

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

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*Special points of interest:*

### Important Dates

2nd May SQA Study leave begins

6th May Holiday

23rd May S1 Reports issued

23rd May School Closes

24th May Holiday

27th May Holiday

28th May In Service Day

29th May CfE In Service Day

30th May School Re-opens

12th June Prizegiving

13th June S4/5 Uniform am

13th June Graduation

19th June School Show

20th June School Show

26th June School Closes

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### Music Masterclass

Neil Wood (S3) had the wonderful experience of playing a violin duet with the well known classical violinist **Nicola Benedetti** at the **Royal Concert Hall** on the 29th of March. After practising this for 4 weeks, Neil played in front of a sell out audience. He played beautifully and his applause was richly deserved. He was also able to attend a party with Nicola afterwards and it has been suggested that he may be able to play with Nicola again in the future. This opportunity arose for Neil as Nicola is a patron for the charity **CLIC Sargent**. The charity contacted Eastwood as we have raised money for them in the past. A reminder that if you sponsored Neil's concert please hand in any donations to the school office as soon as possible.



### S1 Pupils' Visit to Isobel Mair School's

#### Science Fair

On Friday 22nd of March a group of 26 S1 pupils attended a **Science Fair** at **Isobel Mair School**. The pupils, inspired by Science teacher Miss McGavigan, prepared presentations on different inventors and their inventions and on how practical work with chemicals can be carried out safely. The pupil presentations and demonstrations were very well received by both pupils and parents from our cluster group primary schools as they listened to their informative presentations and tried out various activities. The day was made even more special by a personal video message from particle physicist Brian Cox. Many thanks must go to the pupils who put in a huge amount of effort and produced such a high quality of work.



### Attention! Attention!

On 19th and 20th June, pupils from all year groups will perform the headlining Musical **We Will Rock You**. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of June and will be £5 each. On that same note, we are looking for raffle prizes to be donated to help raise funds for the show. Any donations should be handed into the school office or given to Ms Lyons, Ms Tracey or Ms McDowell.

### PTA Blazer Recycling

The PTA are organising a **Blazer Recycling Scheme**. If you have any blazers in good condition that you wish to donate to this scheme please hand them into the school office.

### Uniform Update



The **new school tie** has been manufactured and has arrived in school. All pupils returning to school in August will be presented with their tie, free of charge, before the summer holidays. A reminder also that S4 & S5 pupils will have an opportunity to order blazers during the school day on Thursday June 13th 10.30am to 11.30am. We are looking forward to seeing the wearing of compulsory full school uniform including blazers with the new tie in place for the start of the new session in the new school building.



### BSKC Eastwood Karting

The Eastwood karting team of Stuart King, Iain McIntosh and Alan Regan, took part in the **Scottish regional final of the British Schools Karting Championship (BSKC)** at **Knockhill Racing Circuit** on 16th April. Although Eastwood didn't make it through to the National finals 'down south', we finished a very respectable 6th out of 15 teams. Although the boys had no experience of racing in extremely wet conditions with slick tyres, they excelled themselves when the track eventually dried - Ian McIntosh finished in 4th position, Stuart King started 11th and finished 2nd and Alan Regan started 7th, dropped to 9th then worked his way through the field to come in 1st - outstanding results all round. We will hold trials next session for pupils who are interested in taking part in the BSK Championship next year where we look forward to building on our success.

### Fairtrade Fortnight activity



During Fair Trade fortnight the **Human Rights' Group** held a "how many nuts in the jar" competition. Nicola Connor, S5 won a Fair Trade Easter egg by guessing the number closest to 718. With the money raised we have sent a **cheque for £70 to Traidcraft**. Thanks also to the generosity of the staff we raised £120 from their donations when they signed our big Christmas card. With that money we have twinned our toilets at EHS with two toilets in BeongRaithbong Village Cambodia (the Group's choice). **Toilet twinning** is a partnership between Cord and Tearfund, two international charities who work together because 2.6 billion people in the world do not have access to somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the loo. You can find out more on [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org).

### SQA Exam Study Leave and extra InService Day

Please note that Study Leave for the SQA exams begins on **Thursday 2/5/13**. Also another reminder that **Wednesday 29/5/13 is an extra InService Day**. This is for further development work for Curriculum for Excellence.

### "A Magnificat Celebration"

Several pupils from Eastwood High took part in the above concert as members of the **East Renfrewshire Schools' Symphony Orchestra** and **Eastwood Choral Singers** at Sherbrooke St Gilbert's Church in Pollokshields on Sunday 21st April. Pupils playing in the orchestra included Sarah Falconer, Emma Gatheral and Hannah Kay with Bhavna Mehta in the Singers. Well done to all the pupils who contributed to an enjoyable evening of music.

### Logo Competition

Zoe Sturgeon (S1) has won the competition to design the logo for the school production of **'We Will Rock You'**. Her winning design was selected out of hundreds of entries and will be printed on the t-shirts and hoodies that the cast and crew will wear. Runners up entries were by Keira McLean, S1 and Euan Campbell, S2. Well done and thanks to all pupils that took part in this competition—the standard of work was very high.



### Sports' News

**S2 Football**—The season has now ended with a big progression from the team, finishing in 3rd place in the league and getting to the semis of the league cup. Also we made the 3rd round of the Scottish Cup. A total of 25 boys represented the team with no less than 14 of them scoring. Well done boys.

**Young Ambassadors Commonwealth Games**—The Young Ambassadors organised both Junior and Senior Eastwood Commonwealth Games this month for boys and girls. The senior competition was won by Duncarnock and the junior's by Balgray. About 60 pupils were involved in this and enjoyed 2 excellent events. This is the first house competition organised by the Young Ambassadors with a view to establishing a House Sports Cup Competition with the move to our new facility next year. Pupils should watch for notices on how to get involved in competing for their house in a variety of events in the coming year including football, basketball, swimming & dodgeball.