

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

May 2015



Special points of interest:

Important Dates

- 4th June - Sports Awards
- 8th June - Timetable Change
- 9th June - BGE Graduation
- 9th June - S6 Graduation
- 11th June - Prizegiving
- 17th, 18th, 19th June - School Show
- 24th June - School closes at 1.00pm
- 11th August - Inservice Day
- 12th August - Inservice Day
- 13th August - Pupils return 8.45

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Dear Parent

Following the SQA Exams the school will return to some normality with the return of our senior pupils from study leave on Thursday 4th June. **It is important that these senior pupils return to the school any books or equipment that had been borrowed for exam preparation or issued as part of courses 2014/15.**

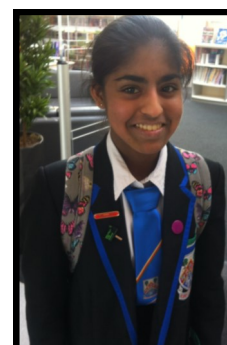
As can be seen from the calendar opposite June promises to be a very busy month for everyone associated with the school. It is the awards season as well as the second last week providing one of the highlights of the school year - The school show. This year the show is "High School Musical" and preparations are well under-way for what promises to be a series of fantastic performances. Tickets will go on sale from the school office at the beginning of June.

Finally I would again like to take this opportunity to seek parental support looking ahead to next term. It is important that Eastwood HS and its pupils receive their full allocation of resources. Many parents entitled to receive a free school meal for their children do not apply, **OR RE-APPLY**, for one each summer. Some aspects of the school's funding is based on free meal entitlement and increasingly, with local authority cuts, the council is now charging for additional services such as Easter School - free to those registered for a free meal. The cashless catering system means that no one knows who is in receipt of a free meal. It is therefore really important that everyone entitled, applies or re-applies, for next session. Application forms with the qualification criteria are available from the school office, the East Renfrewshire Council website or Customer First. If you feel that you might be entitled to apply please do so, and help the school and your child(ren) receive their fair share of resources. Over the session it is worth nearly £400 per child to recipients as well as exempting them from Easter School payments etc.

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Bollywood Star

Congratulations to Bhavna Mehta (S5) who has been selected, after auditions, to perform at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo between 12th & 30th August. Bhavna will be dancing alongside professional Bollywood dancers in an item entitled "Bollywood Love Story" (EK Prem Kahani) and this will also be a part of the tattoo grand finale on 30th August. Watch out for her on television.



Watersports Trip to France

This May thirty nine S2 pupils took part in the 5th annual watersports trip to France. The first three days involved descending the Ardeche Gorge in two person canoes surrounded by stunning scenery. On day 1 the weather started out pleasant but strong winds and heavy rain arrived in the late afternoon. Unfortunately this heavy rain and strong winds blighted day 2 which had to be cut short, but the conditions relented on day 3 and everyone was able to complete the final 15km descent of the gorge. After a much needed rest day in Avignon the pupils and staff headed to the Mediterranean at Mimosa for more enjoyable watersports -The "banana boat" being the clear favourite.

The trip was again a resounding success with the instructors at both centres complimenting the pupils on their behaviour and attitude. Thanks also from the pupils to all the staff involved in running such an enjoyable but exhausting trip.



Style for Success

Well done to Jay Donaldson, Caitlin McBride, Rebecca Smith, Nicole Andrews, Rebecca Carmichael, Abbie Malloch, Megan McBride, Heather McKee, Toni Smart and Nicole Andrews who have successfully completed their SQA Personal Development Award as part of the school's partnership course with the Style Academy - "Style for Success". As the finale to the course the girls put on a fashion show which raised £667.00 for Yorkhill Children's Hospital. The photograph shows Heather McKee and Caitlin McBride at Yorkhill Hospital handing over the cheque.



Computer Games Designer Award

Congratulations to Heather MacGregor (S6) who has won best student on the NPA Computer Games Design course at West College Scotland. Heather completed this course as an option in her senior phase course portfolio and was competing against pupils from all East Renfrewshire schools. Heather also picked up £20 of Braehead vouchers as part of her prize.

PTA Scottish Place Names Quiz Winner

Congratulations to Mrs Lesley Jamieson, mum of Zoe (S2), who has won the £25 Silverburn voucher for winning the PTA Scottish Place Names Quiz that was issued at this year's Parents Evenings.

Kelvingrove Art & Design Competition

Twenty eight S2/3 pupils travelled to Kelvingrove Museum this month to take part in the prestigious annual Kelvingrove Art Competition.

As can be seen some excellent work was completed.



S3 Business Trip to Coca Cola

S3 Business Education pupils recently visited the Coca Cola Education Centre in East Kilbride. The visit was a combination of classroom activity and factory visit. The trip gave pupils the opportunity to develop their knowledge of the world of work and make connections between what they had learned in the school and the operations integral to one of the world's leading brands.



Textile Conservation Workshop

Eastwood HS was fortunate to welcome postgraduate students from the Textile Conservation Department of Glasgow University to lead a BGE interdisciplinary workshop with S3 Art & Design pupils. Thank you to Mr Dickson of the Maths Dept. and Dr Frances Leonard from Glasgow University for arranging the visit.



Modern Languages Clubs

The Spanish Club has said "Adios y Muchas Gracias" to our Spanish assistant Beatriz Fernandez Ganan. Beatriz has been a regular visitor to the club and taught the pupils about her home city, Cordoba, as well as cultural celebrations such as Christmas (Navidad), The Three Kings (Dia de Reyes) and Easter (Semana Santa).

