

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

Important Dates

25th June School Closes
12th August In Service Day
13th August In Service Day
14th August Pupils' Return
26th August School Photographs, S1 and S4
27th September School Holiday
30th September School Holiday
10th October School Closes
11th October In Service Day
21st October School Re-opens

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Staff Departures and Retirals

It is the time of year when we have to say goodbye to staff retiring or leaving for pastures new. A big thanks to all the **probationary teachers** who will be leaving us after their year's placement. In addition several long-serving **members of staff** will be retiring at the summer - Mrs McKee (Home Economics), Miss Highet (Biology & Guidance) and Mrs Lockhart (Mathematics). All have made an immense contribution to many pupils here at Eastwood over the years and we wish them well for the future.

S3 Asdan Pupils residential at Lapwing Lodge

S3 Asdan pupils had a fantastic time on their residential stay at **Lapwing Lodge**. Pupils took part in activities such as high ropes, high ropes seesaw, archery and assault course. The pupils were studying the Sport and Leisure module for their Bronze Award and organised the residential trip as it helped develop their understanding of a range of activities and improved their ability to work together as a group and in teams.

Some pupils had never spent a night away from parents and carers and this allowed them to develop a degree of independence. The pupils worked very well together and flourished in the warm sunny weather. Class pupils also collaborated well in teams as they raised some of the cost of the trip by organising fund raising events throughout the school.



Carnegie Quiz

On the 11th June Miss De'Ath and Mrs Mair took 6 pupils—Alex Boyanov, Alice Chisholm, Rebecca Tait (all S3), Daniel Harkins, Daniel Middleton and Shaun Nicol (all S1) - to Mearns Castle High for an interschool quiz celebrating the books shortlisted for the **Carnegie Medal**. These pupils have been reading the books since March.



The event lasted the whole morning and about 130 pupils took part in 16 teams. Alice Chisholm and Miss De'Ath both



won separate prizes for a book tagline competition. All the school Librarians dressed up as well known characters with Miss De'Ath as a Jedi knight! Miss De'Ath's team came 3rd overall too. A big thank you should go to Mearns Castle for hosting the event and to all the staff involved.



A Periodic Table That's Good Enough To Eat

As a thank you and farewell gesture, Dr Jamieson's Higher Chemistry class had baked copious cupcakes to represent all the elements in the Periodic Table. They had hidden their cupcakes then came up with a ruse to distract Dr Jamieson so they could set up the periodic table as a surprise in her classroom. A huge amount of effort and organisation had gone into the pupils' creation with the cakes not only having the chemical symbols of the elements but also having little icons on the cupcakes such as wee teeth on Fluorine and the bone on Calcium. Dr Jamieson was very impressed and delighted with her class's efforts!



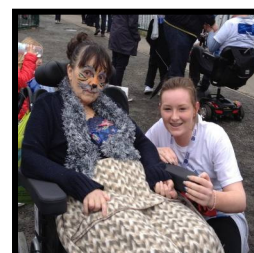
Edinburgh Zoo Trip

91 S1 pupils attended a trip to **Edinburgh Zoo** to support their recent studies on adaptations of animals as part of their Ecosystems topic. The pupils attended a lecture on the social behaviour of primates as well as visiting the pandas to learn about their habitat and rather unusual courtship behaviours! The pupils thoroughly impressed the zoo staff with the extent of their knowledge on these topics and enthusiasm during the discussions.



Motor Neurone Disease Scotland Fun Run

On the 19th of May, Lisa Wright (S3) ran a 10k Fun Run around Strathclyde Park for **MND Scotland** which is a charity to help people with Motor Neurone Disease and is very close to Lisa's heart. Lisa was sponsored by her family and friends and managed to raise a wonderful £387 for the charity. In the picture is Lisa with Janette who was diagnosed with MND last year and who inspired Lisa to do the 10k. Well done Lisa!



France Watersports Trip

This May we again took 40 S2 pupils to the south of France to paddle down the **Ardeche Gorge** and attempt a variety of water sports in the Mediterranean. As we left the cold rain behind and arrived in sun kissed blue skies in France, we put the 26 hour bus journey behind us and jumped straight onto the boats and began our descent down the river. The river was the deepest and quickest it has been since we first ran the trip, making for some exhilarating rapids and incredible stunning views. It took until halfway through day 2 before our first capsize...another record! The sun remained out and the great weather continued for the 3 days there. Then onto our day trip to **Avignon** where the pupils had some "chillaxing" time to shop and buy a variety of gifts and ice cream.

We then moved on to **Mimosa**, a beach resort on the Mediterranean. There we enjoyed three days of water sports activities, including sailing, kayaking and banana boating. We also had the opportunity to do some land based activities including climbing, abseiling and archery.

