

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

November 2014



Special points of interest:

### Important Dates.

1st December S4 Prelims begin  
 3rd December - Art Exhibition  
 11th December Junior Dance  
 15th December Christmas Concert  
 17th December Senior Dance  
 19th December School Closes  
 5th January School Re-opens  
 8th January S5/6 Parents Eve.  
 14th January S2 Parents Evening  
 28th January S4 Parents Evening  
 2nd February S5/6 Prelims begin  
 5th & 6th Feb. Inservice days  
 9th & 10th Feb. Holidays  
 1st April - ASN Parents Evening  
 2nd April - School Closes  
 20th April - School Re-opens

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Dear Parent

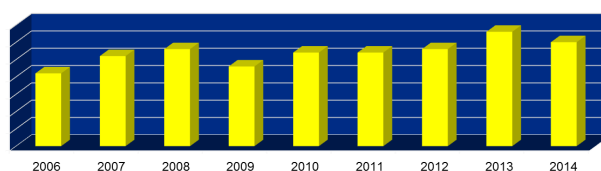
It is good at this time of year to reflect on the year past and take the opportunity to share with Eastwood High School parents a good news story. 2014 has been the most successful year ever for the school and its pupils. The graphs below show how our pupils' attainment in key measures of SQA performance has been improving steadily over the last 10 years. A great achievement. This is testament to all the hard work put in by pupils and staff alike to ensure that no one underachieves.

In addition at our recent S1 Parents Evening attended by 85% of S1 parents a survey of parental opinion was undertaken. In answer to the question "Is your son/daughter happy

at school?" the parents responded as illustrated on the adjacent pie chart. A ringing endorsement I'm sure you will agree. Thank you for your continued support.

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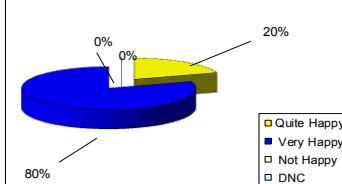
S4 5+ Intermediate 2 Awards



% 3+ Higher



Is Your Child Happy at School?



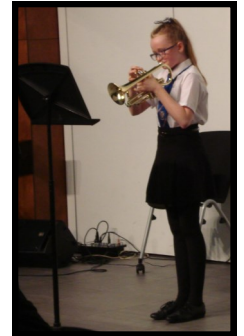
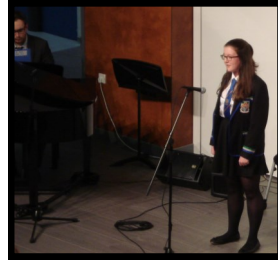
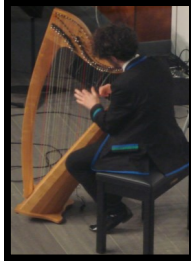
### Wholefoods Entrepreneurs

Mrs Coia and the Higher HFT class enjoyed a morning of selling their crab apple jelly made as part of a project with Wholefoods Giffnock and the Soil Association. The pupils visited an allotment where the crab apples were grown, learned about sustainability and had to create a label and marketing strategy for their jelly. The two flavours of jelly were very popular and sold out very quickly.



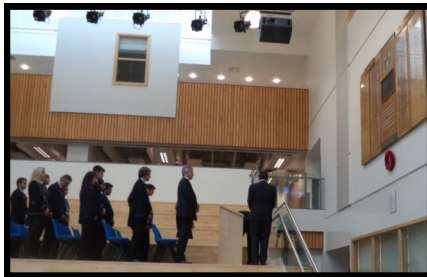
### Eastwood HS Young Musician of the Year

On Tuesday 25th of November Eastwood hosted its first "Young Musician of the Year" competition. The standard was incredibly high from the 30 musicians but in the end Neil Wood (S5) won the title with Lauren Macdonald (S6) runner up. In the senior singer category the winner was Rebecca Tait (S5) with runner up Bhavna Mehta (S5). The junior young musician category was won by Esme Johnston (S1) with Lauren Scott-Kiddie runner up and junior singer of the year was Cerys Mitchell (S2) with runner up Sarah Miller (S3).



### Remembrance

Throughout early November a number of senior pupils were involved in collecting for the Poppy Scotland fund. In addition to this Craig Smith and Gillian Garbutt represented the school at the Newton Mearns remembrance commemoration and Holly McMahon and Calum Ross represented the school at the equivalent Neilston event. Within the school itself the tradition where a wreath is placed under the school WW2 memorial by the Head Boy took place following a short service attended by S6 Captains and Vice captains. The service was conducted by Rev. Brian More of Newton Mearns Baptist Church.



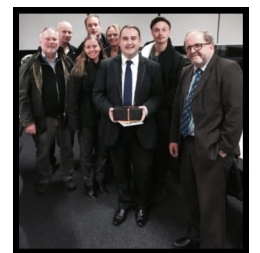
### Readathon

As part of their "Read to Succeed" Literacy programme run by librarian Miss De'Ath and the English Department S2 have raised over £650 for various charities. Mr Andrews' and Mrs Smith's classes collected over £170 a terrific effort and Olivia Ashford was the highest individual collector with £83. The photograph below shows Olivia with Adam Mitchell and Anoosha Khan.



### Danish Visitors

On 19th November Eastwood High played host to Councillor Paul O'Kane and a delegation of Danish Members of Parliament and educationalists who had come to look at the school's design as a possible future template for Danish schools. As ever the building impressed but they were even more impressed by Eastwood's pupils.



### East Renfrewshire Concert Musicians

Well done to all thirty six Eastwood High School musicians who graced the stage of the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Tuesday 18th November playing as part of the various East Renfrewshire orchestras, bands and ensembles. They were performing as part of the Commonwealth Games Legacy Concert in front of a large and appreciative audience. This was the largest ever Eastwood contingent to perform at the East Renfrewshire Concert and everyone represented the school with great distinction.





