



What a wonderful day of celebration and thanksgiving as our Primary 4 pupils received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Well done boys and girls and a huge thank you to Mrs McArdle, their class teacher and Father Bernard Mournian, our school Chaplain.

Before our senior pupils began study leave for their national exams they took part in our annual SQA Mass. We wish them every success in their final preparations and in their exams. Please remember them in your prayers.



Head Teacher's Welcome

As you will see in these pages, although April has been a very short month school wise, as ever our school is a hive of varied activities, notably with some of our younger pupils receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday; one of the only days recently where the sun shone brightly, making it a wonderful day for the children and their families.

We are very excited to have partnered with Notre Dame Community Education Centre in Kenya and look forward to many years of cultural exchange. We are very grateful to the Notre Dame sisters for helping our exam candidates with prayerful meditation and ask that you please keep our senior students, and also S1 and S3 who have their internal exams at this time, in your thoughts and prayers as they take their SQA examinations.

As we move towards the end of our current session preparations are well underway to ensure a positive start to our new session in August, and our induction days have been carefully set up to familiarise our upcoming pupils with the culture and systems of our school, to ensure they settle in securely and successfully in August!

A key date for your diary is our annual One Heart One Mind Ball on Saturday 12th May, which I'm sure will be a fantastic evening. I hope to meet as many of you as possible on the night! Another key date is our Open Doors Day on Thursday 10th May to which you are all warmly invited to see the 'school in action.' This is also a great day for prospective parents and pupils to visit the school. If you know anyone interested in sending their children to Fernhill School, please invite them along.

Dr Laura J Murphy
Head Teacher



Last month the English department at Fernhill School was featured in the New York Times, as part of their Learning Network's Poetry Month. Mr Gillespie devised a series of lessons to promote the work of Robert Burns, and his article about this was published, along with samples of work from a number of our pupils. The article highlights modern and progressive ideas for teaching Burns' poetry, and the students' poems are brilliant, full of enjoyment and understanding.

You can read the full article, and read the pupils' work, in the New York Times:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/28/learning/lesson-plans/reader-idea-rhythm-rhyme-and-haggis-celebrating-the-poetry-of-robert-burns.html>

The Notre Dame Sisters visited us this month in the School and the Nursery. They held a special assembly at which the Sisters shared with the pupils information on their school in Kenya. The assembly finished with the pupils learning some Swahili and dancing. The Nursery children learned all about the children in Kenya when the Sisters visited them and even learned how children clap in Kenya and how to say hello - 'jambo!' Finally the nuns visited our exam candidates to help them relax during a prayerful mediation service. All visits were extremely interesting and helpful, we look forward to more visits in the future!



Open Doors Day Thursday 10th May

Fernhill School are delighted to invite you to view our unique educational environment where children flourish personally, socially and academically.

This invitation is open to all whether you are an existing member of our Fernhill Family, a prospective parent, a former pupil or are a valued member of the local community who would like to see our wonderful school.

We look forward to welcoming you!



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Fernhill One Heart One Mind Ball Saturday 12th May - Hilton, Glasgow

I invite you all to join us at our major fundraising event of the school year. Our fundraising provides valuable funds to enable the school to keep our school fees at a competitive rate and also helps us, as a charity, to support our Bursary Awards. The ball is always greatly supported by our parents, former pupils and the wider Fernhill Community. You are all most welcome to join us on this evening to help raise valuable funds for Fernhill School.

If you haven't yet secured your table for the ball could you please contact Yvonne Paterson on ypaterson@fernhillschool.co.uk or 0141 634 2674 and she will do everything to fully accommodate your requests.

I look forward to joining you all on 12th May for what is always a fantastic evening, enjoyed by all who attend.



ONE HEART ONE MIND
Charity Ball

A culinary extravaganza! Sumptuous 4 course dinner, an Italian feast!
Followed by dancing and live entertainment.
Performing LIVE...CHIC le FREAK Back by popular demand!
A brilliant tribute band playing all the 'Chic' hits. A guaranteed dance floor filler.

SATURDAY 12th MAY 2018 Hilton Hotel Glasgow
£100 per person, PREMIUM TABLE for 10 £1000 (includes full page ad in official programme)

Drinks Reception 6.00pm - 7pm Dinner Dance 7.00pm Carriages 1.00am
DRESS CODE Black Tie for the guys, Black & Red evening wear for the gals (preferred, but not essential)

To secure your tickets email info@oneheartonemind.co.uk
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