



Fettes News

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Sporting Talent Day

On Friday 30th April Fettes College hosted a new sporting initiative to encourage all the talented, sporty children of Edinburgh (and a few from Glasgow). Working with the City of Edinburgh Council, these sporty children had an action packed day to enthuse them about sport, hone their skills and above all meet new friends and have fun.

We had over 70 children attending from local prep schools such as Belhaven Hill, Ardvreck, St Mary's and Compass, local

primaries such as Flora's, Stockbridge, Trinity and Blackhall as well as some individual pupils from Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The boys received expert tuition in Cricket, Rugby, Hockey and Athletics while the girls honed their skills in Hockey, Netball, Athletics and Lacrosse. As well as the staff from Fettes College, we were joined by Gordon Drummond, Ruaridh Pye and Shirley Webb who all added a touch of sporting glamour to the occasion.

"This day is about promoting sport, fitness and a healthy lifestyle to some of Scotland's sporty boys and girls. We are delighted that so many pupils from local primary and prep schools are attending and that the facilities at Fettes College can be put to such good use. Both Fettes and The City of Edinburgh Council are dedicated to nurturing talent so we hope the day is a great success and becomes a permanent fixture on the calendar."
MCB Spens, Headmaster, Fettes College

BFBS Radio Special

In early May, we were visited by Dusty Miller the host of Access All Areas on the BFBS (British Forces Broadcasting Service).

Mrs Scott the senior matron in the Prep School knew about this request programme as her husband is currently serving in Afghanistan and thought that as we have so many services children, it would be great to see whether we could do a Fettes special.

Dusty was kind enough to come and visit us and interview some of our services children many of whom have family currently serving abroad in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The event was a great opportunity to connect with loved ones abroad and give messages from home so it was an emotional occasion for many. With dedications, discussions about boarding life, Fettes' experience of dealing with Forces families as well as the activities of the CCF, the programme was insightful and comforting for those parents listening.



Welcome to the sixth edition of Fettes News. If you have any comments or would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically, simply email fettesnews@fettes.com

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World Music Concert

The purpose of the World Music Concert was for pupils from different areas of the world to share their own heritage and the cultural music which would be heard in those places.

Everyone in the concert managed to do this with great success and enthusiasm and was a great opportunity for people at Fettes College to be able to appreciate international music from places like China, Russia and even from here in Scotland. The performers were Kenith M, Angie Y, Alexandra E, Mandy L, Hugh McK and Vasily S, each playing an instrument from different places in the world, from the Chinese traditional Yang Quin to the accordion. The concert was an extremely enjoyable new experience and we hope that we will be able to do this kind of thing again and again.

You can listen to all the performances on the new Fettes website when launched.

Fettes Charity Runs

This year the school Charity Runs raised in excess of £26,000 for CHAS, the Children's Hospice Association of Scotland. We had the highest ever turnout with over 600 runners competing including pupils, staff and parents.

58 runners completed the ½ marathon with Allen F (CA) leading the field home in an excellent time of 1hr 28 minutes (narrowly beating Mrs S Wightman and Dr. Mark Davies). Paula D (CE) led the ladies home in 1hr 58.

For the 10k Jake W (GL) finished in 36 minutes with Rachel A (CE) winning the ladies event in a time of 43 minutes.

The 5km field of 275 runners included a pack of crayola crayons, a bee, and one student choosing to do the whole event on her hands and knees, dressed as a dog!



Bugsy Malone

The Drama Studio turned into a late-night cabaret venue to host the Middle School Musical, Bugsy Malone.

The audience sat at cocktail tables and settled down for an evening of fun and splurging as the cast brought them their drinks. Sam G was charm personified as Bugsy, battling to win the heart of Jezneen B as Blousey Brown. Jezneen sang like an old soul and captured the bluesy nature of the character perfectly. There was some excellent singing and enthusiastic dancing from the cast of over 50 3rd and 4th Formers, who brought the rival gangs, waitresses, showgirls and oddballs from 1920's New York to life.

Many of the cast were making their Fettes College debut and we can expect great things of them in the future. Many thanks must go to Miss Satow and her team from the Music Department and to Mr. Collister for his refreshments and for all the plates that were used to make custard pies!



Team Wordsworth Head to the Lakes...

Thirteen L6th Fettesians enjoyed glorious Lakeland sunshine on the trail of William Wordsworth.

They strode mightily over the fells, skimmed stones across the frozen Grasmere Lake and explored the shores of Ullswater (the very spot where Wordsworth came across his famous daffodils). The highlight of the trip (second only to Mrs Thomson's cooked breakfast) was a guided tour of Wordsworth's home at Dove Cottage and a poetry workshop run by an expert from the Wordsworth Trust. During the workshop in the Jerwood Centre we discovered more about Wordsworth's 'Lucy' poems and were allowed (carefully!) to handle original editions of Wordsworth and Coleridge's 'Lyrical Ballads' (1798) as well as a rare first edition Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' (1818). It was a rare privilege and a wonderful trip away!



Scottish Islands Peak Race

Well done to Hamish H, Philip B, Nikita C, Ailie C, Allen F, Katherine O, Rory P-J and all the Fettes Staff who took part in and completed the Scottish Islands Peaks Race.

This event is serious, hard-core outdoor adventure and racing. Only 19 school pupils in the country completed the event including all seven Fettesians, so this is a huge achievement. Thanks also to Mr Mark T for making his magnificent boat *Mascotte* available to us for the race.

