



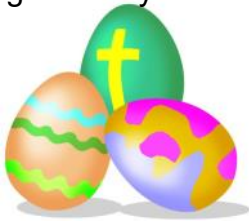
FERNHILL SCHOOL

February & March Newsletter 2018

NEWSLETTER



Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Daffodil tea which this year was organised in aid of the Beatson Cancer Charity. The children were resplendent in their Easter bonnets and entertained our guests wonderfully with songs and poems they had learned in class. We will update you on the amount raised through your generosity as soon as we have the figure.



Head Teacher's Welcome

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 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, , trips, visits. A key date for your diary is the One Heart One Mind Ball on Saturday 12th May. This is the major fundraiser for the school.

We are delighted to welcome Fr Bernard Mournian to the Fernhill Family and he has already making a great impact by preparing our pupils for Easter throughout the Lenten Season and Our First Reconciliation of our Primary 3 children was a moving service and Fr Bernard has also been working hard to prepare our Primary 4 children for their First Communion on Saturday 21st April, to which all members of the Fernhill Family are warmly invited.

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

Easter Message from the Chaplain

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

How fitting these words are from St John to sum up the great Paschal Feast that we are about to embark upon as we enter through Holy Week, into the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. I would urge you to attend and enter into these most sacred solemn liturgies in your parishes over these days ahead.

The darkness that overshadowed Our Blessed Lord on the night that He was betrayed, on that first Holy Thursday. The darkness that appeared to overwhelm Him on Good Friday as He was brutally crucified in such a barbaric fashion on the Cross. Dying out of love for you and me, to take away the sins of the world, the only acceptable, spotless sacrifice.

Darkness can invade our life in many ways, financial difficulties, the loss of a loved one, the addiction to alcohol or watching a loved one lose their way. Whatever form the darkness takes, we can still find meaning and strength in the light of the Eucharist Lord.

In the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus had already lit the fuse of His Resurrection, foretelling His triumph when He would rise from the dead on Easter Day. Jesus takes away our sins on the Cross and triumphs over sin and death and gives us a new life and a share in His Resurrection.

From the beginning of Lent until now, we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. We await now with the whole Church to enter in to the solemn celebration of the Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of His Passion and Resurrection, the reason why Our Blessed Lord came to us here on earth.

It is with great joy that I wish you and your families a very happy and holy Easter.

With every blessing,

School Chaplain

Fr. Bernard Mournian



Primary 3 had a fantastic time taking part in a whole day retreat in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the morning they heard the story of Zacchaeus and all had a chance to act out the story, complete with costumes to help them get into their chosen roles! They then enjoyed some peaceful meditation time while learning about the treasures of Reconciliation. The day ended with a visit to the Notre Dame Oratory to write special letters to God. It was a fantastic day full of learning and fun, and it left Primary 3 and fully prepared to take part in this special Sacrament.



Congratulations to the boys and girls in Primary 3 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 8th March. Father Bernard Mournian, our new school Chaplain, led the children in this special occasion in our Notre Dame Oratory and commended them for the way they conducted themselves throughout. Our next Sacramental celebration will take place on Saturday 21st April in St. Mark's Church when the boys and girls of Primary 4 receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.





House Competitions

We saw another very closely run House competition when the senior pupils participated in inter house dodgeball. The eventual overall winners were St. Andrews house. Well done to everyone who participated.



S1-6 participated in the annual Pi competition. A new aspect to the competition was the extra points to be gained by recounting the value of Pi in different languages. Pi was recounted in English, French, Spanish, Italian and German. Mia (S1) could remember Pi to a quite unbelievable 157 decimal places!! Muminah (S5) and Hanna (S5) both remembered it to 98 decimal places. Muminah also recounted it to 10 decimal places in 4 other languages & Orla Bell remembered it to an impressive 60 places. Well done to everyone who took part!



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The DofE participants took part in some in-house training to set them up for their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition. It certainly paid off as the expedition was a fabulous experience for the girls involved and was a true show of determination and resilience. Well done girls and thanks to our dedicated team of staff helpers.



Congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh Award recipients. This year we have exceeded all previous years for the number of pupils gaining this prestigious award. Well done girls. Pupils received their Duke of a Edinburgh award certificates at the Banqueting Hall in Hamilton Monica and Erin received Silver awards and the other girls received Bronze and will now continue to work towards their Silver award. Well done girls. This is a tremendous achievement





154 Shakespeare Week schools across the UK from The Shetland Islands to the Channel Islands were chosen to take part in the Big Shakespeare Book Hunt and Fernhill was one of the lucky schools! Children will be encouraged to keep their eyes open for the book in their area -



it might turn up at the supermarket checkout, on a park bench, on a bus. Lucky 'finders' should read it and then set it free in a place of their own choice. The books will be kept safe in transparent waterproof folders! Our Wild book was released in Tinderbox West End on Monday 12th March!



Finally we were able to celebrate World book day after the snow foiled us last week. The children in Nursery and Primary 1, 2 and 3 had a great time exploring characters and books and taking part in lots of fun filled reading related activities.



