

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

December 2014



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

5th January School Re-opens
 8th January S5/6 Parents Eve.
 14th January S2 Parents Evening
 28th January S4 Parents Evening
 2nd February S5/6 Prelims begin
 5th & 6th Feb. Inservice days
 9th & 10th Feb. Holidays
 1st April - ASN Parents Evening
 2nd April - School Closes
 20th April - School Re-opens
 27th April - SQA Exams Begin
 30th April - S3 Parents Evening
 3rd May - Holiday

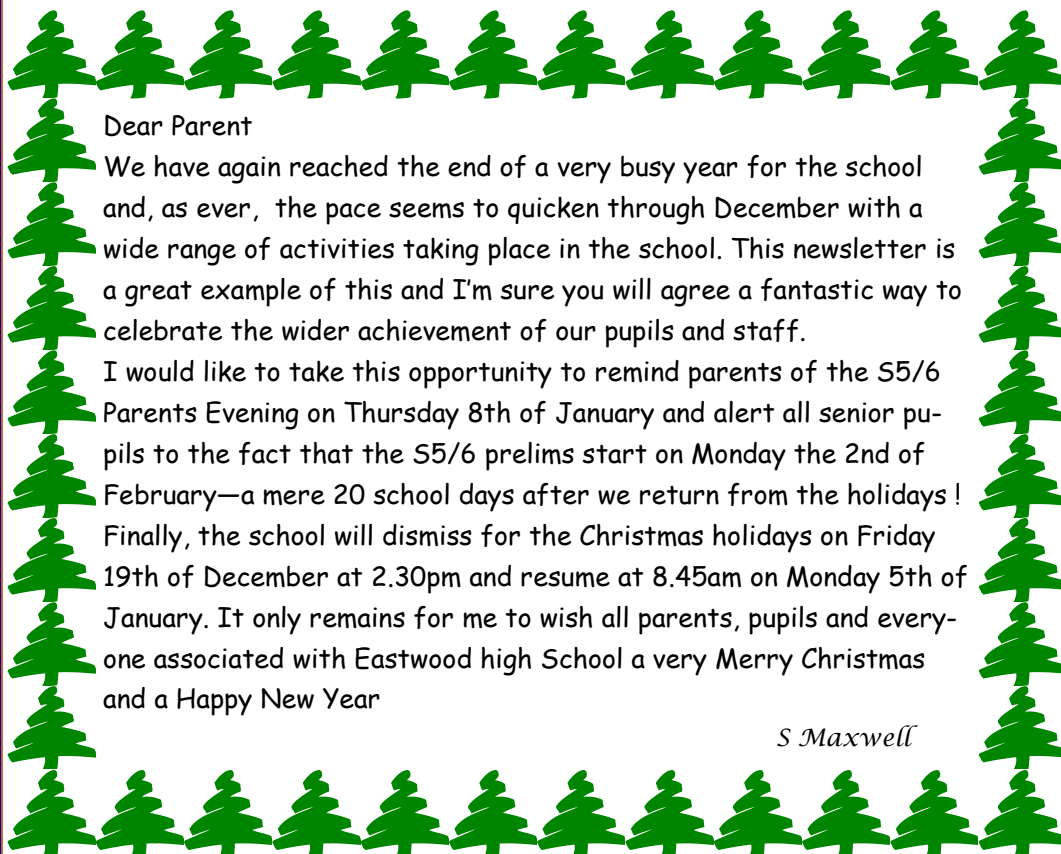
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Dear Parent

We have again reached the end of a very busy year for the school and, as ever, the pace seems to quicken through December with a wide range of activities taking place in the school. This newsletter is a great example of this and I'm sure you will agree a fantastic way to celebrate the wider achievement of our pupils and staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the S5/6 Parents Evening on Thursday 8th of January and alert all senior pupils to the fact that the S5/6 prelims start on Monday the 2nd of February—a mere 20 school days after we return from the holidays ! Finally, the school will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Friday 19th of December at 2.30pm and resume at 8.45am on Monday 5th of January. It only remains for me to wish all parents, pupils and everyone associated with Eastwood high School a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Art Exhibition

On the 2nd of December Eastwood High hosted a very successful art exhibition to showcase the best artwork (and Photography work) produced by pupils during 2014. The event was very well attended and as can be seen from the pictures the standard extraordinarily high.

