

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

June 2014



Special points of interest:

Important Dates

25th June - School Closes @ 1pm
 11th & 12th Aug. - Inservice days
 13th Aug. Pupils return @ 8.45
 25th Aug. - S1&S4 Photographs
 26th & 29th Sept. - Holidays
 10th October—Inservice Day
 October 13th - 17th - Holiday
 20th Oct. Pupils return @ 8.45

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Dear Parent

We have come to the end of another very busy session for Eastwood HS and as usual the last few weeks have been full of activities for the pupils to enjoy. We have had our annual Awards Ceremony, Graduation Dance, Sports Award Dinner and Summer Concert amongst many other things.

It is at this time of year when we have to say goodbye to staff leaving the school for pastures new or into retirement. I would personally like to thank all the probationary teachers who will be leaving us at the end of their year's placement - there are too many to mention but they have all made an invaluable contribution this session. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them well for the future.

Two long serving pupil support assistants Mrs Morven McKenna and Mrs Aileen McFadzean will be retiring from Eastwood this summer and our best wishes also go to teachers Mrs Margaret Cameron of Mathematics and Mrs Deborah Rutherford of Modern Languages both of whom will be retiring after giving a combined total of 37 years of valued service to the school. Special mention however must go to Miss Barbara Golombok Eastwood's longest serving member of staff as she also retires this summer.

Eastwood High will also be losing through retirement two of its most able and best loved characters in Deputy Head Teachers Mr Billy Hood and Mr Graeme Gardner. They have a combined service to the school of in excess of 47 years with 20 of those as Deputy Heads. I will miss their support and wise counsel as well as their friendship. Their experience and passion for the school will be missed by everyone. Finally the school will finish for the summer holidays at 1pm on Wednesday 25th of June. School lunches will be available from 12.20. The Neilston, Uplawmoor and farms transport operators have agreed to pick up pupils at Neilston Station at 1pm. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, pupils and parents a great summer holiday.

Stuart Maxwell

Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations go to Tammy Reynolds of S5 for winning "Carer of the Year" category at the East Renfrewshire Volunteer Awards. The awards ceremony was hosted by Jim Murphy MP at Fairweather Hall and Tammy was nominated for her voluntary caring responsibilities and her work in health promotion with "ShoutER"



S6 Graduation Ball

Thursday 12th of June saw the social highlight of the year - The S6 Graduation Ceremony and Ball. As ever it was a night of glitz and glamour and a fantastic evening was had by all. This year the Ball was held at Crutherland House Hotel, East Kilbride and the pictures below give a flavour of the evening. There really were some stunning dresses.



Mathematics Research

Mr Carr's and Mr Mackison's maths classes took part recently in some educational research. They were working with Dr Oliver Quinlan of NESTA on a research project of his on "flipped learning". Dr Quinlan was so impressed with the Eastwood pupils he later tweeted.

"Fantastic morning talking to staff & very articulate students about their flipped learning"

Kelvingrove Art Success

Well done to Zoe Sturgeon S2 who achieved a "Commended" certificate for her entry in the prestigious Kelvingrove Art Competition.



New S6 Pupil Leadership Team

Congratulations to the Gillian Garbutt and Craig Smith who have been selected as Head Girl and Head Boy for session 2014/15. Congratulations also go to Deputy Head Girl, Sophie Shields and Deputy Head Boy Mohsi Maqsood.

The picture shows Gillian, Craig, and Sophie with their new vice captains. Mohsi was unavailable for the photo shoot.



Grand Carnegie Quiz

The annual Carnegie Prize day was held this year in Mearns Castle HS. Miss De'Ath, our librarian, and 8 pupils went along to discuss the shortlisted books. As part of the day the team of Iqra Nadeem, Dylan Langfield and Callum McEwan won prizes in the tagline quiz and Jade Thompson won a prize for her acting during the dialogue round.



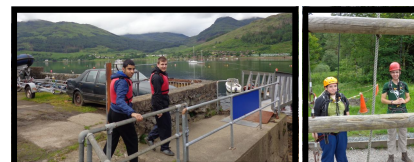
Diana Awards

Well done to the following Eastwood High pupils who have been successful in gaining Diana Awards in various categories. These are national awards awarded to young people who have gone above and beyond over a long period to improve their local communities in various categories.

Briony Allan	- Champion Fundraiser
Tom Allan	- Champion Fundraiser
Brent Murphy	- Champion Volunteer
Tammy Reynolds	- Active Campaigner

Dreams Come True Weekend

Holly Henderson, Faiz Khalid, Vicki Bryce, Erin Chung, Graeme Milloy and Fraser Brash all took part in this year's Dreams Come True weekend 13th—15th June at Lochgoilhead Outdoor Activity Centre. It was a great weekend with our pupils acting as buddies to pupils from Isobel Mair School. All the Eastwood buddies were exceptional in working with the Isobel Mair pupils.



Young Innovators of the Year 2014

Well done to Bradley Scott and Martin McGinness who have been shortlisted for the Harper Adams University Young Innovators of the Year. The boys, both of S1, have been shortlisted from more than 1000 entries for their robot design of a tree-capitator. The UK winners will be announced on 30th June.

Charity Recognition

The great work of Miss Lyons, Mr Carr and the Eastwood Charities Committee has been recognised on the Scottish Autism website. This year the senior pupils raised over £2000 for the charity.



