

# Whitehill F.P. Club Newsletter.

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What's new? As you know, one of our objectives is to move away from the "us and them" old school- new school position and to be the FP club for all former pupils. Our FP website, www.whitehillfp.org, now has a re-drafted front page. We have removed the "old" school photograph and added an introductory message from Iain McLean, our president. Again we want to encourage new membership from the 1970's onward to keep the activities refreshed and up to date. Please take time to look at the website and perhaps contribute to its growth and scope. Our next Committee meeting will be discussing other approaches to fostering stronger ties to the school and we will up-date you on this in our next news letter.

The other new topic is in fact rather old – The FP club. Next year, the Committee will start to consider how we should mark the club centenary in 2022. What are your ideas of appropriate celebrations and commemorations?

We also have news of a significant new scholarship funded by a former pupil and some dates for your diary."

#### Autumn Lunch.

We held the lunch at the Marriott Hotel on Thursday 24th October, attended by just 40 FP's. and friends. We were joined by the current head girl and boy, Zeenat and Lee together with Ruth Guile, depute head. The lunch was good, the raffle was fun with two star prizes among many. We raffled an afternoon tea voucher for two at Mack at the Willow, won by Gordon Caskie and a large provision basket, donated by lain & Elizabeth McLean, and which was won by Myra Hunter. It was encouraging to see some new faces and so many people staying and chatting until late in the afternoon. A grand afternoon out!



Lee, Zeenat and Ruth Guile, with Iain McLean, Iain Callander and Lillias Purvis.

## Scholarship.

Former pupil, Andrew Jamieson, has set up two talent scholarships in memory of his mother. The scholarships are for two young people going up to Glasgow University, residing or at school in the east end of Glasgow and going on to study, one in Chemistry/ Science and one in Engineering. Andrew is keen to see someone from Whitehill being the recipient of his mother's scholarship and we have been able to facilitate contact between the school and the university alumni development head to advance this proposal. This truly is the spirit of "Altiora Peto".

### **Dates for your Diary**

10th January 2020 we will have the annual St Mungo commemoration at Glasgow Cathedral, where the school is always supported and represented by FP's. Whitehill Secondary School and St Mungo's Academy will meet the at the Tomb of St Mungo, wreaths will be laid. A warm welcome from Rev Mark Johnstone, Minister Glasgow Cathedral.

The 92nd Annual Reunion dinner is set for Friday 20th March, 2020. Details of the venue and Other information will be circulated in due course.

#### Your Stories and reminiscences

Whitehill FP club is one of the few FP clubs from non-fee paying schools surviving in Glasgow And you, the members, are a wonderful source of social history about school and city life. Your Subsequent careers can also be a source of inspiration and encouragement to today's pupils. It would be good to have some experiences or memories from our readers to include in the Newsletter. We are sure that many of you have interesting stories and photographs of your years at Whitehill School and your subsequent careers.

Share them anonymously or we can blaze your name in print, but, above all, do share them.

## **Membership of Whitehill FP Club**

If you are in touch with other former pupils please ask them to email our secretary to be included in the emailing list, and to obtain details of events.

We are keen to attract members from the 1960's, 70's and 80's to join us. Why not make up a table of old friends for the dinner in March.

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