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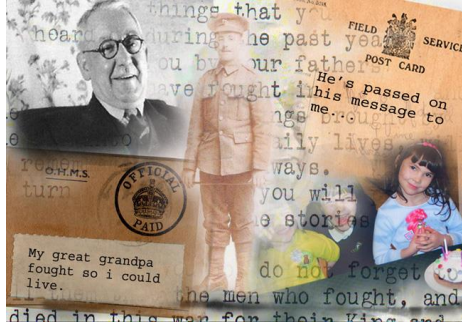
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Celebration of Creativity Evening National Memory - Local Stories

<http://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/national-memory-local-stories/participants-work/explore-the-participants-work-national-museums-scotland.php>

National
Portrait
Gallery



Artist Jan Bee Brown



A Celebration of Creativity took place on 2nd April. Local artist Jan Bee Brown introduced “National Memory - Local Stories” a collaborative project led by the National Portrait Gallery in London. As the commissioned artist for the National Museums Scotland branch of the project, Jan Bee presented her own reflections on the Great War - the film she produced as part of “National Memory - Local Stories”. A group of S3 pupils presented their art work, (created using photoshop and digital images of museum collection objects, and personal imagery) reflecting their reactions to war, family stories and experiences.



The evening showcased many pupils’ creative talents including: a selection of pieces by the Rowan Brothers; the Saxophone Group played “Michael Row Your Boat Ashore”; the Vocal Ensemble sang “Seasons of Love”; performances by solo vocalists and clarsach students. Students’ creative work was on display and the PTA served refreshments.





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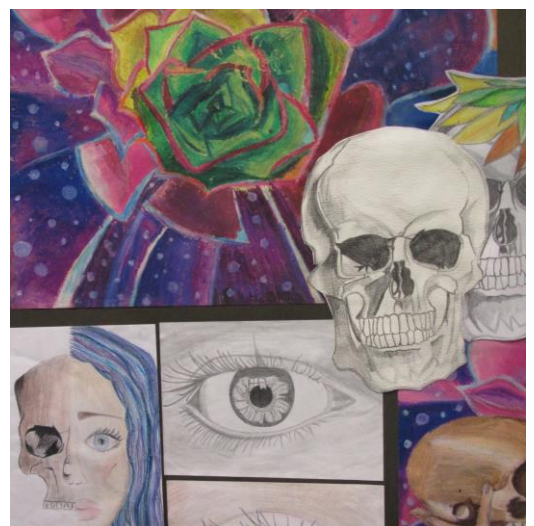
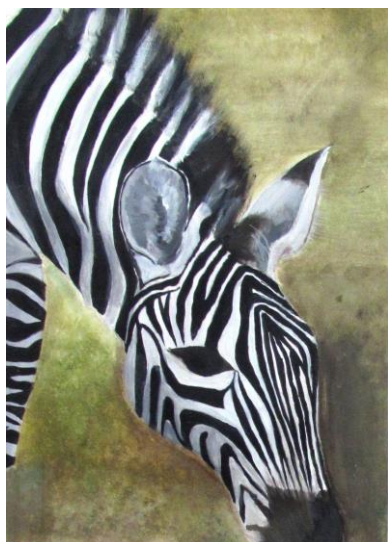
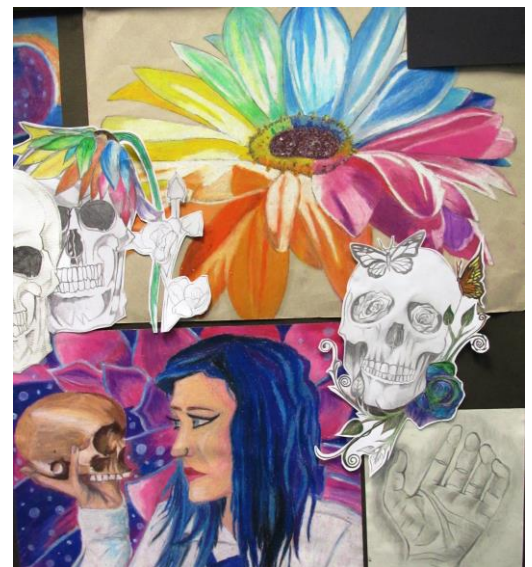
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Celebration of Creativity *continued*



The Celebration of Creativity Evening featured:

- Creative Writing: English Department
- Creative Cakes: Food & Consumer Technology
- Films: Media Students - one team's short film <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COCNnflaPBo>
- Selection of work: Modern Languages Department
- Student Compositions: Music Department
- Art work: Art and Design Department





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Firrhill Hockey Club

On 31st March the Firrhill Hockey Club had its AGM. There was a good turn out as roughly a quarter of all girls in the school from all year groups are members of the club. There was also a raffle and refreshments.