### Project Scotland

Well done to the Drama club members, assisted by Miss Baillie & Miss Farrell, who recently performed "Project Scotland". The students worked in small groups to produce a series of performances based on poetry, song and improvisation with each performance giving a different perspective on Scotland.



### British Heart Foundation 5K Run

On Sunday 16th November staff and pupils from the senior charities committee took part in the British Heart Foundation Winter Warmer 5K Run in Pollok Country Park. Amazingly first to finish and 4th overall was Mr Carr of the Maths Department in 22.01 minutes closely followed by Calum Ross of S6. The pupils raised over £100 for the charity.



### ART EXHIBITION 2/12/14

On Tuesday 2nd December Eastwood High School hosts its first Art Exhibition to display the best work produced by Eastwood pupils over the last year. All welcome 6pm—8pm.



### SALT Of The Earth

The SALT Christian group within the school have again been collecting Christmas shoeboxes this year to send to under privileged children in Eastern Europe



### Advanced Higher Geography Fieldwork

Miss MacGeough & 6 Advanced Higher Geography students visited the Kindrogan Outdoor Centre in Perthshire at the start of November to undertake fieldwork tasks associated with their course.



### Clarkson Spectacular Choir

On Saturday 22nd of November the Eastwood High School Choir, accompanied by Mr Fairlie, Miss Hill and Miss Farrell performed a medley of Christmas songs at the "Clarkson Spectacular" when the Christmas Lights were switched on.



### Dance Success

Well done to Zoe Devon (S3) and Eve Herd (S3) who both passed their Grade 4 Royal Academy of Dance ballet exams this month.



### Christmas Card Design Winners

Congratulations to Eve Murphy Marriott who won the annual competition to design the school Christmas card, Gillian Ross and Lauren Watson were the runners up and all three designs will be made up into cards and sent out over the festive season.



### Pantomime Stars

Abby and Ben McCann, Meghan Hart and Lucy Connelly will be appearing in PACE Theatre's Pantomime "Beauty & the Beast" this Christmas. In addition Danny Nell will be appearing at the Pavilion Theatre Glasgow in "Treasure Island" and Emma Kelly and Christopher Young appeared alongside Mrs Sinclair in the EROS' production of "Mother Goose" at Eastwood Park Theatre at the end of November.

### Golden Bin Winner

Congratulations to June Bovill (S2) who won November's Golden Bin Competition. The competition is run by the ECO committee to encourage pupils to use the bins and not leave litter. June wins a £15 iTunes voucher. The competition will also run in December.

## Skills for Work

On 29th October 30 senior pupils attended the Skills Development Scotland Conference. This conference allowed the pupils to meet directly with colleges and employers. It was a very successful day with 2 pupils being offered modern apprenticeships on the spot!

Also this month 20 senior pupils took part in the SAPHIR employability training programme run in partnership with Resource3. This programme gave pupils a valuable insight into candidate selection techniques in the increasingly competitive private sector recruitment market.

Finally 35 senior students took part in the school's mock interview programme organised by Mrs Sinclair where employers come into the school to interview candidates following completion of a satisfactory CV.

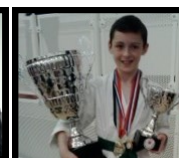


## Sports News

Firstly huge congratulations to the Eastwood Ski Team (Ben Hodgeson, Ross Hodgeson, Caitlin Rae, and Caitlin Parry). Following qualification for the Scottish Dual Slalom finals at Snow Factor Braehead they managed to finish 3rd in their category.



In Karate Megan McNair competed at the Venice International Open where she placed 5th in one category and 7th in another against competitors from all over Europe. Also in Karate Christopher Canning (S1) came 1st in the 11-14 years under 4th Kyu category at the JKA Scottish Kata Championships.



In a new sporting development for Eastwood the S5/6 Sports leadership class undertook their Level 1 Fencing course this month. With the PE staff being trained to teach archery in December the PE Department will be well placed to undertake some interdisciplinary work with History!



The Wallace sisters Claire and Erin were presented with their awards for winning the Scottish Aquathlon series this month after a gruelling season. Erin won the 13-14 years and Claire the 11-12 years. Further congratulations go to Erin who won the Scottish U15 Short Course Cross Country 2K title at Bellahouston Park on 9th November.



Following the excellent coaching of Miss Workman our boys and girls volleyball teams entered the Scottish Volleyball Associations Championships this year for the first time. Both teams found it tough against more experienced opposition but managed to win at least one game.



In football we start with the girls first this month. On the 17th Eastwood hosted the home leg of the East Renfrewshire Girls Football Tournament involving 5 of the 7 schools. The girls are going well in the series but under the pressure of playing at home dropped from 2nd to 3rd in the overall standings.



In boys football there has been a gap in the fixtures during November due to other schools playing cup ties however the U15s managed to beat Williamwood

HS 2-3 away with Keenan Campbell scoring twice and Ross Mackenzie scoring once. The U16s have had a mixed month losing 0-1 to St Columba HS Greenock and 1-4 to Woodfarm HS (Callum Patrick scoring) however at the end of the month the team rallied to win 4-2 against Williamwood HS with Calvin McCrory scoring a hat trick and Marcus Mandagie scoring once.

In rugby the U16s have had a busy month. In the 2nd round of the Scottish Bowl they secured a fine 36-10 victory over Grange Academy in Kilmarnock however in the next round the team were agonisingly beaten 27-24 with the last play of the game against Cumnock Academy.

Finally the junior girls basketball team played their first game of the season against Gleniffer HS. After a great game and positive performance the girls were pipped 24-22 with the last shot of the game.