

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

October 2014



Special points of interest:

Important Dates

6th November S1 Parents' Evening
 13th & 14th November S5 Mock Interviews
 19th Nov P7 Open Evening
 1st December S4 Prelims begin
 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

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Dear Parent

Eastwood High School has started a Twitter feed where all the latest news and up to date information from the school can be found. All that you have to do is register as a "follower" of the school on Twitter and you will be able to access the school's Twitter feed. The Eastwood High School Twitter account can be found at **@eastwoodhigherc**. This development is part of an updating of all the school's IT communication with parents that will, during this session, see the launch of a new updated website (with link direct to the Twitter feed) and a little further on the development of an Eastwood High School App.

October also sees us welcome a new Principal Teacher to the school. Miss Ruth Gow took up the post of Principal Teacher of Business Education and Computing Science immediately after the October break. She replaces Miss Jacqui White who moved on to a post in the University of Strathclyde Education faculty. Miss Gow previously taught in Deans Community High School in Livingston and we all wish her great success in her new post at Eastwood. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ann McVey for doing an excellent job in her capacity as acting Principal Teacher of BECS during Miss White's absence



Finally can I take this opportunity to remind parents of the "Payment4Schools" facility on the East Renfrewshire Council Website (There is also a link from our own school website). This facility allows parents to pay directly for such things as school trips and school meals top up etc.

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Starring Role for Jamie

Jamie Duff S3 has been filming with the "I am Me" project on a short film entitled "Charlie's Story". The film is being made in partnership with PACE & Police Scotland and tackles disability hate crime. On completion it will be distributed to all Scottish schools.



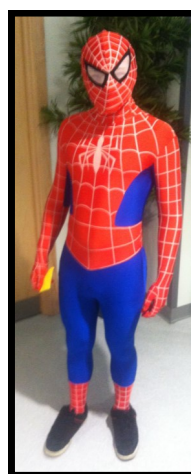
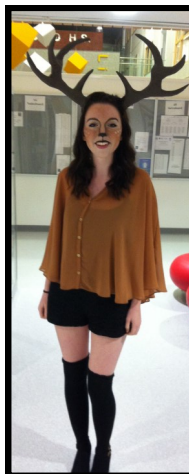
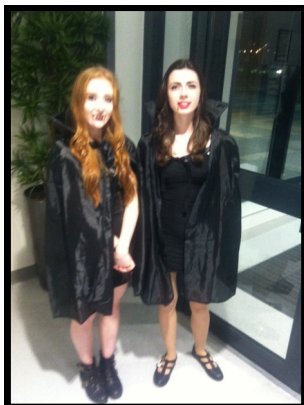
Starring Role for Ewan

Ewan Walker of S3 has been filming this month after landing a lead role in the BBC's new two part adaptation of Iain Banks' novel "Stonemouth". In the production, due to be screened sometime in 2015, Ewan plays the young Callum Murston one of the lead characters.



Halloween Ball

One of the highlights of the school social calendar took place on Wednesday 29th of October - the senior pupils' Halloween costume ball. As ever the costumes were fantastic and in some cases genuinely scary!



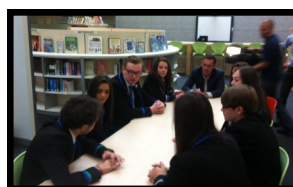
Top Students

Well done to Gary and Ian Grant who were presented with the "Best Students" award on the Glasgow Clyde College Construction Safety with Practical Experience course. This course was completed last session at Glasgow Clyde College as part of the East Renfrewshire Vocational Programme



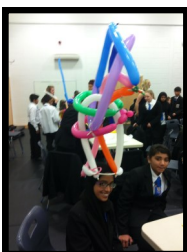
Channel 4 News Again

Channel 4 News were so impressed with Eastwood High School in September that they returned this month to film a piece about young people and their interest in politics. Paul Mason the Channel 4 Economics Editor interviewed an number of senior pupils in the library and it was aired during the October holidays.



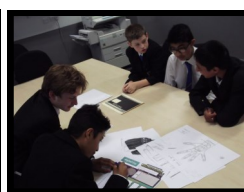
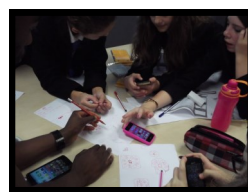
S1 Enterprise Challenge

All S1 pupils recently participated in the S1 Skills for Work & Enterprise Day. The event organised by Miss Boyle and Miss MacGeough pitted teams of pupils against one another in a variety of business and enterprise related tasks.



Digital Day

On 8th October 30 S2 pupils took part in "Digital Day" organised by the BECS department. The day brought IT professionals into school from digital company "Equator" to work with pupils on designing and marketing a mobile phone app. The challenges the pupils undertook were closely linked to the experiences & outcomes of their Broad General Education



Junior Prefects

Congratulations to all the S2, S3 and S4 Junior Prefects who have been elected for school session 2014/15. The pupils were selected through staff nominations with those receiving the most nominations being elected. The S1 Junior prefects will be elected in December.



Mock Interviews

As part of the S5 PHSE programme, pupils are given the opportunity to experience a mock interview. These take place in school and are undertaken by various people from industry, many of whom are parents in the school. If you feel that you could volunteer some time to help us with this programme on 13th and/or 14th November please contact Mrs Jane Sinclair via the school office 0141 577 2200.



Library News

Our school librarian, Miss De'Ath, recently organised a trip for a number of pupils to the Giffnock Library to meet author Cathy MacPhail. The purpose of the trip was to recognise the volunteer work of Alice Chisholm, Erin Catterson, Rhadia Zahid and Hafsa Manzur with the summer reading challenge. The pupils had a great time talking to Cathy about her writing and enjoying the Wholefoods buffet!



