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Fashion Gallery and Dovecot Studios

The S3 fashion class accompanied by Mrs Graham and Ms Kirkwood visited the new Fashion Gallery at the National Museum of Scotland and the Dovecot Gallery. The students really enjoyed seeing the historical fashion items alongside cutting edge haute couture garments, and had the chance to create their own catwalk designs using the interactive display facilities.



The new Fashion and Style Gallery tells the story of fashion from 18th century court dresses to contemporary catwalk creations



At the Dovecot Gallery, they were able to observe the weavers at work and had a fascinating Q & A session with the rug tufters.



Thanks to the Firrhill staff for arranging this educational trip



The students will be mounting their own fashion show later in the year. This will be in conjunction with Braidburn School, and for the first time will feature a wedding dress section



Dovecot Gallery

The Dovecot Gallery, Infirmary Street, was a Victorian bath house which has been tastefully renovated to create a beautiful setting for a studio and gallery. It is well worth a visit and is also used as a function venue.



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Kayaking

Ieuan James S6 has been canoeing for many years and is a member of the Forth Canoe Club. With the sport being weather dependant the season is now over until the spring. Meanwhile Ieuan will still be working at fitness training so that he is ready come the new season to give it all he has got.



At the end of July 2016 Ieuan took part in the Junior and U23 World Sprint Championships which were held in Minsk in Belarus. At these he achieved 6th in the 200m solo Kayak A Final.

Achievements by Scottish athletes as part of the British Canoeing team included:

- Ieuan James (Forth Canoe Club) – joint sixth in the U18 K1M 200 m A Final
- Ieuan James (Forth Canoe Club) and Charles Smith – ninth in the U18 K2 1000 m A Final



Ieuan says “I’m really happy and it looks really good for me in my final year at under 18s next year. I’ll see what I can do to move up those five places because I want to win next year.”



Ieuan JAMES,
Sprint GB Development Team



The Forth Canoe Club meets every Thursday at the boathouse by Harrison Road Bridge on the Union Canal
Contact forthcc@forthcc.com for more information

Ieuan has already achieved a tremendous amount and we wish him all the very best as he continues to train and compete.



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Young Sports Ambassadors

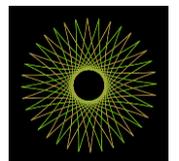
Josef Pechar, one of the Young Sports Ambassadors, describes why he enjoys being a YSA and their recent trip to the Oriam. Josef says as a YSA his aim is to "Get more people involved in sport and to promote a healthy lifestyle." Josef has recently started a table tennis club for S1-S4 pupils on Thursdays after school 3.45-4.45pm and at present there are 15 members. Josef's other sports interests are hockey and parkour. After leaving school he would like to become a sports psychologist.

The school has four YSAs: Susan Rome, Lisa Irvine, Josef Pechar and Heather Tring. There are also 3 Tennis Ambassadors: Calum Young, Calum MacKerron and Lucia Rizza. These pupils along with Lexi Waller, Keanna MacInnes and Amy Lickley had the amazing opportunity to meet First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon and Scottish Olympian and Paralympian winners at the Oriam, the new sports performance centre at Heriot Watt University.



In total, approximately 30 young athletes from all over Scotland (including the Highlands, Glasgow, Fife and Dundee) attended this exciting event. Nicola Sturgeon was there and there were lots of photo opportunities. The pupils could take part in taster sessions of tennis, basketball and judo. There was a leader board to compete in 100 m rowing, 200 m cycling and a standard long jump mini competition. Josef was pleased to achieve 3rd place in the rowing event, with Firrhill pupils Keanna MacInnes and Lexi Waller also placing in the top 10 for rowing.

"The sheer size of the Oriam is very impressive" says Josef. They enjoyed a tour of the facilities including the hydrotherapy rooms, the gym and astro pitch.



Firrhill Young Sports Ambassadors Lisa Irvine and Heather Tring appeared in the BBC news 28th September. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-37487261>

To become a YSA pupils need to apply and fill in a form and return it to Lorna Norman - then there is a group interview.



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School of Tennis Slam @TennisFndation @tenniscotland #sotslam

On Friday 25th November eight Firrhill pupils took part in the touch tennis event at Craiglockhart Tennis Centre. This event was indoors using smaller courts, racquets and nets the slightly easier to use, yellow balls. Touch tennis was the first of four special "School of Tennis" events forming "the School of Tennis slam". The other events are: orange doubles (using the more difficult orange balls); full court singles and full court doubles. Everyone had a great time and a great deal of skill was evident.

Ryan Harrower, Racquets Development Officer organised the tournament and also took photos of the event some of which may be seen on twitter.