Fernhill School have been undertaking a variety of fundraising activities throughout our Lenten charity campaign for SCIAF! Well done and thank you to all involved!



The Primary Bring and Buy sale raised a wonderful £302!



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Fairtrade bake sale. We would like to thank everyone who provided baking for the event and for the contribution they made to Fairtrade by using their products. A special thanks must go to our S1 and S2 pupils who gave up so much of their time to serve and clear up after the event. We raised over £160!

A great game of netball was played in the school grounds, between a selection of teachers and a group of 12 pupils. Possibly due to the unfair height advantage of some teachers, the pupils lost 9-0, but still enjoyed the afternoon raising money for SCIAF. Thank you to all the participants who took part in this event, and especially the teachers who impressed the pupils with their sporting and dressing up skills!

Funky tie Friday had all Primary pupils swapping their school tie for a funky alternative. Children donated £2 each to SCIAF as part of our Lenten charity appeal. Well done everyone - your ties were fantastic





This month we saw pupils in P4-S6 compete in the annual swimming gala. Pupils had the opportunity to compete in all stroke disciplines as well as in a diving and a hotly contested relay event. The day was a fantastic display of the determination, drive and competitiveness that we see every day in Fernhill School. A huge congratulations to all those who took part and helped to organise the event!



The Fernhill School contingent had a great time supporting UWS Sirens against Team Northumbria! The Sirens showed great determination to come from 4 goals down in the 1st quarter to win 45-40! The off-court chat was nearly as entertaining as the game itself "Where are Team Northumbria from?" and "How many quarters are there in a game?" All the pupils have been inspired to get involved with Fernhill Netball training will start shortly – watch this space!



The pupils from Primary 6 and 7 recently attended a Hockey Tournament at Uddington Hockey ground. The pupils were joined on the field by the players of the Scottish Women's Hockey team who are representing Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in Australia. After the games, the Scottish team spoke to the children and signed autographs. A wonderful time was had by all.

On Thursday the S1 and S2 classes took to the muddy fields to compete for house points over a grueling cross country course. The S1 class ran a course over 1.5km and the S2 class ran a slightly longer 2.25km course. A huge well done to all that took part!

Braving the last of the snow on Saturday our hockey team worked tirelessly as a team against The High School of Glasgow. Player of the match was Aoife (S1)!



Primary 6 and 7 had the most wonderful time speaking to a real life world war 2 evacuee last week. Mr Farrelly (snr) visited them in class and gave them first hand insight into the many topics they had been studying. Mr Farrelly was evacuated from Glasgow to Dunoon during the war and was able to share childhood stories from that part of his life. We are very grateful to Mr Farrelly

On Wednesday 28th March we saw pupils compete against schools from across South Lanarkshire in the annual cross country championships. Fernhill school was represented by 9 secondary pupils selected following a recent inter-house competition. It was a fantastic experience for the pupils involved, notable finishers included Carla Fay who finished 10th in the S3 girls competition, Brohdan Nicol-Wood and Mia Ferguson finished 12th in the boys and girls races respectively. All pupils involved demonstrated superb determination and resilience to compete on what was a very cold and wet day, well done to all who took part!





Congratulations to our winning team from our annual PTA quiz night. The Fernhill Follies claimed a narrow victory over Murphy's Law. A huge thank you to everyone who came along on the night and to our quiz master, Mr. Philip Tausney.



Last week we welcomed our Nursery parents to join their children in their learning in both the Sunshine room and the Rainbow room. We were delighted with the response to the invitation and the children loved showing off their learning environment to their mums, dads and extended family members



Teamwork in Fernhill School this week as the Primary 6 and 7 pupils help the younger children to wrap the daffodils they planted last year in order to take them home to their parents. All money raised from the daffodils will be donated to The Beatson Cancer Charity.



A huge well done to Kiera Higgins who recently cut off 18 inches of her hair to raise much needed funds for the Princess Trust. Kiera raised £2030 for the Charity and her brave act also means that many young people will receive a wig made from Kiera's hair. This was a truly selfless act on Kiera's part and we are extremely proud of her. Kiera would like to thank everyone for their kind donations. For more information and to donate please click the link below: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraiser/s/kierahiggins1>



Key Dates

School Re-Opens	Monday 16th April
First Holy Communion	Saturday 21st April
SQA Mass	Thursday 26th April
SQA Exams begin	Monday 30th April
Open Doors Day	Thursday 10th May
One Heart One Mind Ball	Saturday 12th May

Fernhill One Heart One Mind Ball Saturday 12th May in the Hilton, Glasgow.

All are welcome to join us at this key fundraiser for the school. Last year's Ball was an outstanding success and this year's ball is set to be another fantastic night out and also a fabulous source of fund

raising for our school. Regardless of whether you are two people wanting to come along on your own or are part of a group of ten, please do not hesitate to reserve tickets. To order tickets, priced at £100, please call Yvonne Paterson at the school office on 0141 634 2674 or e-mail info@oneheartonemind.co.uk. Similarly if you want to take out an advert in the official programme please contact Yvonne who will make all necessary arrangements.

We thank you for your continuous support and hope to see you there!