S5/6 Hamlet Trip

At the start of October twenty five Higher English pupils along with Mr McIntosh attended a performance of Hamlet at the Citizens Theatre in Glasgow. The pupils are studying Hamlet as part of their Higher English course.

Scouting Thomas

Congratulations to Thomas McCarthy S3 who has just recently been awarded his Chief Scout's Gold Award.



School Show (What Will It Be?)

During November the school show for 2015 will be announced. What will it be? Keep all eyes on the Drama Department. Anyone can take part. There will be a meeting after school in Drama on Friday 14th Nov.

Staff Charity Fundraising

Well done to all the Eastwood High staff who have managed to raise £200 for MacMillan Cancer Relief And £100 for Breast Cancer Awareness through holding two coffee mornings during October.

Tamara Presents to European Leaders

Tamara Reynolds of S6 is an active member of the East Renfrewshire Big Shouter group. During the summer she has been involved in making a film about the impact of austerity and poverty on the realisation of childrens' potential and young peoples' rights. On the 22nd of October Tamara presented the film to ENOC (The European Network of Ombudspersons for Children and Young People).



Waterloo Road Stars

Lisa McGowan and Toni Leigh Lynch of S6 are appearing on BBC television in the current series of Waterloo Road. The girls were involved in filming last year. The photograph shows Lisa during Episode 1. See if you can spot Lisa and Toni in future episodes.



Auschwitz Visit

On 7th October Megan Kane and Calum Ross of S6 visited Auschwitz in Poland as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust programme. As we approach Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January they will undertake presentations to younger age groups and represent the school at the East Renfrewshire Council memorial event.



Sports News

October has been a busy month on the sporting front for Eastwood pupils and teams. In cricket Abtaha Maqsood picked up her championship winning medal from the English Cricket Board (ECB) for being part of the Scottish women's team that won National Div 3. In Lawn Bowls Jonathan Neil of S4 won the Scottish Cup Junior Triples as part of a team from his bowling club.

For the first time Eastwood High entered two teams in the Scottish Schools Dual Slalom Ski Championships. The 1st round was held at Belahouston Ski Centre. Eastwood A won the round and now progress to the finals at Snow Factor Braehead. The pupils involved were Ross Hodgson, Ben Hodgson, Caitlin Rae, Caitlin Parry, Harris Ali, Rohma Ali, Ellie Marshall and Jonathan Doig.

At the recent Lenbukai Karate championships held at Ravenscraig Sports Centre in Motherwell Caitlin McBride S3 came first in the 13-15 Kata competition with Caitlin Roberts S3 coming third. David Veitch S3 won the same category in the boys event. Also in Karate Megan McNair of S4 won a silver medal in the U15 mixed Kata in the British Open Championships held recently at the Emirates Arena and a gold at the Wishaw Grand Prix.

In U18 Rugby Sam Gage, Andrew Murray, Jack Murray, Stewart Walker & Andrew Simpkins were selected for the Newton Mearns select team that was knocked out of the Scottish Plate in round 1. The team now drops into the Scottish Bowl competition. During October the U16 Eastwood HS team completed a thrilling 27-24 victory against Mearns Castle HS with tries from Graham Murchie, Stewart Walker and Logan Walton, but were knocked out in the 2nd round of the Scottish Plate 51-19 (despite 3 tries by Graham Murchie) away to a strong Carrick Academy side. In the U14s Eastwood managed a victory against Belmont House School but lost to Mearns Castle.

In football the U16s drew 1-1 with St Ninians HS and beat Gleniffer HS 2-1 and Castlehead HS 2-0, Calvin McCrory scoring against both Gleniffer and Castlehead, and Greg Young scoring against both Castlehead and St Ninians. The team sit top of the league. The U14s football team won their first game of the season, a Scottish Cup tie, against Dumbarton Academy 3-1 with goals from Colin Campbell, Arran Keir and Fraser Cowan. They followed this win with a 5-3 league victory against Paisley Grammar with goals from Fraser Cowan (2), Mark Boyle, Sohail Jerfel and Josh McGugan. During October the U15 team had a great 8-5 victory in the Scottish Cup against St Peter the Apostle HS (Kyle Taylor (4) and Lennon Houston, (3)) but lost in the league to Woodfarm HS 3-2 & St Ninians HS 4-1. Also in U15 football congratulations go to Kyle Taylor S3 who has been selected to play for Paisley & District U15s against Ayrshire. Finally the U18s won their first game of the season 3-1 against St Lukes HS with Euan Baird scoring a hat trick to win the game and Liam Gray having a fine game in goal.

At the Renfrewshire Schools Swimming Championships held on 25th October Claire Wallace won gold in the (13-14) 100m Freestyle and silver in 200m Freestyle; Ailsa Martin (missing from photo) won gold in the (13-14) 100m Butterfly; Findlay Marrant won gold in the (15-16) 200m Freestyle and silver in the 100m Butterfly; Erin Wallace won silver in the (15-16) Freestyle and bronze in the 200m individual medley; Jennifer Palmer won silver in the (15-16) 200m breaststroke and bronze in the 100m Breaststroke and Erica Hunter won bronze in the (15-16) 100m Breaststroke. Also in swimming Laura Beatt of S2 won 4 golds and 1 silver at the recent Milngavie & Bearsden Swimming meet achieving great times across all swimming strokes

And finally the Eastwood HS senior boys basketball team started their season with a thrilling 44-38 win over St Ninians. The top scorers were Calum Ross (10), Awais Naeem (10) and Louis Ashton (8).

