

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL Parents Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

Important Dates

6th November S1 Parents' Evening
15th & 16th November S5 Mock Interviews
3rd December S4 Prelims begin
21st December School Closes
7th January School Re-opens
9th January S2 Reports
15th January S3 Industry Awareness Day
16th January S2 Options Hour & Parents' Evening
18th January S4 Reports
30th January S4 Options Hour & Parents' Evening
1st February S5/6 Prelims begin

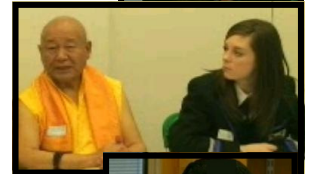
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Religious Leaders GLOW TV Event

Three senior pupils—Katie James, Rehaan Aatif and Nicole Dempster - attended a GLOW TV event at Isobel Mair School on Monday 22 November. The format of the day was a discussion with Scottish religious leaders that was broadcast on GLOW TV across schools nationwide.

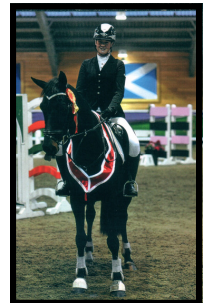
The discussion focused on the impact of religion and spirituality on Health and Well Being. The pupils acquitted themselves excellently and a recording of the event can be seen at the following address - a GLOW account is needed to sign in: <http://bit.ly/SsmFBH> and then clicking on the link: Religious leaders october 2012.



Equestrian Success

On the 7th of October Ailsa Maycock competed at the Ingliston Grand Slam horseriding event with her horse Eclipse. Ailsa came 4th in the 90 cm category and 1st in the 110cm category. This was a tremendous achievement as there were 19 other competitors in the field with Eclipse being the smallest horse there!

Well done and congratulations to both Ailsa and Eclipse on their great performance.



Young Person's Art Competition Prize Giving

On Wednesday 10th October the prize giving of the 108th annual Young Persons Art competition took place. The photograph shows Holly McMahon, Rachael Hughson-Gill and Shaunnie Swanston, all S4, who were awarded Gold medals for their entries. Shaunnie was also awarded two other prestigious prizes—the Anne MacLean award (cash prize) and her painting has also been made into the poster that nationally advertises the competition and exhibition—these posters are displayed around the school. The exhibition is in Scotland Street Museum until 1st November and will be displaying all the medal winners work. Apparently they have never awarded one work of art so many prizes before so this was quite an accomplishment for Shaunnie. All the other work that was submitted to the competition by Eastwood pupils is currently on display in the Art corridor gallery space.



"Souper Douper" Competition

The Higher/Advanced Higher HFT pupils had a great day out at Whole Foods Market in Giffnock. The reason for the trip was to be inspired by the fresh produce as Eastwood are entering the Whole Foods "Souper Douper" competition. The class are making a "Warming Pumpkin" soup and have submitted their recipe to Whole Foods. The winning soup is then sold in store. In store they had a guided tour by a health and nutrition expert. This visit got the class's creativity going and inspired them to come up with their unique soup. The class are not only learning about nutrition they are also using their entrepreneurial skills. The class will keep you posted with the competition and hopefully we can report back to you all soon. Keep an eye out on the supermarket shelves... it would be "Souper Douper" to have Eastwood's very own soup in Whole Foods!



Eastwood Pupils have the Class for Maths Masterclasses

Two lucky S3 pupils Nadeen Ismahel and Emma McKelvie from Mr Carr's Maths class have been given the opportunity to attend Glasgow University's Mathematics Masterclasses. Both Nadeen and Emma will be working closely with University staff and students on various problem solving activities over a range of exciting topics. Mr Carr and the Mathematics Department would like to wish Nadeen and Emma all the best during these classes.

ASDA Bag Pack

The school will be organising a Bag Pack in ASDA, Newton Mearns on Saturday 3rd November. This is to raise money towards the celebrations to be held to mark the closure of the old school building and the opening of the new building at the end of this session.



Fundraising for Glasgow City Mission

Eastwood High School in partnership with Crookfur Primary and Mearns Primary will be involved in raising funds for the Glasgow City Mission Project "£10000 for 10000 Meals" to help provide meals for the needy over the Advent and Christmas Season 2012. Our Charities Committee and SALT Group will be working together to raise funds for this worthy cause over the months of November and December. Pupils will be involved in activities to raise awareness of this worthy cause. If you would like to make a donation please send it into the school office in an envelope marked 'Glasgow City Mission Appeal'.

School Office Request

When sending money into the school can parents please put it in a sealed envelope, marking clearly on the front the child's name, activity and amount enclosed. The office receive envelopes with money from pupils with no name on them and we just have to keep it in the safe until someone claims it. Thank you.

Supported Study Classes

Supported study classes have started to help students prepare for the prelims. All S4 will have been given a timetable of what classes are being provided on each day. The timetable is also on the school website and GLOW.

Football Achievement

Congratulations to Ryan Lockie (S3) who has again been selected to play for the U15 schools' district football team for a game in Dumfries.

Charity Success

Congratulations to Conall McLuskie (S4) who participated with other East Renfrewshire pupils in a fundraising 24 hour run to highlight the work of ASAP—the After Schools Activities Programme. A total of 178 miles were completed. Well done Conall.

PTA Information



Fundraising - If you shop online please go through The Giving Machine. Eastwood is registered with The Giving Machine to help with our fundraising and every time you make a purchase online the school receives some money. Every penny counts so please register today with The Giving Machine. There is a link to The Giving Machine on the school website.

Uniform - The PTA will be launching a SWAP SHOP in the new year. This will allow pupils who are leaving Eastwood High School to donate their blazers so that they can be recycled and given to someone else. More details to follow in the new year.

Visit to the GFT

On Tuesday 9 October a group of 38 Higher French Students, accompanied by Mrs Rutherford and Mr Hamilton, visited the Glasgow Film Theatre to see a screening of 'Le Petit Nicolas', a recent French film based on Goscinny and Sempe's well-loved short stories. The pupils enjoyed the film, which was a box-office hit in France, and their introduction to the GFT.



Girls' Football Update

The Girls U18 team were unfortunately knocked out of the Scottish Shield just before the October break losing 2 v 9 to a strong Holyrood team. On the upside though, in the 10 years Eastwood's Girls' team has been running, this was Miss Boyle's first EVER match played on an Eastwood pitch. We look forward to many more and hopefully a little more success.



The Girls U14s came 4th in the Glasgow round of the Lloyds TSB Scottish Schools U14s' Cup. Unfortunately this was not enough for the girls to progress to the national finals.



Well done to all the girls for their efforts.