further credits include various radio shows and Hollywood movies such as Woody Allen's "To Rome with Love", "Mission Impossible", TV's "Rome" and "The Borgias". Fabio has written 7 acclaimed cookery books and has received numerous awards for his contribution to Italian gastronomic culture.



As you are aware, preparation for the One Heart One Mind Ball on Saturday 18th March in the Glasgow Hilton, is now fully under way. It is shaping up to be a fantastic evening with fabulous entertainment and delicious food from celebrity Chef Fabio Campoli. Tables can be reserved by contacting Zoe in the School Office on 0141 634 2674 or by e-mail at info@oneheartonemind.co.uk. If you are planning on joining us at this key fundraiser for the school could you contact Zoe at your earliest convenience to guarantee a table at this year's ball as tickets are selling fast! We would also be very grateful for any raffle or auction prizes. Please contact Zoe if you have a suitable prize. We find that items money cannot easily buy, e.g. entry to an exclusive Golf Course, a chef providing a meal to a group of friends etc., are popular and tend to generate funds at auction. If you are in a position to provide such an item it would be fantastic if you could offer this to the school.

The One Heart One Mind Ball is one of the social events of the year and also a wonderful way to share a great evening with friends whilst raise funds to support Fernhill School.