

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

Important Dates

11th October School closes
12th October In Service Day
22nd October School re-opens
26th October S1 Interim reports
30th October S1 Enterprise Event
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

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Lab in a Lorry inspires Young Physicists

Lab in a Lorry from the Institute of Physics visited Eastwood in September, and all **S1 & S2** pupils had the opportunity to try 3 amazing experiments. These included camera optics, the chance to shatter a Wine Glass with powerful sound waves, and an insight into the extraction of energy from fossil fuels. Volunteers from industry were on hand to take the pupils through the experiments, and also explain how Physics had helped their careers in Medicine, Engineering & Transportation. Local MP Jim Murphy also came along to see what all the fuss was about. Mr Sergeant from the Eastwood Physics department said "This really was a once in a school lifetime opportunity for pupils to see the wonders of Physics in a Lab on a Lorry, and for them to see how important Physics is to their future careers"



Advanced Higher English class with Nobel Laureate

Mr. McIntosh and Mrs. McLaughlin from the English dept. took their **Adv. Higher English class** to Stirling University on Friday 14 September to hear Nobel-prizewinning poet and all round literary icon **Seamus Heaney** 'in conversation'. The class is studying his work as part of the AH course. The visit was a fantastic opportunity to put a face to the man behind the words and the group learnt many interesting facts about Heaney's upbringing in Ireland and how that has shaped his writing. An enjoyable evening was had by all, the real highlight being Seamus Heaney reading a selection of his poems from his various collections. The class is also planning a two-day trip to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland later in the term, to visit 'Heaney country' and also the area where dramatist Brian Friel, another writer they are studying, set his plays. Look out for our blog on the school website!

Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies and Vice Captains

Congratulations to James Carswell and Claire Hutchison who have been selected as this year's Eastwood High School Head Boy and Head Girl. Calum Roy and Hannah Kay also deserve



congratulations for being selected as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. The photographs show James, Claire, Calum and Hannah along with the Deputies, Vice Captains and Prefects.



Lessons from Auschwitz—Visit to Auschwitz

On Wednesday 5th September, **Rowan Sweeney**, **Fraser Collingham** (both S6) and Miss Riggins went on a one-day visit to Poland to see the Auschwitz concentration camp which was used by the Nazis during World War Two. All three were this year's participants in the 'Lessons From Auschwitz' project which takes pupils and teachers from across the country to see Auschwitz and also educates them on the Holocaust and its legacy. This was a very worthwhile experience and Fraser and Rowan will be sharing their experiences with the junior school later on in the year.



Let's Grow

A reminder that the Biology Department are still collecting **Let's Grow Vouchers from Morrison's** to help with gardening supplies. Thanks to those who have already sent some in—we currently have over 400

Help Required!

Mrs Sinclair is again looking for some parents with interviewing experience to assist with our **Mock Interview Programme**. All S5 pupils have the opportunity to be interviewed by someone from industry and this invaluable experience adds to the skills and qualifications gained in High School. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact Mrs Sinclair at 577 2200.



School Uniform Competition



A competition will be taking place in October for S1 to S6 pupils to design a new school tie. The colours on the existing school badge will be used in the new school tie.

All pupils will be given 1 period during SE to design a tie and a winner will be picked from each year group. These 6 ties will then be made up and displayed in the school for a



final pupil and staff vote in December. Parents will be given the chance to vote through the school website/survey monkey. We are looking forward to seeing the new tie in place with all pupils in blazers for the move to the new school.



Lost Property

Lost anything? Lost property will be displayed outside the canteen the week before the October break (w/b 8/10/12).

Walking the Globe

Rheece Hamilton (S2) has been participating in the Global Corporate Challenge (GCC). This is a sixteen week challenge that starts in May every year with the aim of increasing daily activity by monitoring the number of steps you take in a day using a pedometer. Each person should aim for 10,000 steps a day (the average adult office worker now takes around 3000 steps a day). Rheece then recorded his results online through the GCC website and was able to virtually visit other countries as his travels were recorded. This was an amazing commitment from Rheece—very well done!

Dancing Success

Congratulations to **Lisa McGowan** (S4) who took first place in the West of Scotland Irish Dancing Championships U15 category. Lisa has been competing in Irish Dancing since an early age and has had great success at a variety of levels. Well Done Lisa!



Sports News

Congratulations to **Erin Wallace** (S1) who on Sunday 9th September represented Scotland and won the British inter-regional triathlon championships for her age group (11-12 years). Erin had previously won the Scottish triathlon championships on 11th August.

In addition **Erin**, along with **Catherine Palmer** (S4) and **Jade Sheach** (S4) travelled to Manchester to compete for Giffnock North in the UK Athletics Club finals on 1st August. Catherine came 2nd in the High Jump with a new Personal Best of 1m50 which made her 1st in Scotland for U15 Girls. Jade did very well in the Long Jump, coming 8th. Erin was 1st in the 1200m with an event record time. All three girls are now in training for the Indoor season. Well done to all of them!

Congratulations also to **Ryan Lockie** (S3) who was selected to attend the SFA's Scotland U15 Development Squad Training Camp at Forthbank Stadium, Stirling on the 18th September.



Our Head Boy, **James Carswell** (S6) took part in the Junior European International Curling Tour Scottish leg at Braehead last weekend, winning 3 out of their 5 games. James was also part of the Curling team that took first place in the Greenacres Junior Masters 2012 Congratulations to James and his Team.