Follow on twitter @FirrhillPE for latest news of school and international sporting events





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Card and Bus Stop Poster Design Winner

Douglas Alsop in S2 is one of 12 winners of the City of Edinburgh Council digital bus stop display competition! Hundreds of pupils from across the city entered the competition. Look out for his design, which also won our school Christmas card competition this year on display in Princes Street Gardens over the holidays.



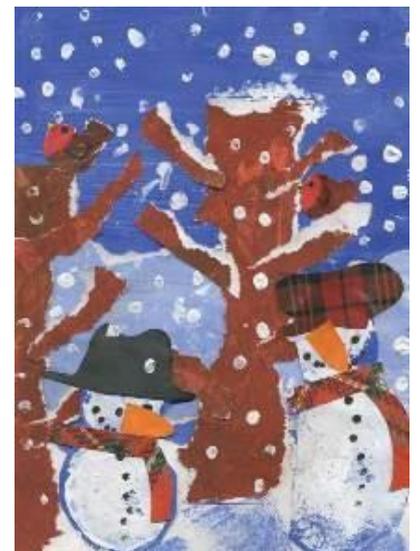
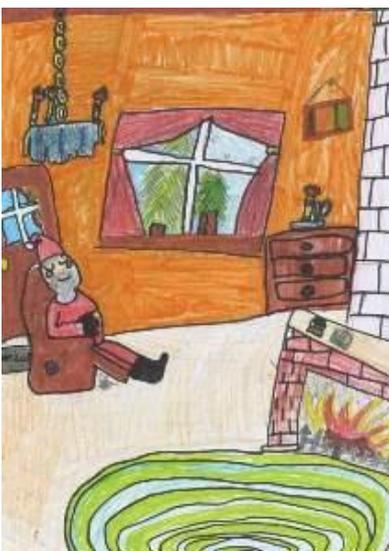
In our school Christmas card competition, pupils, visitors and staff had the chance to vote for their favourite card designs by S2 pupils. This year's runners up also did really great designs. Cards shown above left to right: Laila Davie (second place) Rachel Black (third place) Douglas Alsop (first place)

Other winning digital bus stop designs were by:

- Lacey Crosby, Forthview Primary School
- Courtney McPherson, Liberton Primary School
- Lewis Pickup, Broomhouse Primary School
- Meda Maria Reivytyis, Dalry Primary School
- Jayden Scott, Gylemuir Primary School
- Luzmila Tarazona, Broomhouse Primary School
- Emma Thomas, Balerno High School
- Jasmine Vettrano, Carrick Knowe Primary School

Many congratulations to all the winners and runners up especially to Douglas on his success and excellent design

The bus stop designs shown below are by (left) Petra McLaughlin (P7 Longstone Primary School), (middle) Klaudia Gorazdowska (S1 Broughton High School) and (right) Eilidh Armstrong (P4/5 Braidburn School).





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Daffodil Bulb Planting

On Wednesday 12th October some S1 pupils from Mrs Watson's art class helped Mrs Hargest, Firrhill parent, to plant 8kg of daffodil bulbs, which is 132 bulbs. The daffodil bulbs were naturalised in the lawn. The soil was rather stony and shallow, making it difficult to plant the bulbs at the required depth of three times the height of the bulb. Mrs Hargest prepared holes in advance, using a special tool so that it was easy for the pupils to plant, then replace the soil and turf and stamp them into the lawn. We hope to have a really nice display in the spring.



Thanks to the pupils for working hard to make the garden nice



Thanks to S Bellis who donated the daffodil bulbs and to R Gebbie who loaned tools



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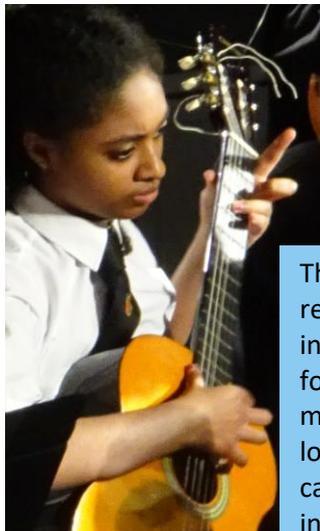
Fanfare Concert 2016

Many Firrhill musicians took part in the annual Fanfare Concert at Central Hall Tollcross on 25th November (and also in the December Childline Concert). The Edinburgh Secondary Schools Wind Ensemble conducted by Graeme Hodge (Firrhill parent) played Mr Blue Sky and the Olympic Fanfare. The performances were a pleasure to hear. Well done everyone!



Groups performing included: Edinburgh Secondary Schools Orchestra; Edinburgh Secondary Schools Rock Ensemble; Secondary Schools Choir and Piping Hot, Edinburgh Schools Performance Pipe Band gave a lively start to the evening.

The City of Edinburgh Instrumental Music Service provides free lessons on a range of instruments and voice



There was a retiring collection in memory of a former ESSO member who sadly lost his battle with cancer whilst only in his mid-twenties