The chair, treasurer, coaches and captains gave their reports. The girls were congratulated on their commitment and achievements while the coaches were thanked for all their hard work over the year.

Many of the girls received awards and those who are now leaving school were encouraged to continue playing hockey as a hobby when they are at university.



Thanks to Lilian McNab for coaching hockey over many years and for these excellent photos by Mark Burrows



The Firrhill Hockey Club is run by parent volunteers so please join in the hockey club rota to assist (if you are able) or if any parent would like to be involved in another extra-curricular sport please contact firrhillpc@gmail.com





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Summer Sports Camp

The Firrhill Summer Sports Camp for P1-S1 pupils, will run from Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th July P1-3, 10.00 -12noon, P4-S1, 10.00-3.00pm every day. So don't miss out! To reserve your place, complete an application form - available from the school office or the web site - and return the completed form, with payment to your school office for the attention of Lorna Norman.

The Firrhill High School Sports Camps are very popular. After our Easter Camp pupils and parents said:
"Camp was great fun"
"Charlotte really enjoyed it – thanks"
"Enjoyed this week particularly as child not participated before"
"Cale has really enjoyed all the sports activities – thank you"
"My children have absolutely loved sports camp – thank you so much!!"



George Watson's College Model United Nations Conference

On the weekend of 14th- 16th March, George Watson's College held a Model United Nations Conference, attended by pupils from all over the UK and abroad. Members of the Firrhill Debating Club represented Iraq, with delegates on a number of committees. All delegates needed to know the policies of the country they represented and researched their given topics prior to the event. Lobbying and the opportunity to gain support from others was a key factor for success and all the Firrhill pupils did very well, although on this occasion, we were not amongst the winning teams.



The Firrhill team representing Iraq



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Throughout the busy weekend, conference delegates mixed with pupils from many schools. There were opportunities to socialise during meals, break times and at the Saturday night ceilidh. Overall this was a challenging but enjoyable weekend. Well done to all the Firrhill delegates who took part and thanks to our staff members for organising and accompanying the pupils on this event.



Human Rights II Committee (with representation from each team/country)



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Anne Frank – a History for Today

On 29th April the “Anne Frank - a History for Today” Exhibition was opened by Bailie Elaine Aitken. The invited guests gathered in the school library and included residents from Old Farm Court and Caiystane Court, pupils from local primary schools and VIP guests, second generation Holocaust survivors: Maria Chamberlain, Judy Russell and Sharon Wiener-Ogilvie, Heather Boyce from Anne Frank Trust UK and Stephan Brent who fled Germany via Kindertransport.

Pupils performed a short song then Mrs Watson, art teacher, welcomed everyone to this special occasion. There were a number of speeches, followed by refreshments and the cutting of the Anne Frank exhibition cake. A further musical interlude was followed by tours of the exhibition, given by our ambassadors and tour guides and there was an opportunity for informal chats with Maria Chamberlain, Stephan Brent, Sharon Wiener-Ogilvie and Judy Russell.



Bailie Elaine Aitken



Maria Chamberlain



Judy Russell



Mrs Watson, art teacher says “take a moment to think, before you act and remember that whatever you do (however small) can influence so many others.”



Stephan Brent



Heather Boyce, Anne Frank Trust UK



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Anne Frank Exhibition

The Anne Frank exhibition was located in the school library from Tuesday 29th April until Thursday 8th May with all of S1, local primary schools and other interested members of the community enjoying guided tours given by our specially trained S3 tour guides, who received intensive two day training from the Anne Frank Trust UK, prior to the exhibition.

The exhibition highlights the school's core values of inclusion and diversity and aims to challenge prejudice and reduce hatred in order that the atrocities of the Holocaust are never repeated in our world. Our 6 newly appointed Anne Frank ambassadors will go on to visit our local cluster primary 7 classes to work with the children on issues raised by the exhibition such as discrimination, stereotyping, identity and bullying and aims to spread Anne's story to this target group. The ambassadors are also planning an Anne Frank Tree planting ceremony on 12th June in the school grounds (which had she survived would have been Anne Frank's 85th birthday)



“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”
Anne Frank

