

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

June 2015



*Special points of interest:*

### **Important Dates.**

24th June - School closes at 1.00pm  
11th August - Inservice Day  
12th August - Inservice Day  
13th August - Pupils return 8.45  
24th Aug. - S1&S4 Photographs  
25th & 28th Sept. - Holidays  
9th October—Inservice Day  
October 12th - 16th - Holiday  
19th 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 Awards Dinner and School Show 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.

Our best wishes also go to teachers Miss Jill Graham, of RMPS, Mr Lawrie Curran of History and Mrs Helen McPeake of Home Economics all of whom will be retiring after giving a combined total of 66 years of valued service to the school. Special mention however must go to Deputy Head Teacher Mr Alan Richmond for his immense contribution to the school over 24 years as he also retires this summer. I will miss Alan's support and wise counsel as well as his friendship. His experience and passion for the school will be missed by everyone.

Finally the school will finish for the summer holidays at 1pm on Wednesday 24th 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.

*S. Maxwell*

### **Sport Scotland School of Excellence**

Eastwood High School has been awarded a Sport Scotland Gold Award. This prestigious national award is held by only 33 secondary schools in Scotland out of 350 and recognises the excellent work of staff and pupils in promoting health and well being, curricular and extra curricular sports.



### **Kelvingrove Art Winners**

Congratulations to Lauren Watson (S3) for winning a gold medal in the prestigious Kelvingrove Art Competition. Well done also to Eve Murphy Marriott who achieved a silver award in the same competition.



### High School Musical

17th, 18th & 19th June saw spectacular performances in this year's Eastwood High School Show—High School Musical. This was the first school show held in the Games Hall Theatre and it played to very large and appreciative audiences



### East Renfrewshire Convenor's Awards

Congratulations to Lauren MacDonald (S6), Craig Crawford (S6), Graeme Milloy (S6), Euan Ford (S2), TJ Henderson (S6), Erin Wallace (S3) and the team of Eastwood Young Engineers for winning an East Renfrewshire Education Convenor's Awards. These awards are given for excellence in the Arts, Citizenship, Sport and Technology.



### Creative & Performing Arts Colours Ceremony

Congratulations to all the pupils who were recognised for their contribution to creative and performing arts in the school at the recent awards ceremony held in the Atrium on Wednesday the 10th of June.



### Dreams Come True Weekend

Senior pupils Harris Ali, Bhavna Mehta, Mark Falconer, Christopher Keenan, Graeme Milloy and Zarah Arshad accompanied Mr Keogh on the East Renfrewshire "Dreams Come True Weekend" 12th-14th June at Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre, acting as "buddies" for pupils with additional support needs..



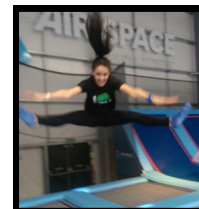
### Class Display

Mrs Rorison's S1 undertook a challenge to devise a class display to summarise the school's new Behaviour Management system. Pupils were asked to complete a poster and the design winners were Brian Barr, Ryan Rodger, Yusef Khan and Scott MacFarlane.



### Bouncing Around

A huge thank from all S6 pupils to Miss Barr (pictured) for organising a brilliant trip to Airspace, East Kilbride, to mark the pupils' last day in school. Everyone had a most enjoyable time on the trampolines - especially the teachers !



### ECO Warriors

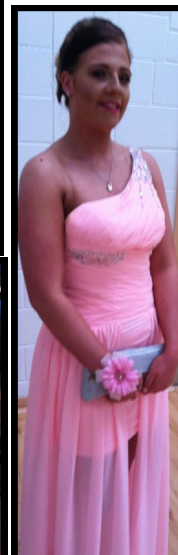
Congratulations to Alice Chisholm, Joanna Dougall and Bhavna Mehta (all S5) who have won a monetary prize for the school in the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency schools competition. The girls were runners up in the S4-S6 category after setting up and running a successful battery recycling scheme in the school.





### S6 Graduation Ball

Tuesday 9th 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 returned to Hampden Park and the pictures below give a flavour of the evening. There really were some stunning dresses on show.



### Your Help Requested

Eastwood High School is looking for parents' assistance for an event being planned for November. The school is looking to host a careers evening and we would like to have as many businesses and occupations as possible represented. If you own a business or could represent an occupation on the evening could you please contact Mrs Sinclair, Mr Keogh or Mrs MacGregor via the school office, thank you

### Sports Colours Ceremony

Congratulations to all the pupils who were recognised for their contribution to School Sports at the recent sports colours awards ceremony held in the Atrium on Monday the 15th of June.



### Carnegie Medal 2015

This year Mrs Mair, Miss Thomson and Miss De'Ath, our school librarian, have joined the Eastwood Reading Club to read the eight shortlisted books for the Carnegie Medal for childrens' fiction. The staff and pupils attended the Carnegie reading event on 3rd June, hosted at Williamwood High School, to discuss the shortlisted books with pupils from the other East Renfrewshire Schools and pick their favourite.