A great time was had by all with all pupils displaying exemplary behaviour and attitude.

Next year's trip is already booked and letters will be going out before the summer holidays to our new S2s who are interested in going next year.



Graduation Dance

It was all glitz and glamour at the **S6 Graduation Ceremony and Dance** held on 13th June. There was a brief ceremony in the school followed by a meal and dance held at Hampden Park. A great evening was had by all who attended.

Eastwood High Key Handover

Councillor Elaine Green, the Education Convener, handed over the key to the new building on Friday 14th June. The Councillor is pictured outside the new building with Stuart Maxwell and the new Head Boy and Head Girl—Mark Kyle and Bianca Deladia, along with their Deputies, Maham Ibrar and Robbie Noble.



Sports News



Triathlon Champion: Congratulations to Erin Wallace (S1) who won the **Scottish Schools Triathlon Championship** race at Stirling University for the 13-14 years age group. Well done, Erin!

Table Tennis: Since taking up table tennis only 2 years ago Craig Smith (S4) has demonstrated a natural talent for the sport and

achieved great success including Glasgow south balloted doubles champion, West of Scotland Div 3 top player award and a member of a team of 3 that won the Div 3 league. Most recently Craig won the Glasgow South Band 1 singles champion and reached the singles final where he came up against one of Scotland's best players who went on to take the title. Next year Craig will be moving up to Div 2 and hoping to build on his success. Well done Craig!



District Football: Congratulations to three of the S2 football team who have been selected for the District team. They are Ben Lockie, Scott Johnson and Calvin McGrory. Well done to all three!



Karate: On Sunday 2nd June six members on the Eastwood Karate Club represented our school at the SASF Championships in Motherwell. They all competed in the kata event (sequence of moves). Caitlin McBride (S1) did extremely well and won a trophy for 3rd place. David Veitch (S1) narrowly missed out on a trophy coming 4th but aims to better his performance next time. All competitors now know what they have to do for the next competition and we look forward to showing the other clubs what Eastwood High can do! Finally, last week at the grading both David Veitch

and Kayleigh Harkins (S2) achieved their red belts. Well done to them both.

S2 Football: The boys finished the season with a 7-1 friendly win against Belmont House. A hat trick from Paul Hutchison made him the season's top scorer with 9 in 8 appearances and Calvin McGrory ended as the highest assister with 14. Calvin and Scott Johnson finished with the most appearances playing in all 16 games and in all 27 boys played for the team this year.

East Renfrewshire District Athletics 2013: This year 52 Eastwood High pupils competed at Linwood against the other East Renfrewshire schools and the pupils excelled themselves coming home with the best medal tally in a long time. In all we achieved 11 gold medals, 12 silver and 5 bronze. **S1 Boys** - Ross Lipp gained 4 gold, Paul Hutchison 2 gold and 1 silver, Robbie Walker 1 gold and 1 bronze, Robbie McIntyre 1 gold, Graham Murchie and Andy Chan 1 silver each. **S1 Girls** - Erin Wallace 2 gold and 1 silver, Morven Considine, Alice Crombie and Mirryn McGeehan all 1 silver each and Madeline Shepherd 1 bronze. **S2 Boys** - Marc Low 1 gold and 1 silver, Greg Young 1 silver and 1 bronze, Gabriel Boyle, Ross Pillans and Jamie Sturrock 1 silver, Ewan Keir and Callum Otley 1 bronze. All pupils competed and supported each other brilliantly and we had a number of 4th places and finalists who unfortunately missed out on medals. Ross Lipp set new East Renfrewshire records for the S1 Boys 100m and 200m and Erin Wallace set a new S1 Girls 1500m record. Outstanding achievements!

Junior boys cricket: Eastwood's A and B teams both enjoyed success in the qualifying stages of the Glasgow Cricket league. Defending their title they have won for the last 2 years, the A team defeated Williamwood by 98 runs with Kess Sajid top scoring with 62 while Abtaha Maqsood topped the bowling figures with 3 for 9 in just 3 overs. This was followed up with a victory over Holyrood to top the group. Having scored 160/4 (Lewis James achieving 50 not out), they then restricted Holyrood to 117/8 winning by 43 runs, with Lewis' bowling standing out with 1 wicket for a measly 4 runs. The B team also performed excellently to defeat Hillhead having lost their first game to St Ninian's. They set their opponents 52/6 with Logan Walton top scoring with 11. This was followed by some terrific bowling restricting Hillhead to just 42 runs, gaining a 10 run victory. The A team now face Shawlands in the semi finals while the B team have 1 more group game to play against Doon which they must win to stand any chance of making the final.