

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

March 2015



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

1st April - ASN Parents Evening
 2nd April - School Closes 2.30
 20th April - School Re-opens
 27th April - SQA Exams Begin
 30th April - S3 Parents Evening
 4th May - Holiday
 22nd & 25th May - Holidays
 26th May—Inservice Day
 28th & 29th May - P7 Induction
 4th June - Sports Awards
 8th June - Timetable Change
 9th June - S6 Graduation
 10th June - BGE Graduation
 11th June - Prizegiving
 17th & 18th June - School Show
 24th June - School closes at 1.00pm

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Dear Parent

With the SQA exams imminent after the Easter holidays it is vitally important that all S4-S6 use the break to revise. There are only 7 school days left until the first SQA exams! To help, Eastwood High is running an extensive Easter School revision programme (details are on the school website). All S4, S5 & S6 pupils have been issued with a pack containing information and forms to sign up for the classes. There will also be supported study classes in April and May as well as evening classes and weekend classes in some subjects through until the exams. Pupils will be told of these classes and reminder texts sent out. If everyone is to achieve their full potential in the exams then **the revision starts now!**

I am also seeking your support in ensuring that all pupils continue to wear full school uniform. I am sure that you will agree that our new standards and expectations in this area have made a huge difference to the school and reflect very positively on all our pupils. We are a proud school and a great school and everyone must play their own small part in maintaining these standards. Eastwood High is now quoted in other local schools as the standard to aim for in school uniform. During the winter months some pupils have been wearing warm garments under their blazers and scarves over them. With the better weather everyone can now wear their full uniform with pride not only in school but also to and from school. *S Maxwell*

Senior Dux Winners

Congratulations to Emma McKelvie and Cameron Wilson who have become Senior Duxes of the school 2015. The award is based on overall performance in all subjects studied in fifth year. The Duxes will receive their prizes at Prizegiving and their names will be added to the Dux Board between now and the summer. Emma and Cameron will also now be entitled to wear the gold half collours on their blazers.



Congratulations Mrs Allan

Mrs Allan, the Principal Teacher of Technical and Home Economics in Eastwood High, travelled to London this month to receive the Subject Leadership in Design and Technology Award at the UK Design and Technology Association's Annual Excellence Awards. This prestigious national award is recognition for the exceptional and excellent work that Mrs Allan and her colleagues do every day in Eastwood



Cathy MacPhail Visit

Cathy MacPhail, winner of Scottish Children's Author of the Year 2015 visited Eastwood High on 12th March. Cathy gave an inspiring talk on creative writing to S1 pupils and then answered questions. The visit, organised by Miss De'Ath our school librarian, was a great success and finished with a book signing.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards

A group of 19 senior pupils have been presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards after successfully completing their work. Duke of Edinburgh is run in partnership with East Renfrewshire Community Learning and Paul Telfer who has led the group this year was present at the ceremony



World Pi Day

A number of numeracy fun activities were held on 13th March to mark World Pi day. S1 were involved in a Maths relay around the track promoting numeracy skills and health & well being whilst S2 and S3 were involved in Pi recital competition in the Atrium. The S2 prize was won by Kirsten Burningham who recited Pi to 130 digits closely followed by Charlotte Bovill & Hamza Ismaeel. The overall S3 prize was won by Jake McKie who remembered Pi to 150 digits! Maryam Shakeel was 2nd & Ambreen Rabbiani 3rd.



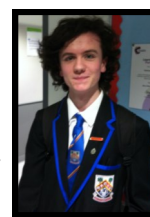
Promoting Science

Eve Wengel and Jason Robb, both S1, helped Miss Bannerman out at the recent Isobel Mair School Science Fair. Eve and Jason were demonstrating how the human digestive system works and were great ambassadors, getting the Isobel Mair School pupils involved in a very messy experiment.



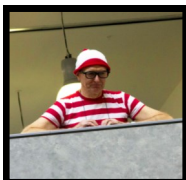
Well Done Robert

Well done to Robert Veitch (S6) who has been accepted to study Product Design at the prestigious University of the Arts, Central St Martins, London.



