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## S3 Science Class



On 30<sup>th</sup> September a bright autumn day Mr McDonald's S3 science class worked outside in small groups timing each other when walking, jogging and sprinting over a set distance.

They worked quietly together, noting their times and then returned to the lab to analyse their results.



What a great way to learn about science!





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## The Hair Salon

*Grand opening event with Charlie Miller*

On Tue 4<sup>th</sup> October the Expressive Arts Faculty was proud to hold the official opening ceremony of the Firrhill hair salon. The Soul Band provided entertainment to set the celebratory mood, and the Food Technologies faculty provided refreshments. The salon was officially opened by renowned Edinburgh hairdresser Charlie Miller, who is himself celebrating 50 years in the business. The salon was kick started by the kind donation of furniture and a reception desk by Ali Harvey of Dudes and Divas in Gorgie. Hairdressing tutor Jacqui Lamont and students are delighted with the salon

Students from Firrhill and surrounding areas will be able to access the salon to undertake skills for work and National Progression awards in Hairdressing. The salon is open to clients on Fridays from 11.30am.





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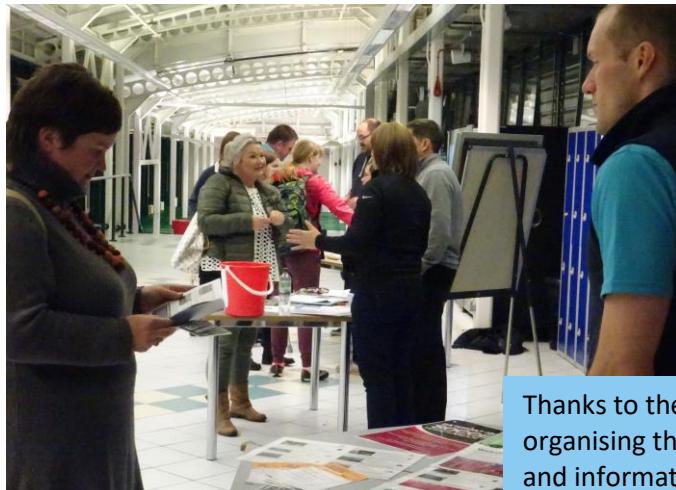
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## Sports Information Evening

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October the Health and Wellbeing Faculty held a sports information evening. Miss Carmichael CL introduced the school's sports ethos and outlined how to join the sports membership scheme for £22 per year payment via Wisepay. This was followed by our Young Sports Ambassadors Lisa Irvine and Susan Rome interviewing Ieuan James S6 (kayaking) and Lucia Rizza S2 (tennis); Josef Pechar introduced films about Keanna MacInnes and Lexi Waller (S4 swimmers). These talented pupils are all aspiring Olympians. Lorna Norman, Active Schools gave a presentation on Positive Coaching Scotland. Market stalls in the concourse included shinty, Boroughmuir Thistle Girls Football Club, Kingsknowe Golf Club and Edinburgh Leisure, Community Hub and taster sessions were available for fencing, squash, golf and shinty.

Volunteer awards were presented to parent volunteers: W Kenyon (Sunday league netball) and M Hifnawy, (U14 football); teacher award: K Harkness (netball coach) and pupil volunteer awards to E Baxter and M McLean (netball). Well done everyone!



Thanks to the staff for organising this enjoyable and informative event



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## Senior Hockey



On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September the senior IX played an Argentinian side from Buenos Aires, on their third tour of the UK visiting Bristol, Cardiff, Kettering, York, London, Oxford, Edinburgh and Liverpool. The teams were closely matched but the opposition gained an early lead and despite every effort the Seniors lost 2 – 0

Thanks to all the parents who organise every aspect of this very successful club. Also to the pupils for genuine team spirit and commitment





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## Bulb Planting

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October some S2 pupils from Mrs Watson's art class helped Mrs Hargest, parent to plant some bulbs in the Anne Frank Garden which is situated beside the Pupil Support Base. Grape hyacinths were planted by the Anne Frank tree and narcissi in the two rose beds. Crocosmia and irises were planted in containers.



Well done to all those involved! Thanks to the Parent Council for funding the compost; to Mrs Hargest - for her time and effort and Tesco for the bulbs. Hoping for lovely spring blooms!





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## Firrhill Seniors vs Musselburgh

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at "the Stade de Tesco" (the pitch by Tesco's petrol station and Colinton Primary School) Firrhill Seniors played Musselburgh High in a cup match at home. The weather was very changeable but the match got off to an exciting start with a goal in the first minute by Paul Philip. This was soon equalized by a free kick and at full time the score was 1-4 to Musselburgh, an unlucky defeat for the Seniors on this occasion.

Follow them on twitter @theHillSeniors for regular updates

Thanks to the parents who train and support Firrhill Seniors. Any available parent with coaching skills please contact Mrs Carmichael via Admin@firrhill.edin.sch.uk

