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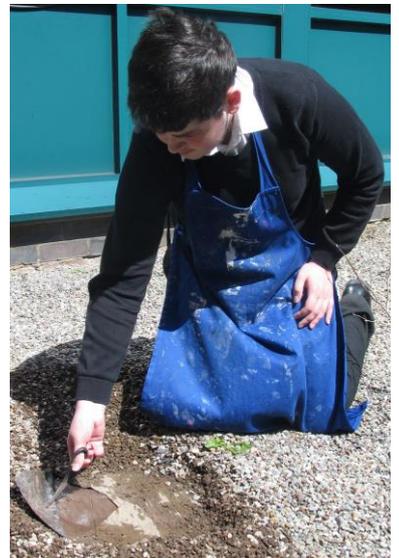
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The Celebration Garden



On Monday 11th May Firrhill parents: Ruth Gebbie, Steve Wright and Carolyn Hargest helped provide some gardening and painting work experience for S4 pupils. Preparatory work of cleaning and sanding down the Moongate panels was achieved but wet and wild weather postponed painting. The new tool store, purchased with funds from last year's sponsored walk, was assembled by the parents and this will make it easier to do gardening sessions, with tools at hand.





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Sponsored Walk

This lovely 6 mile walk is done each year by pupils and staff. It raises money for school activities whilst promoting exercise and local amenities. The route goes along Woodhall Road to Campbell Park and returns via Colinton Dell to The Blue Goose, then up Craiglockhart Avenue and back to the school.



The nice weather helped to make this year's sponsored walk a lot of fun for everyone



Congratulations to all who took part and a big thank you to all who sponsored, for giving such generous support.



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Scottish Schools Aquathon Championships

After a break last year, the Scottish Schools Championships returned for the first time since 2013. The event took place at Dollan Aqua Centre in East Kilbride on Tuesday 28th April. Keanna MacInnes S2 won the S1/S2 individual Aquathon event: 300m swim, 2km run



The Firrhill High School mixed relay team of Keanna MacInnes, Harvey Tait, Erin MacInnes and Lewis Longden finished 6th in this exciting event which consisted of a 200m swim and 1km run by teams of four; one S1-3 boy and girl and one S4-6 boy and girl.

Firrhill High School and Kinross High School were two of the early leaders, in the relay but as the race progressed, George Watson's College (pictured below) surged ahead to become the winning team.



The next events in the Scottish Championships are the Club Relay Championships and the Standard Distance Championships, held in Strathclyde Park on Saturday 23rd May and Sunday 24th May.



*"Keanna MacInnes, Firrhill High School, was first out the pool and flew through the race course, keeping ahead of her nearest challengers and recording a victory in a time of 13:14"
Reported in Triathlon Scotland*

Well done to our Firrhill relay team for their great efforts and achievements. Congratulations to Keanna for a superb win.

Vision Aid Overseas

Before the Easter Break the school, once again, collected glasses and sunglasses for Vision Aid Overseas (VAO). Members of Colinton Parish Church also helped us and we got an amazing total of 110 pairs of glasses and sunglasses. These have been taken to Specsavers, Morningside and will be transported to Africa, where qualified staff, match them up to suitable recipients. Any unwanted glasses will be recycled. **Do please give your unwanted spectacles to VAO.**



"It is a great way to both reduce waste and to help other people - thank you to all who donated glasses" says C Hargest, Firrhill parent



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Firrhill Easter Sports Camp

Firrhill High School Easter Sports Camp took place from 13th - 16th April and included a wide variety of sports, run by qualified sports coaches. The P1-3 had morning sessions from 10 – 12 noon, the P4-S1 session was from 10am -3pm and an additional S1-3 specific sports camp was held in the afternoons, offering basketball, rugby, hockey and athletics. Pupils were able to make new friends - which is also particularly helpful for those in their transition to high school. Enjoying learning and improving sporting skills with friends and excellent coaching - what better way to spend a day?



P4-S1 sessions included:

Athletics, Dance, Tae Kwon Do, Golf, Rugby, Football, Fun Fitness, Orienteering, Volleyball, Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Cricket and Short Tennis



Alfie, P6 Longstone Primary said "I like the camp because you get to do lots of things"

Robbie P5 Oxgangs Primary said "It's really fun I like it"

Jack P7 Oxgangs Primary was enjoying his fourth sports camp and said "It is fun because of all the coaches"

Amelie P4 Pentland Primary said "You get to try a lot of different sports"

Julia P4 Oxgangs thinks "It is very good like a real camp!"



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PTA Quiz Night



The PTA quiz took place at Colinton Bowling Club on Friday 8th May. Our experienced quizmaster, Graham Walker, also runs the Bonaly Primary School's annual Quiz, charity events and pub quizzes at Colinton Inn and Leslie's Bar, Causewayside. Team names included "Red Lorry, Yellow Lorry", "The Nae Hoppers" "Paddy Ashdown's Hat" and "Cat among the Pigeons". The evening featured: a baked potato supper by MacKenzies Restaurant; fundraisers - raffle and an opportunity to win a bottle of whiskey. The event raised a fantastic total of over £ 750



The PTA is looking for new members so please come and join them.



Well done to all who took part and a big thank you to the PTA for organising this successful event.

There was a tie breaker for our winners and also for the wooden spoon holders, which was: "In feet and inches how tall is the world's tallest living man?" The answer is 8'3" and was the exact answer given by our winning team "The Broons" (top right). This year's wooden spoon winners – in fact spurtle holders – pictured celebrating (below) were "Try my umph".





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Oxgangs Primary School's May Fair



Oxgangs Primary School's May Fair, on Saturday 9th May, was enjoyed by a large number of Firrhill pupils and parents. Alice Hargest, former Firrhill pupil, (above right) helped with the "teddy bear island" stall, where pupils could win a large teddy.

Mike Pretsell, pipes instructor, played his bagpipes to promote the Cluster Piping and Drumming Clubs: Chanter Club, Monday & Tuesdays 3.45-4.15 pm Firrhill High School and Drumming Club is on Tuesdays 3.40- 4.10 pm Lessons cost £6.00 each (call 07726 922723 for info).