The Japanese Club has also concluded for the session. They met every Thursday lunchtime in Mrs Cameron's room to practice their Japanese conversational skills and share their love for all things Japanese.



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

Musical Activities

Members of the Eastwood HS Choir accompanied by Miss Hill and Mr Fairlie took part in the "Big, Big Sing" event at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Saturday 16th May. The pupils involved had a great day and relished the opportunity to perform with choirs from all over Scotland. In addition a group of S1—S3 pupils have been working with music technology industry professionals learning to use iPads as recording studios. The iCreate workshops allowed pupils to develop their creativity in music technology.



Dragon's Den

What can you build using one marshmallow and a few strands of dried spaghetti? That was the leadership and innovation challenge facing Zainab Ashiq, Ryan Catterson, Nathan Clark and Lucy Shields (All S3) at a pre Dragon's Den workshop. Over the next few weeks the Eastwood team will work on enterprising ideas to make money. The pupils will then pitch their proposals to the Corporate Management Team in competition against all the other East Renfrewshire schools.



Carnegie Medal 2015

This year Mrs Mair, Miss Thomson and Miss De'Ath have joined the Eastwood Reading Club to read the eight shortlisted books for the Carnegie Medal for children's fiction. EastwoodHS activities already feature on the Carnegie website: www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=1686



High School Musical is Coming to Eastwood

Our talented actors and actresses are delighted to showcase their performance of the smash hit musical High School Musical on 17th, 18th and 19th of June. Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of June from the school office priced at £6 for adults and £4 for children under 16. Get involved #wereallinthis together



Ahoy Again!

Well done to S4 sisters Holly and Lucy Smith who have been selected for inclusion on the Jubilee Sailing Trust Tall Ship voyage from Glasgow to Belfast at the end of June. The 9 day voyage will visit the Hebrides finishing at the Tall Ships Festival in Belfast on 4th July. Good luck to the girls.



Social Subjects New Lanark Trip

As part of an interdisciplinary learning activity the Social Subjects faculty took S2 pupils to the New Lanark World Heritage Centre during May. The trip involved outdoor learning whereby students studied conservation and environmental issues relevant to geography alongside historical and RMPS topics around the cultural, social and historical story of New Lanark.



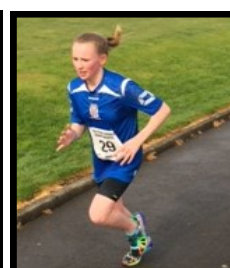
Eastwood's Got Talent

In Eastwood's Got Talent 2015 ten acts showcased a variety of talents including singing, playing the piano and drumming. The runaway winner however was Alan Yie (S2) with his astonishing yo-yo skills. Rebecca Smith (S3) came second and Christopher Young (S1) third. In total a sum of £125 was raised for Malawi.



Sports News

Congratulations the Eastwood Team (Jennifer Hepburn S1, Clare Wallace S1, Laura Beatt S2, and Erin Wallace S3) who represented the school at the recent Scottish Aquathlon Championships in East Kilbride. The S1/2 competitors were faced with a 300m swim and 2km run with Clare coming 2nd in a time of 13.20. In the S3/4 category Erin won the Scottish Championship (400m swim and 3km run) in an excellent time of 16.53.



Following the school sports congratulations go to the following for their performances :

S1 Girls - 1st Clare Wallace, 2nd Rebecca Hickey & 3rd Chloe McKinlay : S1 Boys - 1st Ben McCann, 2nd Callum Anderson & 3rd Fraser Scott : S2 Girls - 1st Emily MacDonald, 2nd Kirsten Burningham, 3rd Laura Beatt : S2 Boys - 1st Adam Mitchell, 2nd Alan Yie and Struan Wilson : S3 Girls - 1st Erin Wallace, 2nd Mirryn McGeehan & 3rd Caitlyn Sinclair : S3 Boys - 1st Ross Lipp, 2nd Graham Murchie & 3rd Lennon Houston.

38 S1/2 pupils from Eastwood recently participated in the east Renfrewshire Secondary Games. The pupils took part in Table Tennis, Netball, Swimming, Rugby and Hockey. Overall Eastwood HS was placed 4th after an excellent day of competition.

The Eastwood cricket team started their season with a tough away draw in the National Schools Cup to High School of Glasgow. The team were set 123 to win with Abtaha Maqsood the pick of the bowlers taking 3 wickets for 15 runs. Unfortunately the team just fell short in the final over, despite an excellent knock of 63no by Kess Sajjad, against one of the National Cup favourites. Also this month the S1 cricket team participated in the Cricket Factory Schools Tournament held at Clydesdale Cricket Club. The team did well against older opposition and the pupils who gave the best performances will now be promoted to the full junior team.



In rugby congratulations go to Lewis McLachlan (S2) who was recently selected to play for Whitecraigs Rugby Club at an international tournament in Southport, England.



Finally some good news on the football front. The Eastwood U15s have reached the final of the St Mirren Cup after a thrilling 4-3 victory on penalties in the semi final against Williamwood HS. The game finished 1-1 at full time with Stephan Downie scoring the Eastwood goal, however man of the match was goalkeeper Ross Stoddart who saved two of the Williamwood spot kicks in the shoot out.