Thanks go to Miss Hendry, Miss Cumming, Miss Mairs and Miss Richards for organising the event and all the pupils who exhibited their work.



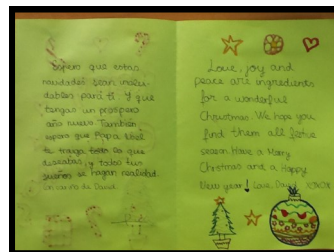
Christmas Concert

On Monday the 15th of December Eastwood hosted its annual Christmas Concert. As ever the tinsel and Santa hats were out and great fun was had by all. A very appreciative audience all commented on the high standard of performances. Well done to all staff and pupils.



Feliz Navidad

The S1/2 Spanish Club run by Dr Malcolm has been involved in an exchange of Christmas greetings with the IES Blas Infante School in Cordoba, Spain. The cards received from Cordoba have been put on display in the Modern Languages Department. Eastwood has sent a big parcel of Christmas Cards to Cordoba.



ECO Committee News

The pupil ECO Committee and Dr Lowe have been busy raising money for animal charities this month. The SSPCA Christmas Hamper Raffle was won by Mr Raeside and raised £86 this has been added to the ongoing "coppers collection" to give a grand total of £162 so far this year. The money will be used to sponsor a space for a dog and a rabbit at the local rehoming centre in Cardonald. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. The committee has also been busy making their own bird feeders to place around the school grounds to help the wildlife survive the cold weather.



Malawi Bound

Congratulations to Rabbiah Siddique, Rebecca Tait, Chloe Waterson and Emma McKelvie, all S5, who have been selected to represent Eastwood on the East Renfrewshire Schools trip to Malawi in November 2015. The trip is to be made in association with the Betty Cunningham Trust and the pupils will be working in the Dambo School in Malawi for 10 days. The girls were selected after making an application and going through a rigorous interview process. In all 20 candidates were interviewed and everyone did themselves proud (especially Kirsten Watson who has been selected as first reserve). Over the next nine months the girls will be involved in numerous fund raising activities and I hope that everyone can rally round and support them.



Social Events of the Year

This year's Junior and Senior Dances were a great success with the school's own ceilidh band even performing for part of the Junior Dance. A big thank you as ever to Mr Gibson and the PE staff for organising the events.



Foodbank Collection

Well done to Megan Kane, Max Yuill and Rachel Hughson-Gill, all S6, who organised a collection for the Greater Maryhill Foodbank as part of the school's charity drive.



Charities Christmas Fair and Jumper Day

The Senior Pupils' Charities Committee have been putting in a power of fundraising this Christmas season raising money for the Dambo School in Malawi. Their Christmas Craft Fair made over £250 and the traditional staff & S5/6 Christmas Jumper Day made just over £100.



Lego Elite Engineers

The Eastwood Legends Lego Elite Engineers Club, Robbie Walker, Stephen Baird, Jamie Dougall, Hayaan Bashir, Hannah Shields, Emma Kirby, June Bovill, Lewis Duncan, Kyle Wilson and Joshua Bell came a close third in their first Lego League Challenge of the season held at the Glasgow Science Centre on 1st December. In a tense competition the pupils performed very well but the robot they had designed and programmed displayed a few nerves on the big occasion.



Eve Does Staff Training

Well done to Eve Wengel of S1 who has been delivering training for teachers at Auchenlodment Primary School. Eve is a bit of an expert on i-movies and was asked by Headteacher, Mr Carlton, to train staff on how to make an i movie trailer. Eve was most professional giving a presentation, providing handouts and leading a troubleshooting session.



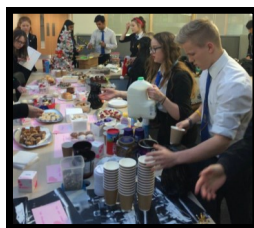
Senior Citizens Christmas Party

On 16th of December Eastwood senior pupils organised a Christmas party for over 140 senior citizens from the local community. As ever there was lots of festive entertainment with pupils from Music and Drama putting on a great show for the senior citizens. Special thanks go to Mrs McWilliam and Mrs Burns from the school of-fice and Mrs Foster DHT S5/6 for their assistance.