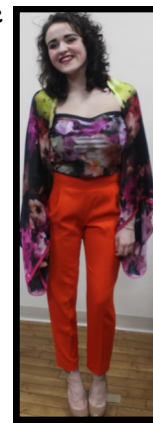
World Book Day

5th March was World Book Day. It was celebrated in Eastwood High with lots of literacy related fun activities organised by Miss Baillie and the English Department supported ably by our school librarian. These included teachers dressed as fictional characters, The Great Eastwood Book Swap and a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour whole school read. On a more serious note S6 created an anti bullying poster campaign entitled "Don't Judge a book by its Cover"



Passion for Fashion

Twenty Eastwood High pupils ranging from S2-S6 took part in the ERC "Passion for Fashion" event at Parklands Country Club on 5th March. Their involvement ranged from being models, to make up, to box office and even entertainment. Mrs Ross' Personal Development class were in charge of the catering providing a sumptuous buffet for all the guests and Eastwood Higher Photography students captured the event for the media. Thank you and well done to all



Charity Fundraising

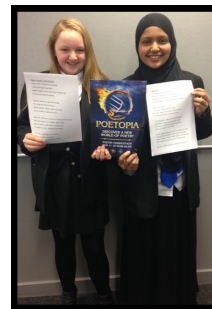
Friday the 13th of March saw some "serious" charity fundraising activities in the school. A "Dress as you Please—Wear Something Red Day" raised money for Red Nose Day Charity and the JDRF charity. In addition there was a Red Nose Coffee Morning run by the Charities Committee, a Red Nose Photo Booth run by senior pupils and a lunchtime Staff v Pupils Bubble Football match raising a total of £776.05 for the Red Nose Charity. JDRF (Junior Diabetes Research Foundation) is a charity funding research into combatting Diabetes in children. Euan Ford of S2 has raised money for this worthwhile cause over the years and it was his idea that the school could become involved.. £500 was raised for JDRF.

Mrs Bryce



Published Writers

Well done to Abigail Watson (S1) and Ayesha Khan (S1) who have had their poems published in a national collection called "Poetopia". Working in the theme of "Hunger Games" or "Divergent" Abigail's poem focussed on Beatrix Potter characters and Ayesha on the issue of bullying and self confidence.



Glasgow Music Festival

Rebecca Tait (S5) represented Eastwood High in the Glasgow Music Festival "Songs of the Shows" Competition on the 19th of March. She performed very well scoring a total of 83 marks—a very strong performance for her first time in the competition.



Horrible Histories Quiz

Well done to Scott McFarlane (S1) for organising and leading the inaugural "Horrible History -Teachers Challenge". In the end Mr Curran came out on top just pipping Mr McDairmid by 12-11.



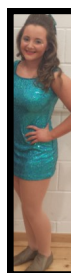
Scottish Children's Book Awards Trip

On 4th March a group of Eastwood pupils accompanied by Miss de'Ath and Mrs Mair were fortunate to attend the Scottish Children's Book Awards 2015 in Edinburgh



Dance Spectacular

Eastwood High hosted the East Renfrewshire Dance Championships on 24th March and was well represented in all categories. It was a night of fantastic performances by all the Eastwood dancers, but best of all was an outstanding and astonishing performance by Danny Nell (S2) to win best solo dance. Well done to everyone.



UK Maths Challenge

Well done to Nuvneet Kaur (S1), Jack Grant (S1), Kimberley Mcleish (S2) and Joseph Gill (S2) who, coached by Mrs Callaghan, represented Eastwood High at the recent West of Scotland heat of the UK Maths Challenge.



Now You See It Now You Don't

This rather spooky photo of the "crescent sun" was taken by Mr O'Rorke, from the roof terrace during the solar eclipse on 20th March. The insert shows the photography class taking pinhole images of the eclipse from the terrace.



S3 Skills for Work Day

On Tuesday 17th March all S3 pupils, as part of their Broad General Education, were involved in a skills for life and work day. The event involved pupils completing a number of competitive challenges supported by representatives from business and the Eastwood Rotary Club. It was organised by Miss MacGeough.



