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Big Band & Soul Band

On Sunday 30 April, Firrhill's Big Band and Soul Band gave fantastic performances to an appreciative audience in the Jazz Bar, Chambers Street. The venue lent itself to a relaxed afternoon of great jazz music.



"Pupils gave great performances in an exciting central Edinburgh venue".



Special thanks to Stuart Stott
for his excellent photos.



thejazzbar

Well done everyone!

Thanks to Mr Courtney,
Mr Hodge, Mrs Innes,
Miss Bennett, and all who
performed & supported this
excellent jazz music event.



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Sponsored Walk



On Friday 12 May, a dry but overcast day, pupils and staff enjoyed taking part in Firrhill's fundraising sponsored walk. The route went via Colinton Road, through the Dell, returning to the school along Craiglockhart Avenue.



Thanks to staff and pupils who took part and to all those who supported this fund-raising event so generously.

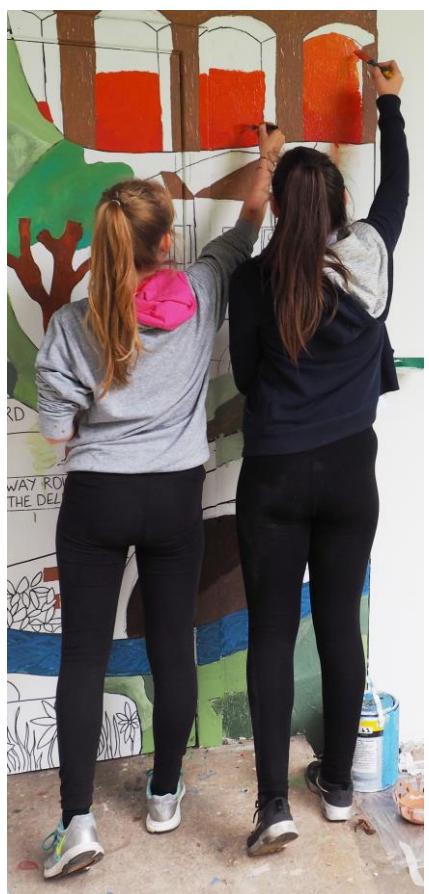


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Spylaw Park Mural



On 15-17 May, S1 pupils with Art teachers: Miss Kirkwood, Miss Harris and Mrs Graham, Curriculum Leader, worked hard to create a mural for Spylaw Park Colinton. Five S1 classes designed panels for the mural, inspired by the sights and sounds of the Colinton area. Classes voted for the best designs and then the selected pupils presented their work to the Colinton Village Events Group, which made the final selection.



"Firrhill was delighted to be involved in the project with the Colinton Village Events Group. The collaborative hard work, dedication and teamwork that the pupils have shown is evident in the final outcome. They have loved the project, and I am very proud of all the pupils who took part, from the initial designing to the final painting" said Miss Kirkwood, Art teacher.



The finished work was launched and dedicated on the afternoon of Saturday 27 May at the Cultivating Colinton Event "A weekend of planting and public art"



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Firrhill's S6 Pupils Leave School



The S6 pupils celebrated their final days at school – first with some paint ball “high jinx” and the traditional, leavers’ picnic. Everyone enjoyed a nice breakfast in the school library where tutors and Pupil Support Leaders reminisced about the pupils’ school highlights, followed by a picnic and games in Dalkeith Country Park. Nice weather and a good time was had by all. The pupils enjoyed wearing fancy dress for their final day at school, including many characters from “Toy Story”, “The Cat in the Hat” and more.

We wish the S6 every success in the future.





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Resonate



Resonate is organised by the City of Edinburgh Council, Children and Families to showcase some of the most gifted young musicians from across the city. Instrumental Music Instructors lead the bands. Mr Hodge directed the Edinburgh Schools Wind Ensemble. Ms Stephen led the saxophone and flute ensembles, which included Firrhill teachers Miss Bennett and Mr Courtney.

Resonate



Many talented Firrhill pupils took part in the Resonate concerts held in the Queen's Hall at the end of last term. The series of concerts features: bands and orchestras night; jazz night; strings and guitars night; rock and pop night; traditional night and the "From studio to stage" group.

Well done to all the Firrhill pupils and staff who work hard to make the Resonate concerts so amazing.





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Easter Sports Camp

During the Easter holidays Lorna Norman, Active Schools Coordinator ran a sports camp for P3-S1 pupils. All the sports are taught by trained staff, and the camp gives pupils an opportunity to improve on existing skills and learn some new sports too.

It is a great way for pupils from different primary schools to mix and make new friendships which also can help during transition.

Tom P7 Osgangs Primary School said "It's good!"

Amelie P7 Pentlands Primary School said "It's good fun".

James S1 Firrhill High School said "It's good because it gives you something to do for the day".





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Senior Hockey



Thanks to the dedicated group of parents who run this great hockey club and to the girls who train and play each week.



On Saturday 11 March our second XI played in the St. George's Invitation 2nd XI Tournament. Competition was stiff, but despite injury and few players available, we qualified for the Plate competition, where the final outcome of the day was rather disappointing.



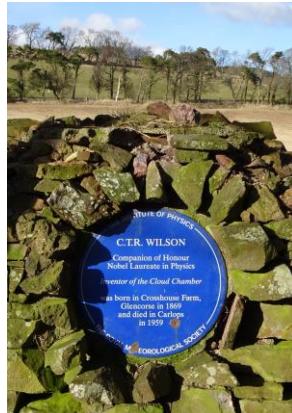


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Turnhouse Hill Walk



Walk through the woods, past the memorial to "CTR Wilson, Inventor of the Cloud Chamber", and at the road take the first left through a gate and again left and cross the burn by a footbridge. The path makes a gradual ascent with beautiful views. Sheep graze by the path as it climbs steadily. Continue the ascent to the top of Turnhouse Hill. There is a small cairn and in good weather impressive views. Take care on the steep, tricky descent and return by the same route.



Walkers should take a rucksack containing a rain jacket, snack and drink. Walking poles are also useful when it is steep or slippery.

The 3.25 mile walk gains almost 1000 feet in elevation and even at a very leisurely pace it will take around 1-1.5 hours.