"AmnesTea"

The Fair Trade Group within the school has managed to raise £233.73 for Amnesty International following a coffee morning and bake sale held in the 6th Year Bridge area on 11th December. Well done to all



Pantomime Trip

This year the annual S1 Pantomime trip went to see "A Christmas Carol" at the Citizens' Theatre on Tuesday 16th December. Thank you to Mrs Kendall for the organisations it was a great day out when 120 S1 pupils had a fantastic time - Oh no they didn't , Oh yes they did!

Book Fair

In the run up to Christmas Eastwood's busy librarian, Miss De'Ath organised a Book Fair to mark Book Week Scotland. The event ran over a week and raised over £500 allowing Miss De'Ath to further stock the popular fiction section of the library.



Rudolph's Riddles

The annual S1 Rudolph's Riddles Competition, otherwise known as the "Mathematics/Physical Education Interdisciplinary Challenge" !! took place on 17th December. Despite all the fun pupils were able to learn new skills and work in teams to overcome a series of real world mathematical problems and physical challenges in PE.



"Cool Jazz Cats"

A number of Eastwood High pupils were asked to play with the East Renfrewshire School Jazz Band live on the prestigious BBC Radio Scotland Show "The Jazz House" on Wednesday 17th December. Morven Con-sedine, Rebecca Lister, Lauren MacDonald, Rachel Tait, Aisling Young and Abigail Young, all also mem-bers of the East-wood High Jazz Band appeared on the show alongside renowned jazz sax-ophonist Tommy Smith from Edinburgh.



Primary 7 Ceilidh

On the 1st of December Eastwood High School again hosted the Primary 7 St Andrews Day Ceilidh for pupils from St Cadocs PS, Crookfur PS and Isobel Mair School. The Eastwood High Senior Ceilidh Band were again on duty and kept the after-noon going with a swing. Over 200 pu-pils from our neigh-bouring schools attended the event and had a great time.



"Hair Today Gone Tomorrow"

As part of the Charities Committee drive to raise money for Children in Need Mr Higgins in the PE De-partment agreed bravely to have his head shaved. A special thanks to Paul-ine from McKenzie Hair on Ayr Road who helped out and £250 was raised for Chil-dren in Need.



Architecture Nomination

On 3rd December Mr Maxwell hosted judges from the George Grenfell Baines Building of the Year Award including BDP Chairman David Cash. Eastwood High School is one of six buildings in the running for the prestigious award and the 6 judges were very im-pressed by our building but also by our pupils.



Sports News

On the 10th of December a group of Eastwood High pupils travelled to the Emirates Arena to take part in a BBC get active event as part of the Com-monwealth Games legacy programme. The Eastwood pupils had the chance to try various sports including Boxing, Basketball, Tennis, Gymnastics and Func-tional Training. The pupils also had the chance for a question and answer ses-sion with Josh Taylor and Charlie Flynn two of Scotland's Commonwealth Games gold medallists.



In athletics Erin Wallace has started off her British Cross Country Championship series with a win in the U15 3Km race in Sefton Park Liverpool. Erin is circled in the picture above.

In school football it has been rather a mixed month for our teams. During December our U15s had a splendid 4-3 win against Woodfarm (a hat trick from Keenan Campbell and one from Kyle Taylor) but lost 3-1 to Scot-tish Cup holders St Ninians HS. Our U13s enjoyed their first win of the season beating Woodfarm HS 3-0 with goals from Ben McCann, Luke Barbour and George Banks. The U14s were unfortunate to lose a last mi-nute goal to go down 3-2 against Barrhead High, Fraser Cowan scoring both goals. Finally the U18 football team lost 6-4 to Renfrew HS in the league despite an Ethan Hood hat trick and one from Euan Baird.

The hockey season has finally started after months of training. The training however is clearly paying off as the Eastwood senior and junior sides enjoyed some good success at the recent East Renfrewshire Schools Tournament 1st leg held at St Ninians HS. Both the senior and junior sides played 5 games with the seniors winning 4 out of 5 and drawing the other, whilst the juniors lost three, drew one and won one game. There are two more legs of the Tournament to come in the new year.