Micro Tyco Challenge

Sixteen S1 pupils have unleashed their entrepreneurial skills in the Micro Tyco Challenge organised by the BECS Faculty. They had to turn £1 into as much money as possible in one month. The total raised was £257.21 which was donated to the Wildhearts Charity & the cake makers won raising £81.84



Sports News

Congratulations to TJ Henderson (S6) who won the gold medal in the under 80Kg category at the UK Jiu Jitsu Championships held in Birmingham in March. TJ also won a silver medal in the "open" category. These performances have allowed him to achieve the UK number 1 ranking.

Eastwood High athletes have had a very busy month. Ross Lipp, Jamie Sturrock and Erin Wallace have been selected to attend the Scottish Schools Athletics Squad training camp on 29th March in Dunfermline whilst at the East Renfrewshire Cross Country Championships held in Rouken Glen Park on the 11th of March the S1 girls team won Bronze, the senior girls team won Bronze and the S3 Boys won Bronze. In the individual Erin Wallace won gold in the senior girls race, Claire Wallace won gold in the S1 Girls race and Jamie Sturrock came 3rd winning bronze in the senior boys race. Erin also had a notable performance for Scotland in the International Cross Country race held in Dublin on March 21st. Despite still being 14 Erin came 3rd in the U17 race finishing as first placed Scot leading Scotland to second overall. Finally well done to Rebecca Hemmingsley who won the Giffnock North Athletics Club "Most Committed Athlete" of the year.

The Eastwood Ski Team took part in the Scottish Schools Championships at Glen-coe on 16th March. The conditions were dreadful with mist and driving snow however the team came 4th overall narrowly missing a medal by 0.35sec. In the individual "experienced" category Ben Parry came 22/34 and in the girls' event Caitlin Rae placed 6th and Ellie Marshall 7th— alas Caitlin Parry failed to record a time after missing a gate due to the foggy conditions.

The Eastwood Karting Teams took part in the West of Scotland heat of the British Schools Karting Championship on 26th March. All three teams performed very well with Eastwood A (Alan Regan S6, Stuart King S6 and Kevin King S3) and Eastwood B (Iain McIntosh (S6), Andrew McIntosh (S3) and Craig MacFarlane (S4) winning through the Scottish finals in June.

Euan Chalmers (S1) has been performing very well as a member of Glenmarnock Hawks Cycling Club. In 2014 Euan competed in the West of Scotland Cycling Association Mountain Bike Dirt Crit Series winning bronze medals in two of the rounds, and an overall silver medal for the series. Having just completed his veledrome accreditation Euan will be racing both on the road and indoors this season.

In Karate well done to Imaan Manzur (S1) and Hafsa Manzur (S3) who came joint 3rd in the Scottish Shutokai Karate Association Championships in the girls 150cm—162.5cm category.

In football this month the U18s had a great 5-1 victory against Gleniffer HS with Alan Regan (2), Euan Baird, Ryan Lockie and Ethan Hood all scoring. The U16s finished off their season losing 0-1 in the $\frac{1}{4}$ final of the League Cup to St Benedicts HS and 0-1 to Gleniffer HS in the league where they currently sit second. On a brighter note the U16s regained the Gibson Cup beating Mearns Castle HS 4-2 with goals from Greg Young(2), Ben Lockie and Harris McLean. The S1 team took part in the SSFA 7s in Paisley this month with the A team drawing two games out of four and the B team winning two games out of four. Finally well done to Lennon Houston who, along with his youth team Renfrew Victoria, has reached the final of the U15 Scottish Cup.

In rugby the U16s rounded off their season by winning the Whitecraigs Tournament with a 22-14 win over Belmont House School and a 7-0 win over Mearns Castle HS. The U14s meanwhile came second in the East Renfrewshire Rugby Festival beating Belmont House School 28-0 and Williamwood HS 5-0 but losing out 22-5 to eventual winners Mearns Castle.

