

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

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*Special points of interest:*

### Important Dates

1st March S5/6 Reports  
28th March School Closes  
15th April School Re-opens  
22nd April S3 Reports Issued  
25th April S3 Parents' Evening (4.30pm)  
29th April Uniform Evening (P7/S1)  
30th April Uniform Evening (S2/S3)  
6th May Holiday  
7th May SQA Study leave begins  
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

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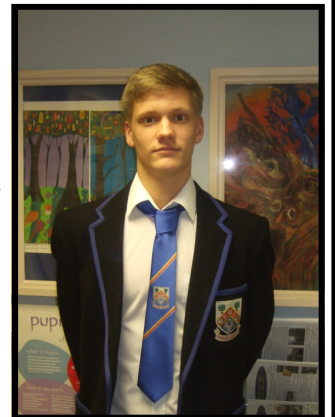
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### New School Tie

Voting has been taking place for pupils, parents and staff to choose a **new tie for Eastwood High School** when we move into the new building in August 2013. A pupil competition was held to design a new tie and six were chosen for the shortlist in addition to the current school tie. Voting took place in school and also online through the school website. The pupils whose ties were shortlisted for the vote were each given a prize and are shown holding their designs and wearing their ties. They are Rebecca Robertson (S4), Sam Gage (S4), Thomas Lamb (S2), Lucy Shields (S1), Erin Catterson

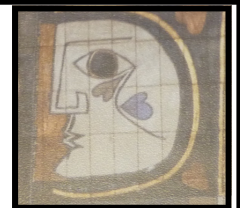


(S3) and Abby McCann (S2). In addition one pupil, Michael Henry (S6), received a prize for the most imaginative design. The tie that came top of a very close vote was the tie designed by Sam Gage (S4). This tie will now be the new school tie starting in August 2013. The school will be getting the tie produced to present to all school pupils, free of charge, who will be returning to school next session. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the competition and well done to Sam for having his design voted top tie! The new tie can be viewed on the School Website in News & Events > Gallery > New School Tie album.



### Electric Glen

A group of 20 S2 pupils were selected to work as a team to create a large **willow and tissue paper sculpture** that was to be displayed as part of the recent East Renfrewshire Council **Electric Glen light festival** in Rouken Glen Park. The chosen design was based upon an area of the ceramic wall mural outside the school's canteen. The results were amazing and the pupils worked very well together to create a really successful piece of artwork that was selected to be displayed on the corporate open evening of the festival. The sculpture has now been returned to the school and staff are brainstorming ideas as to how it could be displayed in the future.



### Extra CfE InService Day

A reminder that there is an **extra InService Day on Wednesday 29th May**. This is for further development work for Curriculum for Excellence. See the Important Dates section on this page for the May holidays and InService day dates.



### PACE Theatre Company

Congratulations to Robbie Noble (S5) who will be part of the PACE Theatre Company's debut performance for **Howard Brenton's new play "The Guffin"**. This is part of the National Theatre's "Connections" festival of new writing and young theatre making. "The Guffin" will be performed at The Wynd Centre in Paisley on 6th & 7th March 2013, followed by a performance at The Lyceum, Edinburgh in June 2013. One production of each play will then be transferred to the NT Festival at the National Theatre London in July 2013—fingers crossed for Robbie!

### Scottish Youth Parliament



Congratulations to both Nicole Dempster (S5) and Neil Wood (S3) who will be members of the **Scottish Youth Parliament** for the new term of 2013-2015. It's great to have two seats filled by pupils from our school. Nicole is currently a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) for East Ren and the next Scottish Youth Parliament sitting is being held at the Scottish Parliament Buildings in Edinburgh on the 1st & 2nd March. This will be a great opportunity for Nicole to see the parliament buildings and get a real feel for what happens there.

### Mr Reid's Charity Cycle

During the first week of the Easter holidays Mr Reid (and 2 of his rugby club team mates) will be setting off on a gruelling cycling challenge visiting the top 40 rugby clubs in Scotland in just over 6 days. This totals more than 650 miles. They are doing this in aid of the **Craig Hodgkinson Trust** which provides defibrillators to sports' clubs to help save the lives of young athletes who suffer a cardiac arrest on sports pitches. It is a hugely important charity and if you would like to donate you can do so by visiting the website: <http://lastinghope.bhf.org.uk/briggscycle>

### Sports News

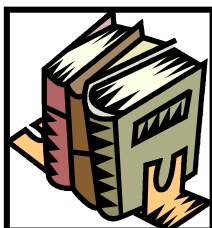
**Senior Boys Basketball success:** Senior boys have had a fantastic start to the year with two strong wins in January. Our first match of the year was against Paisley Grammar where the boys played some excellent basketball winning 73 - 43 with a particularly strong performance from Andrew Lawn S6, scoring 44 of the points. The following night we faced Castlehead High School and again showed how far we have come with another comfortable victory, winning 35 - 11. The boys will face Johnstone High School in their next league match and have drawn Renfrew High School in the first round of the Cup where we hope to continue our success. **U14 Football Update:** With the league season nearing an end, the S2 boys continue to play attractive football. A tight 5-4 defeat against Barrhead was followed by a 3-2 win in the return fixture taking the team to 3rd in the league. In addition victories against Paisley and Trinity have taken the boys to the semi final of the League Cup. **Rugby Club:** The rugby club is continuing to grow and we are still looking for more boys (no matter your experience) to join. We have planned festivals for S1/2 and S3/4 age groups with other East Renfrewshire schools coming up this term and next, as well as planned full fixtures against other schools. The club continues every Monday after school at Capelrig House. **Young Ambassadors and Sports Council:** The pupil sports' council is now up and running although we are still looking for an S2 boy and S3 girl to have a say on how the physical activity programme will run leading in to the new school. If you are interested speak to Mr Reid, Max Yuill or Catherine Palmer. In addition the Young Ambassadors will be arranging an Eastwood Commonwealth games in April - keep watching for information if you would like to be involved.

### S3 ASDAN Storytelling

S3 Asdan pupils visited Crookfur Primary School to read stories to P1 and P2 pupils. The S3 class have been learning about **their roles and responsibilities within their own communities** and wanted to share and read stories with younger pupils. S3 pupils developed their literacy skills as they learned about young children's fiction and developed their own stories. They worked in groups and showed high levels of collaboration. The primary pupils really enjoyed hearing the stories and loved the creative characters the Asdan class members described. Their stories were very well written and the pupils were proud to read them aloud to their very young audience.

### The Carnegie Shadowing Scheme

At Eastwood we have been taking part in this scheme for a number of years. Pupils read shortlisted books and then meet to discuss them, focusing on theme, language, characters and setting. They are able to put their views online, enter a national competition, vote for their favourite shortlisted book and in June meet up with other East Ren groups. Last year we were asked to take part in a **spin-off project to highlight "best practice" in the Carnegie Scheme**. The Carnegie team came to film a session and talk to the pupil members in Eastwood. These videos can be accessed at the following link: [www.ckg.org.uk/shadowingvideos](http://www.ckg.org.uk/shadowingvideos)



### School Crossing Patrol Vacancies

Facilities Management (ERC) are recruiting for School Crossing Patrollers to start in August 2013. Several posts are available near our school. The posts are 10 hours per wk and payments are £7.20 - £7.29 per hr. The posts are term-time only and are advertised on My Job Scotland [www.myjobscotland.gov.uk](http://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk) (closing date 14/3/13). Alternatively if interested please telephone Loraine Lawrie on 0141 577 3324.