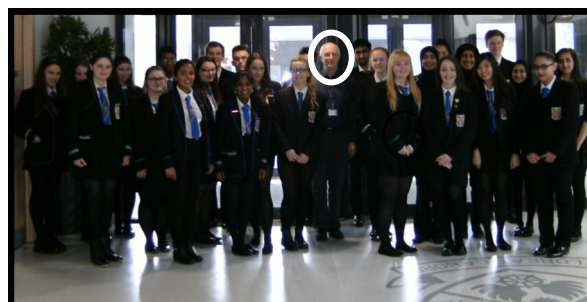
### Bank of England Visit

On the 1st of June Eastwood High School was proud to welcome Victoria Cleland, the chief cashier of the Bank of England (The person who signs the Bank of England bank notes). Victoria spoke with the S3 Design and Manufacture class about the processes involved in the design and production of bank notes and even showed the class prototypes of the new Bank of England polymer (plastic) £5, £10 and £20 notes.



### Professor Raymond Dalglish—Former Pupil

Eastwood High School was delighted to welcome back former pupil Raymond Dalglish, Professor of Genetics at the University of Leicester. Raymond gave an interesting and informative talk on genetics to an audience of Higher and Advanced Higher Biology Students.



## Sports News

June has been an incredibly busy month for Eastwood HS athletes. On the 2nd a team of 49 Eastwood athletes attended the annual East Renfrewshire District Athletics Championships at Linwood. The team put in a phenomenal performance returning to the school with a record haul of 29 medals. Special congratulations go to the S3 girls who won the girls competition and to Erin Wallace who broke the S3 East Renfrewshire 1500m record on the way to winning gold. The medallist are listed in the table below.



Following on from this event Ross Lipp, Clare Wallace, Jamie Sturrock and Erin Wallace competed at the Scottish Athletics Championships at Grangemouth with Erin winning the girl's U17 1500m title. This month Erin also ran the astonishing time of 2.07.74 for the 800m at the Hutchison's Milers

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ross Lipp (100m, 400m)	Calum Anderson (200m)	Ben McCann (400m)
Claire Wallace (1500m)	Ross Lipp (Long Jump, Relay)	Euan Chalmers (1500m)
Emily MacDonald (100m, 200m, High Jump)	Graham Murchie (Relay)	Lawrie Haig (High Jump)
Kirsten Burningham (Long Jump)	Kyle Taylor (Relay)	Alan Yie (Shot Putt)
Elise Tweedie (Shot Putt)	Keenan Campbell (Relay)	Chris Barber (Long Jump, Triple Jump)
Erin Wallace (1500m, Relay)	Claire Wallace (High Jump)	Robbie Walker (Triple Jump)
Zoe McKinna (Relay)		Jonathan Taylor (Shot Putt)
Caitlyn Sinclair (Relay)		Erin Wallace (200m)
Mirryn McGeehan (Relay)		

**Meet-** This time would have qualified her to run in the World Youth Games 2015 in Cali, Columbia had she been old enough to compete ! Well done to all our athletes.

In football our U15 played in St Mirren Cup Final against local rivals St Ninians. Despite taking an early lead through a Lennon Houston goal and being 1-1 at half time the team went down 1-5 after having to "chase the game" near the end. Also in football the S1 team took part in a 7 a side tournament hosted at St Ninians HS. The boys finished a creditable 3rd with a record of 2 wins, 2 losses, & 2 draws. Robert Brownlee was voted "Player of the Tournament".



The Eastwood cricket team got their Glasgow League campaign underway after numerous rained off matches. The team defeated Shawlands Ac. away with an excellent performance. Shawlands batted first scoring 58 all out with Ayman Aqeel taking 3 for 6 and Aryan Sabir 3 for 8. Chasing 59 Abtaha Maqsood was top scorer with 31, ably supported by Grant Bain (6) and Liam Dolling (9). The game was won in 11.2 overs. Finally congratulations to Abtaha Maqsood (S4) who has again been selected to play for Scotland Women's Cricket Team in the ECB League playing against Worcestershire.

After winning through the semi finals in March the Eastwood A karting team came 3rd and Eastwood B team 5th in the Scottish final of the British Schools Karting Championships held at Raceland, Tranent on 11th June. Unfortunately only the top two teams win through to the UK finals in England in July .



Finally well done to Megan McNair (S4) who has won silver in the Scottish International Open and Bronze in the BKF Four Nations Shitokai Karate competitions. These strong performances at UK level have secured Megan a place on the WKF Training Camp and Karate 1 Youth World Cup in Umag, Croatia in July; and also a place training with WKF Kata World Champion Hasegawa in Japan for 3 weeks in August.

