



Head Teacher's Welcome

Parents and Friends of Fernhill,

We're now in the midst of perhaps the busiest period in the school calendar with SQA final examinations imminent, course choice and careers programmes in full flight, and arrangements and preparations taking shape for next session as our roll continues to expand with increasing expressions of interest being received from parents keen to be part of what's going on in our school!

Our newsletter gives just a glimpse of the range and variety of our activities including literary, artistic and sporting House Competitions, Public Speaking events, trips, visits ...to say nothing of our cross -sectoral development groups where our teachers are working to further enhance our pathways for progression (across the breadth of the curriculum from primary through to S6) to ensure each pupil achieves to their full potential. We also had our Annual Visit from Education Scotland last week and they left delighted and impressed by the quality and scope of developments underway in our school.

St Patrick's Day was also celebrated, we have enjoyed several fun SCIAF fundraising events- and of course our recent successful One Heart One Mind Ball in the Hilton Hotel.

I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your continuing encouragement and support and I know you will keep our senior students in your prayers as they prepare for SQA examinations.

My best wishes all of you and your families for a happy, holy and refreshing Easter season.

Dr Laura J Murphy
Head Teacher

Public Speaking

Our wonderful public speaking team, Ella McIndoe and Morgan Grier, competed at the Glasgow final of the COPFS schools' competition at the Sheriff Court. Both girls gave detailed and persuasive speeches about the stigmatisation of mental health, and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. On this occasion the Glasgow Gaelic School were selected to progress to the next stage, and we wish their team lots of luck.



Daffodil Tea

This week saw our third annual Daffodil Tea in aid of Marie Curie Cancer care and as always the Fernhill family supported in their droves. The nursery and primary pupils provided the entertainment and fashion in the shape of stunning Easter bonnets which they paraded beautifully. The afternoon was rounded off with a creative finale scripted and choreographed by our house captains. All in all a fantastic afternoon and one which raised over £890 for a very worthwhile charity.





IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOE MOONEY
5TH OCTOBER 1938 – 16TH MARCH 2017

We were sad to hear of the death of a much loved member of the Fernhill community. Joe Mooney was the school janitor for 20 years. He was an exceptional janitor who particularly loved to make new resources from old and took great pride in keeping the buildings and grounds in order. No task was too big or small; often going above and beyond what was asked of him. He always had a smile and a cheery greeting for everyone he met and he knew every pupil by name. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.



Our Primary 4 & 5 pupils released their Brown Trout fish after taking good care of them. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their experience throughout the 'Clyde in the Classroom' initiative.



PI DAY

On March 14th the Fernhill School Annual Pi Competition took place. The standard was very high with 2 pupils remembering the value of Pi to over 100 decimal places. Many pupils in S1-S6 took part in this competition. Well done everyone!

PI Competition Results

1 st	Hanna McFadyen (Stevenson)	113 places	5pts
2 nd	Orla Bell (Napier)	110 places	4pts
3 rd	Muminah Koleoso (Stevenson)	62 places	3pts
4 th	Hannah Robertson (Kelvin)	50 places	2pts

SCI AF Fundraising

Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund

To help raise money for our Lenten charity SCIAF, Primary 6 used their entrepreneurial skills to set up healthy snack stalls, 'Abrakebabra Fruit Kebabs' and 'Smile for a Smoothie'. They also set up a Bring and Buy sale, with the help of children from St. Patrick's house. Both were a huge success and raised over £460 for SCIAF!

The Pupils S1-S6 attended the Fernhill School Annual Rich Man/Poor Man Hunger lunch where pupils are reminded that it is just chance that they were born into a family where they eat well, can attend a great school and are cared for. All pupils have a basic lunch of bread, cheese and water. The lucky few, chosen at random, get a lovely baguette, cake and fruit juice. Pupils as usual had a fun time and lots of money was raised for SCIAF.



Our SCIAF fundraising on St. Patrick's Day brought another great opportunity for the children to wear something a little different. The primary was awash with green as boys and girls alike brought something to wear over their school uniform in return for a donation to SCIAF.



Our Primary Department all wore their favourite hats to school this month as another fundraising activity for SCIAF!





Reading books and having fun was the name of the game when Fernhill School celebrated World Book Day. Every year the characters get better and better and never to be outdone - the staff all joined in too.

Yet another Forrest Kindergarden adventure this month at Fernhill School Nursery. This time there were a few obstacles to overcome in the shape of a stream, some rough terrain and a farmer's plough. Needless to say our resilient young children managed all with ease and had great fun at the same time.

The One Heart One Mind Ball was a huge success this month. The entertainment was first class and the food was delicious. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended and raised a fantastic amount of money for Fernhill School!! Thank you to those who donated auction and items and to those who attended the evening.



The girls took on their training expedition with great enthusiasm and determination. For some it was a completely new experience and for our dedicated Silver group, well they had done it all before and came back for more. The weather was a challenge but we still had lovely smiling faces at the end of the bus journey home. Or maybe that was the thought of a hot shower, comfortable bed and a Domino's pizza!



The Assembly Hall was shaking for Shakespeare as Primary 7 kicked off Shakespeare Week with a memorable musical account of the life and works of the Bard. If we weren't already aware of the impact his writing and plays had on our everyday language, we were left in no doubt. In one fell swoop, they put us in the picture as Friends, Fernhillians and Countrymen lent them their ears! Through the week, children were encouraged to explore the stories and themes of his plays and poetry. The infants learned that the course of true love

Primary 4/5 attended a hockey festival at Uddingston Hockey Club on Thursday. The boys and girls were split into teams and played against St Bride's Primary in Bothwell and Westcoats Primary from Cambuslang. Everyone demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship. It was a fantastic day and great fun was had by all.



can be rather complicated as they listened to the story of the famous star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet. They were very excited to learn that Shakespeare had influenced many of their favourite films, including The Lion King, and were very pleased to finish this special week with their own viewing of "Gnomeo and Juliet". So all's well that ends well indeed.

Our annual Swimming Gala took place this month. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the race winners!