“That’s probably the hardest run I’ve ever done!” Mrs Wightman (former Olympic Marathon Athlete)



Edinburgh Schools Athletics Championships

The Edinburgh Schools Athletics Championships were held at Meadowbank on Wednesday, 2nd June with a superb set of results for Fettes including two double gold winners.

In the over 17 boys category, Allen F won Gold medal in the 400m and Alistair McK won a Bronze medal for both the Long Jump and the 200m. In the 15/17 boys category Jake W won Gold for both the 1500m and the 800m while Sam W won Bronze in the 400m. In the 14/15 boys category, Davis M won a Gold for the Long Jump and the 100m. A superb result.

Annual Mile Relays

The hotly contested Mile Relays took place on May 28th with Glencorse triumphing for the boys winning both the team event and first past the post, Arniston winning first past the post for the girls and College West winning the overall girls’ team event.

There has been a call for more staff teams next year!



Lacrosse Champions

In February our 1st XII took part in the National Small Schools Tournament. After securing a semi-final place against St James resulting in a convincing 3-5 win, they progressed to the final against the home school Rendcomb College.



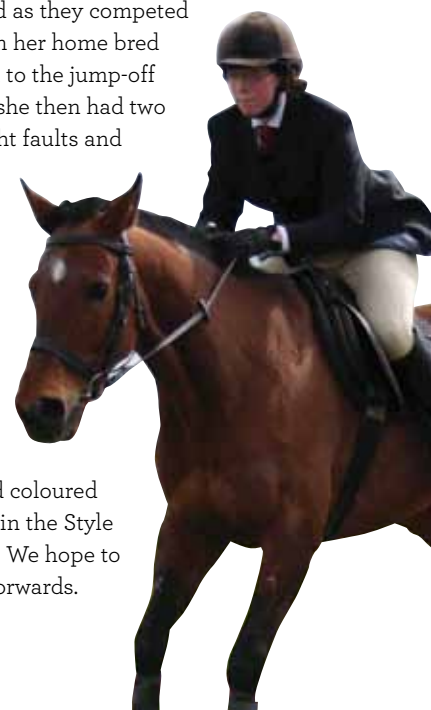
With tough home advantage they went into the final as complete underdogs, however the girls managed an inspirational 2-1 win to become the National Small Schools Champions. Congratulations to all the girls with special thanks to the captain Christine B for her dedication, encouragement and constant motivation.

Equestrian Extravaganza

On Saturday 15th May, Felicity C, Lucy F and Beth F represented Fettes in the Inter-schools Equestrian Extravaganza at Ingleston Equestrian Centre.

All participants did Fettes proud as they competed against 38 other schools. Beth F, on her home bred mare Annie, went straight through to the jump-off after a clear round. Unfortunately, she then had two knock downs which left her on eight faults and dropped her to 17th place out of 45 competitors. Lucy F on her seven year old coloured gelding Bertie was next to jump but Bertie took an unfortunate four faults in the first round meaning Lucy missed the jump off.

The dressage went a little better with all three girls scoring well and Lucy storming in to come fifth overall. Felicity, on a borrowed coloured gelding called Bailey, went on to win the Style and Performance to Music section. We hope to make this an annual event going forwards.



Fettes College Pipes and Drums Hong Kong Tour



Over Easter, the Pipes and Drums enjoyed a busy and stimulating two week trip to Hong Kong. They performed at various functions and soaked up the rich atmosphere of a very different country. A real highlight was performing at the Hong Kong Sevens.

The tour then visited mainland China to play at the world's largest golf club – Mission Hills.

“The Tour really did turn into something special, culminating with the final weekend at Mission Hills where the pupils put on their best showing of the trip. The Band have matured hugely throughout the last two terms and then again whilst on tour.” R Davies, Master i/c Pipes and Drums

Congratulations to all those who took part in an incredibly successful trip.



Shooting for Ashburton

A very young Shooting VIII competed for the Scottish Ashburton trophy, against several other Scottish Schools. There were just two L6th form pupils in the team, with the team mostly made up of middle school pupils, several having just taken up shooting this term.

The experienced shooters, Marcus L (Capt.), Ian B, and Elliot G, took responsibility for the organisation and individual coaching and supervision of the team.

Some good scores came from Elliot and Ian, (31) with Nick S beating his personal best. Newcomers Anna K, Vasily S and Dom McN were a huge asset to the team, contributing to the smooth running of an extremely busy day, with their strong enthusiasm and team spirit. Julius L, a strong .22 shooter, seemed to transfer seamlessly to the more demanding 7.62 outdoor shooting, scoring well. It was the most organised and best teamwork seen in a Fettes Shooting team for some time.



CCF Chapel Parade

Sunday 23rd May was the Annual CCF Chapel Parade. The Contingent marched from the CCF area to the Chapel for a service with a military flavour.

As we are celebrating 150 years of the Cadet movement, the Contingent was also honoured to parade and lay on the altar the Cadet Banner brought here especially for the occasion from their home in Cadet Headquarters at Frimley Park, Surrey.

This was also the final Parade for the top year cadets who have served the Contingent excellently. Several awards of the CCF shield for leadership were made to Coxswain Ella R, Warrant Officer 2 Emma B, Warrant Officer 2 Andrew B, Flight Sergeant David M, Colour Sergeant Joe N and Colour Sergeant Flora S.

