



Whitehill F.P. Club Newsletter.

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“Oh the summer time is come and the trees are sweetly blooming.....”

Normally we send out a Newsletter in spring and autumn to coincide with the annual dinner and the autumn lunch, but there are a few items of news and some dates for your diary which we thought you would wish to hear about now.

Whitehill School Awards, Broad General Education.

Robin Brunton and Iain Callander attended the awards ceremony at the school on 23rd June. Awards were made to S1, S2 and S3 pupils for achievement, hard work and positive attitude, effort and commitment, attainment and drama. It was clear how much these awards meant to pupils, and good to see them all in school uniform. The afternoon was supported by many parents. A further prizegiving will be held in September for senior school pupils.

Whitehill School Sports Trust

The sports trust which is founded “to advance the physical education of pupils, staff and former pupils of Whitehill School through the disbursement of grants or loans to beneficiaries...” has provided a new mini bus for school use. This replaces an old bus which was becoming very unreliable. Clearly this is of benefit to all pupils and staff and as the photograph shows, Mr Simon Easton, Depute Head, is delighted.



Whitehill CARES

Commitment
Ambition
Respect
Equity
Success

These statements comprise the “Vision and Values” to be followed by staff and pupils.

Certainly seekers of “Higher Things”.....Altiora Peto.

Whitehill Memories.

We are grateful to R.D.(Bob) Kernohan, who answered our call for a series of short pieces for inclusion in Newsletters, with some of his recollections of schooldays in the 1940's.

June 6, 1944

Not many of us owe our main Whitehill memories to the music-room in the old school, set apart from main building so that we didn't disturb the conjugation of French and Latin verbs elsewhere with too vigorous a rendering of “Ho-ro my nut-brown maiden”.

But who else survives to remember Harry Dorman's first-year class just after the interval on the morning of June 6, 1944? He was a good teacher and gentle man whom I occasionally encountered after leaving school. On that morning (before starting the gramophone for “The Invitation to the Waltz” or whatever) he announced that our troops had landed and were going well on D-Day – adding some innocently faked news that must have gone round the staffroom – not only in Normandy but at Dunkirk.

At that point the class broke spontaneously into what our boyhood reading would have called “a rousing British cheer”. I doubt if the music-room sound-proofing was ever so sorely tested again.

Note for your diary: The Autumn Lunch will be held on Thursday 9th November, at the Hallmark Hotel in Glasgow.

The 90th Annual Reunion Dinner will be held on Friday 9th March 2018 at the Hallmark Hotel.

On Saturday 21st October, we are having a guided tour of Glasgow Cathedral, led by Dr James Macaulay. Details to follow. This will be limited to 25 persons on a first come basis.

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