



Firrhill News

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Seniors Football

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On Friday 22nd January, a cold but dry afternoon, the Firrhill Seniors (S5 and S6 pupils), coached by S6 pupil Donnie Campbell, achieved a much deserved 3:2 victory in the cup match against Craigroyston High School. Goal scorers were: Murray Wells, Kyle Wynne and Paul Philips. It was an exciting match and the team - supported by Mr Macfarlane, Curriculum Leader English, friends and family - worked well together. Special mention goes to goalkeeper Fraser Britain and to Donnie Campbell (who sustained an injured knee in the second half).





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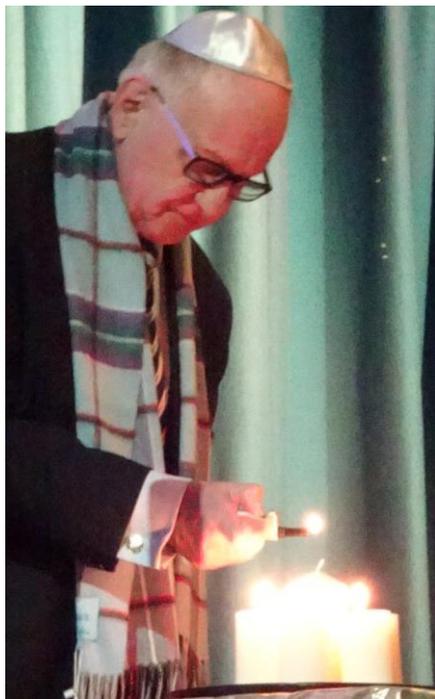
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Edinburgh Schools Holocaust Memorial Day 2016

On Thursday 28th January 2016 Firrhill High School hosted the Edinburgh Schools Holocaust Memorial Day 2016 event with Zigi Shipper Holocaust survivor as special guest speaker. G Hamilton, Head teacher welcomed everyone and R Elliot S6, introduced Zigi (below left) who gave his testimony to a spellbound audience. Refreshments followed, during which the Flute Ensemble played. The evening featured speakers, poetry and music including: the S6 Lessons from Auschwitz Ambassadors; a piano recital by T McClellan; R Wiener-Ogilvie spoke about his grandad Dov; Mukesh Kapila, Human Rights Speaker; "The Dream" was read by H Pierce S1; E Garbacz spoke about Yad Vashem; the S6 singing group performed; the lighting of the six candles to represent 6 million lives lost in the Holocaust and Prayer for the Dead by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs; Bailie Elaine Aitken gave a brief word and closing remarks by Iain Stewart, Interfaith Association were followed by a minute's silence.



The Edinburgh Schools Holocaust Memorial Day 2016 event at Firrhill High School was organised by Sheila Watson, art teacher



Thanks to all who helped! Pupils plus members of the PTA and Parent Council helped serve refreshments. Flowers, donated by Sainsbury's Longstone, were kindly arranged by Carolyn Hargest, Firrhill parent

There were refreshments in the library and music by Klezmer Kollektiv



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Holocaust Memorial Day Continued

“Don’t stand by. Make the world listen” is the theme of HMD 2016. We remember the Holocaust victims and are reminded to embrace diversity, speak out against persecution and work to prevent future genocides.

The Anne Frank a History for Today Exhibition was displayed in the school library and 53 flags hung in the concourse representing diversity of nationalities.

A pile of donated shoes represented the possessions forcibly taken from the Holocaust victims.



A commemorative stone memorial plaque, engraved by Joss Nankoo of Stone Art, bears the message “Don’t stand by. Make the world listen” and is to be sited in the school grounds.





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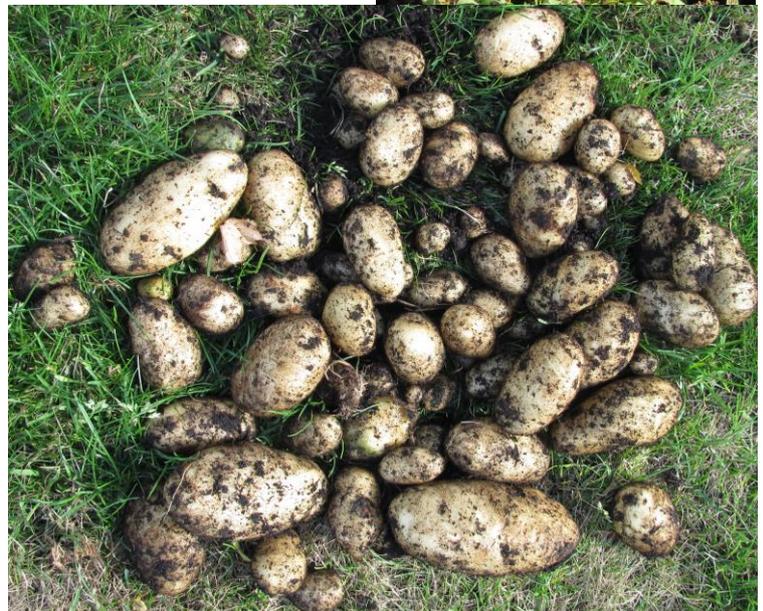
Harvesting Potatoes

"It has been a great experience for pupils to grow and eat home grown organic produce" says Carolyn Hargest, Firrhill Parent



On September 18th S2 pupils Kyle and Aiden and Firrhill Parent, Mrs Hargest, harvested the Arran Pilot potatoes (donated by Tesco). The potatoes were taken to Mrs King in Food Technology; she later said, "the potatoes were difficult to scrape and had a floury texture but they had a good flavour"

Miss Statham, Depute Head Teacher ate some of the school grown potatoes and said "they tasted delicious!"



Rotary Young Musician of the Year

Naomi Anderson S6 was the winner of the Area Young Musician of the Year vocalist competition. "She was brilliant and will go on to represent Braids in the District Final on 6th March" said Rory Mackenzie, Interact Club.

Kyle Rowan S3 came 2nd in the Instrumental Section at the Currie Balerno Rotary Musician of the Year on 22nd January 2016. Congratulations to Naomi and Kyle and well done to all who took part in this annual music competition.





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Seniors Hockey

On Saturday 31st October 2015 the Seniors played Dunfermline High School away and despite playing well, lost 2-1.



S3 Hockey

On Saturday 31st October 2015 the S3s also played away against Dunfermline High School and achieved a tremendous 6-1 win.



Thanks to the parents who run the Firrhill Hockey Club and to all the coaches who train and enable the Hockey Club pupils to develop skills and provide them with many opportunities to compete and enjoy their sport. Well Done!



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Bulb Planting in the Anne Frank Garden

Last October, five S2 pupils and Firrhill Parents Ms Jardine and Mrs Hargest, helped to plant bulbs, that were kindly donated by Tesco, in the Anne Frank Garden. The roses were dead headed and some weeding was required before planting. The snowdrops were placed in the flower beds and the crocus corms "naturalised" in the grass. As the soil was rather stony it was difficult, at times, to use the dibber (a gardening tool for bulb planting). However everyone worked really well and a good job was done in a short amount of time. Thanks to everyone who helped. We are looking forward to a nice display of blooms in spring and over the years the plants will multiply.



Sadly many of the crocus corms have been dug up and eaten by squirrels!

