

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

November 2018



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

- 11th Dec. - Christmas Concert
- 18th Dec. - Junior Dance
- 20th Dec. - Senior Dance
- 21st Dec. - School Closes
2.30pm for holidays
- 7th Jan - School returns 8.45am
- 10th Jan - S5/6 Parents Evening
- 16th Jan - S2 Parents Evening
- 28th Jan - S5/6 Prelims begin
- 30th Jan - S4 Parents Evening
- 8th Feb - Inservice day
- 11th & 12th Feb - Holidays
- 12th March - EHS Dance
Display
- 27th Mar - ASN parents Evening
- 29th Mar - School Closes
2.30pm for Holidays
- 15th Apr - School returns 8.45am
- 19th & 22nd Apr - Holidays
- 25th Apr - SQA Exams start

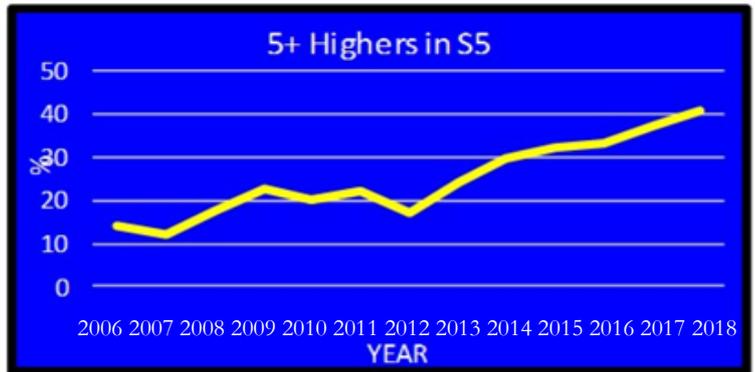
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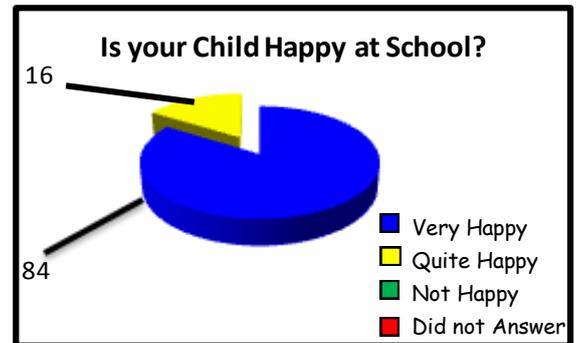
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Dear Parent

November is a good time of year to reflect on the year past and take the opportunity to share with Eastwood High School parents a good news story. 2018 has been the most successful year ever for the school and its pupils. The graph opposite shows how our pupils' attainment in a key measure of SQA performance has been improving steadily over



the last 10 years. This is testament to all the hard work put in by pupils and staff alike to ensure that no one underachieves. On the sports field our rugby players reached the semi-finals of the Scottish Championships and our girls football team won the Paisley & District U15 league. In athletics and triathlon Eastwood continues to excel with pupils winning medals at UK Championships. In the arts Harrison Bishop (S1) won a silver medal at the Royal National Mod for bag-piping and Michelle Musyoka (S6) had her SQA folio piece turned into a play performed at the launch of a collection of the best SQA English work in front of Education Minister John Swinney . A truly epic year.



Finally could all parents please add a current e mail address to their school contact details as the school office is increasingly using "Groupcall" and e mail to contact parents. Thank you

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"Order Order"

On the 8th & 9th of November Fatima Bari (S5) took her seat in the Houses of Parliament in London as a Member of the UK Youth Parliament. Fatima is also currently an Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament in Edinburgh.



Debating Success

November has been a highly successful month for the Eastwood HS debating team. Firstly Lloyd Russell, Lucy Hemmingsley and Zahra Derakshan (All S6) won the East Renfrewshire Provost's Cup for debating against the six other East Renfrewshire schools. This triumph was followed up by Lucy Hemmingsley and Hayaan Bashir (S6) winning through to the 2nd round of the Scottish Debating Championship (The Law Society Donald Dewar Cup) at Johnstone HS on 20th November.



By Royal Appointment

Miss Barrie of the English Department had a very important appointment this month at Buckingham Palace. She was invited to take part in the "Never Such Innocence Centenary" having encouraged pupils to participate in war remembrance poetry in Eastwood High School for many years.



Piping Hot

Congratulations to Harrison Bishop (S1) who won a silver medal in U13 Highland Bagpiping at the Royal National Mod in Dunoon over the October school holidays.



Art Exhibition

The annual Eastwood High School Art Exhibition took place in the Atrium on Thursday 8th November. This exhibition was an opportunity for the school to showcase the best works of art and design produced by the pupils during session



Young Engineers

Congratulations to Sophia Ishmael & Rachael Berry (both S2) who have been successful in gaining places on the Young WEIR-WISE Discovering Engineering Programme for S2 girls to be run at Strathclyde University in January.



Halloween Ball

One of the highlights of the school social calendar took place on Thursday 1st of November - the senior pupils' Charity Halloween Costume Ball. As ever the costumes were fantastic and in some cases genuinely scary! Over £500.00 was raised for "Beautiful Inside & Out - SCIO"



School Christmas Card Design Winners

Congratulations go to Nimrah Shah, Isabel Jardine and Marium Abdelkader (All S3) on being selected as first, second and third in this year's Eastwood High School Christmas Card design competition. Their cards will now be made up and sent out as this year's official school Christmas cards.