Musical Marvels

It has been a very busy month for Eastwood High's musicians. On 19th June the Atrium was the venue for the summer concert. An appreciative audience was treated to a number of acts including soloists, ensembles and the jazz band. In addition to the concert piper Jack Mitchell and woodwind players Jack Murray, Rebecca Tait, Emily Watson and Cerys Goodwin were invited to play at the opening of Giffnock Library in front of the Director of Education and a number of Councillors. On the 12th of June more Eastwood musicians were called into action when the Ceilidh Band performed for the St Cadoc's PS leavers ceilidh, and on 31st May four S3 pupils Murdo McTear, Rebecca Johnston, Chloe Banning & Kerr Miller entertained the residents of Eastwood Court Care Home playing a

variety of pieces ranging from Scottish dances to modern classics.



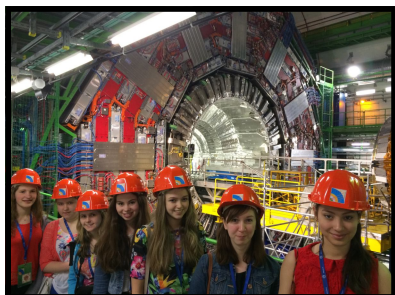
ECO Commitment

A big thank you to the Duke of Edinburgh volunteers who have been undertaking volunteer work in the school grounds as part of their community task. In May and June they have cleared out and re-planted the vegetable beds as well as clearing an area for a new herb garden. They have also sectioned off an area for a wildflower meadow to be sown. This will also go toward the boys achieving a John Muir Award.



Trip to CERN in Geneva

At the beginning of June a group of S4 Physics students journeyed to Switzerland to visit CERN. The group spent 3 days in Geneva where they explored the city, used some of their French language skills and learned about the experiments being conducted at the CERN Research Centre. The group learned how the Large Hadron Collider and Accelerator worked venturing 100m underground to see the CMS detector up close. It is safe to say that the pupils were thoroughly inspired and learned a lot about particle Physics in advance of their Higher studies.



British Champions - Lego Elite Engineers

On 17th June Miss Hamilton, Mr Murray and Mrs Allan accompanied the Eastwood Engineers to the UK final of the Elite Engineering Competition in Manchester. The team qualified as one of only 3 teams from Scotland out of the original 167 entries from all over the UK. **The fantastic news is that they won.** The competition involved the team (listed below) making presentations, taking part in practical tasks using the robot they had designed and participating in question and answer sessions with engineering and robotics experts. The team won a trophy and **£20,000** to create a Lego Engineering Facility in the school. Well done to all on a fabulous result that will leave an engineering legacy in the school for years to come. The Team:- Stephen Baird S2, Hayyaan Bashir S2, Joshua Bell S2, Jamie Dougall S2, Lewis Duncan S2, Emma Kirby S2, Hannah Shields S2, Joanna McDermott S2 & Robbie Walker S3, are pictured with the trophy.



Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

This month Eastwood High's Duke of Edinburgh Silver group headed off on their expeditions. The group undertook a 24 mile hike and over-night camp on the Eaglesham Moor. I'm glad to say all completed the task successfully.



Pupil Support Trip to M&D's

On 19th June 40 pupils went on the annual Support Base trip to M&D's Theme Park. As ever there were lots of thrills and spills on the rides. A big thank you to Mr Keogh, Mr Griffin and all the support staff for organising the trip.



Curtain Call

Abby McCann of S3 has been performing at the Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh this month as part of the National Theatre's Connections Festival. Cerys McLuskie of S3 has been selected to perform at the Queens Park Arena on 21st June as part of the build up to the Commonwealth Games; speaking of which Callum Ross of S6 has been selected to perform in the Games opening ceremony!

Sports News

The Eastwood High School Athletics Squad have had a record breaking month during June. Firstly at the District Athletics Championships held at Linwood on 6th June our team scooped 12 Gold medals—a record haul. This was backed up by 15 silver and 6 bronze medals. The gold medal



winner was S1 Mya Harrison (Long Jump); S2 Erin Wallace (1500m), Ross Lipp (100m, 200m, Long Jump & Relay), Paul Hutchison (1500m & Relay), Graham Murchie (Relay), and Adam Latif (Relay); S3 Justine Ling (Long Jump) and Marc Low (Triple Jump). In addition Ross Lipp (100m), Erin Wallace (1500m) and Paul Hutchison (1500m) all secured District records. A number of Eastwood athletes were then selected to represent East Renfrewshire at the S1/2 Inter District Championships held at Linwood on 16th June. Eastwood athletes secured 5 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals for the East Renfrewshire team (Ross Lipp 100m, 200m and 4x100m Gold; Erin Wallace 1500m Gold; Graham Murchie 4x100m Gold; Ross Lipp Long Jump Silver, Kirsten Burningham 4x100m Bronze, Mya Harrison Long Jump Bronze and Jack Christie Shot Putt Bronze).



The inter house sports championship has now come to an end for session 2013/14 with Duncarnock victorious on 140pts, Balgray 2nd on 102pts and Capelrig 94pts and Auldhouse 82pts.



At the Scottish final of the British Schools Karting the two Eastwood teams narrowly missed out on the two places for the British final in Northampton in July coming 3rd and 7th, overall. Megan McNair of S2 competed in the Scottish Karate Championships at Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh on Saturday 14th June. Megan won Gold in the age 14-15 Shitoryu Kata and bronze in the age 14-15 Kata (all styles)



There was a first for Eastwood High cricket on 16th June when we fielded our first ever girls cricket team in the Scottish Championships at Stirling. Only Abtaha Maqsood had played competitive cricket before and despite the hours of practice in the school's cricket nets the girls found victory elusive. There is clearly a future however for the team as they were competitive with the highlight a hat-trick for Abbie Hamilton against The Gordon Schools from Huntly.



Finally congratulations to Stephen Milloy of S5 who has been selected to represent Great Britain at U17 & U20 in a Ball Hockey (summer ice hockey) tournament in Bratislava, Slovakia.