Top Scouts and Guides

Jade Thompson and Callum Meneely (Both S6) got their Chief Scout's Diamond Awards (the pinnacle of scouting achievement) at a celebration ceremony held at Glasgow Academy on the evening of 21st Nov. Laura Thompson (S3) received her Baden Powell award, which is the highest award a Guide can achieve at a celebration also on Wednesday 21st Nov at Glasgow City Chambers. Well done to all.



Young Musician of the Year

On 15th October Eastwood High School held its fifth annual "Young Musician of the Year" competition. The competition encompasses senior and junior categories for Young Musician and Young Singer of the year. This year again the standard was incredibly high with all the musicians and singers performing very well in front of a large and appreciative audience. The overall winner was singer Amy Murphy (S3) with the other results as follows:-



Junior Category

Young Musician winner Harrison Bishop (S1)
 Young Musician runner-up Anna McLeod (S3)
 Young Singer winner Amy Murphy (S3)
 Young Singer runner-up Finlay Alger (S2)
 Rising Star Award Christopher Rae (S1)

Senior Category

Young Musician winner Ailsa Roy (S6)
 Young Musician runner-up Kulsam Shabbir (S4)
 Young Singer winner Carys Mitchell (S6)
 Young Singer runner-up Nicola Scolin (S6)

Taming the Dragons

Congratulations to the S3 Business Management pupils Yousuf Jamil, Jack Kelly, Fraser Neilson, Mia Walker, Grace Russell & Nicole Strachan who participated in this year's Silverburn Dragons' Den Competition - winning the "Best Business Concept" category for "Barry's Bakery".

As part of their prize the pupils have been offered a "pop up" stall to sell their products in Silverburn in early 2019.



Duke of Edinburgh

Awards

Well done to the many Eastwood HS pupils who collected their Duke of Edinburgh Awards at the glittering Young Person Services Award Ceremony held at Rouken Glen on the 22nd of November.



Remembrance

Throughout early November a number of senior pupils were involved in collecting for the Poppy Scotland fund. In addition to this Jamie Dougall, Hayaan Bashir and Elise Tweedie represented the school at the Newton Mearns Remembrance Commemoration, and Heather McKie and Christopher Canning represented the school at the equivalent Neilston event. Within the school itself the tradition where a wreath is placed under the school WW2 memorial by the Head Boy took place following a short service attended by S6 Captains and Vice Captains. The service was conducted by Rev. Brian More of Newton Mearns Baptist Church. During Remembrance week the Social Subjects Department organised an interdisciplinary "Remembrance" topic between History and RMPs for S1 and S2. This was done in partnership with Newton Mearns Baptist Church. Thank you to NMBC for their assistance in setting up the exhibition.



Concorde Trip

Mrs Allan and Mr Murray took a group of pupils studying Graphic Communication/Design & Manufacture to the National Museum of Flight in East Lothian on 2nd November. The purpose of the trip was to look at aerodynamic design as part of their respective courses.



Red Cross Training

The British Red Cross have been in the school this month to deliver "Everyday First Aid" training with various classes from S1-S5.



Charity Begins at Home

The School charities committee managed to raise £115 for Children in Need by organising face painting, henna hands and the ever popular teacher leg waxing!



SSPCA Christmas Collection

This year again the Eco-Committee are collecting blankets, pet food, towels, pet toys and treats etc. for pets in SSPCA care at Christmas. Donations should be delivered to Mrs Taylor-Mackenzie's lab by 12th December.



Sports News

November saw disappointment for both the girls and boys rugby teams both losing their Scottish Cup and Bowl semi finals respectively. The girls lost 17-60 in very difficult conditions away to a very strong Biggar HS side. The boys came so close losing 29-31 to South Argyll Schools at Whitecraigs despite putting in their best performance of the season. Terrific achievement from both teams getting so far in these national competitions. Better news in rugby for the U14s team who won the Lesmahagow HS invitation tournament held at Strathaven Rugby Club with a 100% record.



The Eastwood Swim team were very successful at the recent Renfrewshire Area Schools Swimming Championships. The team won a wide array of gold, silver & bronze medals - Lauren Chalmers (age 15/16) 400m IM & 200m butterfly; Clare Wallace over 17 200m and 400m freestyle; Esther Jamieson aged 15/16 100m & 200m freestyle; Laura Beatt over 17 100m breaststroke; Ruby Small aged 13/14 100m backstroke & 200m IM and Holly Millar aged 13/14 100m & 200m backstroke. Well done to all.



The Eastwood senior girls volleyball team had their first competitive victory this month with a two sets to nil (25-17, 28-26) win away to Woodfarm HS. A great effort from the girls and clearly librarian Mr Panayiotakis' coaching is paying off.



Kate Richardson (S5) has again been putting in some incredible performances in road cycling. At the Scottish Nation Hill Climb Championships held this month on the Crow Road in the Campsie Hills Kate won her junior category, the age group above and came 3rd in the women's race! with her time of 14 minutes and 13 seconds. This puts her 5th in the all time list for the event just behind Scottish Olympians Katie Archibald and Neah Evans!



Also on two wheels, but this time in moto-cross, Jack Varty in S4 has been making a name for himself by winning the Abington Youth Class Trial. Jack continues to compete all over Scotland in the Scottish Motocross Championships.



Helen Chong (S4) and her sister Eva (S3) have been successful in cross country athletics this month whilst running for Giffnock North AC. Helen along with Clare Wallace (S5) were two of the three athletes that won the U17 Scottish Short Course Cross Country Team Championship earlier this month. Helen followed this up by winning the individual Renfrewshire U17 title at Johnstone on 24th of November with Eva taking bronze in the U15 event.

