

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

April 2016



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

2nd May - Holiday
 3rd May- SQA Exams Beg
 27th & 30th May - Holidays
 31st May - Inservice day
 1st & 2nd June - P7 Induction
 3rd June - Sports Dinner
 6th June - Timetable change
 6th June - S6 Graduation
 8th June - BGE Graduation
 9th June - Prizegiving
 13th June—Colours Awards
 24th June - School closes at 1.00pm

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Dear Parent

During the Easter holidays Eastwood HS again hosted a well attended Easter School with classes being run in the vast majority of subject areas. We are currently running Supported Study after school and on weekends in many subject areas to supplement pupils' learning. It is vitally important that all S4, S5 and S6 pupils "PREPARE, PRACTICE and PERFORM" over the next 5 weeks. I know that I can count on parental support to ensure that everyone in S4—S6 is studying at least 4 hours per day from now until the SQA exams are over. IT IS TOUGH BUT WELL WORTH IT IN THE LONG TERM.

On another front I would like to take this opportunity to seek parental support looking ahead to next term. I'm sure that you will agree that 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 around £400 per child to recipients as well as exempting them from Easter School payments etc.

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First Time Voters

Fraser Glen, a journalist with the Daily Record, visited the Higher Modern Studies classes on 21st April. He talked to a number of pupils (Joanna Dougall, Andrew Edgar, Andrew Simpkins, Amirah Bouzgarrou, Hannah Kerr, Raabiah Siddique and Maryam Ibrar—All S6) about the issues that were important to 16 & 17 year olds in the forthcoming Scottish Parliament election and the European referendum.



Gone Fishin'

On 31st March a group of S1 pupils (Scott Campbell, Rob Pollok, Scott Fosbury, Flynn Murphy, Darren Lindsay, Ben Meney and Kallum Haldane) visited the Arran View Fishery in Moscow, Ayrshire. The pupils were part of the Scottish Angling Association (SANA) Education programme. Over the course of 10 weeks the pupils had developed skills in fly fishing as well as gaining knowledge in river conditions and river management. Helped by SANA coaches John Stewart and Raymond Fuggle, the pupils made tremendous progress to becoming independent and competent anglers (as the pictures below prove). On the day a number of trout were caught and the pupils were able to take their catch home for dinner.



Head Boy and Head Girl Awards

The Eastwood High Head Boy and Head Girl (Harris Ali and Kirsten Watson) were presented with awards for service by the Director of Education at a ceremony held in Eastwood House on 20th April. Kirsten and Harris were accompanied by Mrs Foster Deputy Head for S5/6. All three enjoyed lunch and Kirsten and Harris picked up rather nice engraved glass awards.



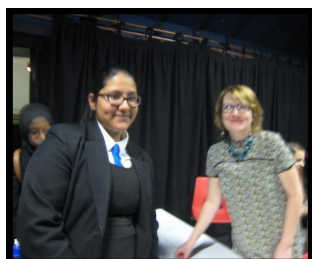
Cancer Charity Fundraiser

On the 1st of April The Eastwood High School staff raised £630 in aid of the Beatson Cancer Care Charity. The coffee morning and fundraiser was held in commemoration of Lisa Kleinglass, one of Eastwood High School's Pupil Support Assistants who sadly passed away in January following her battle with cancer. The staff were all delighted that Lisa's husband Saul and members of her family were able to attend.



Yay! Ya+ Literature Festival

Miss De'Ath, our school librarian accompanied ten pupils from the book group to the Yay!Ya Literature Festival at Cumbernauld Theatre on 21st April. The group were able to meet a number of prominent children's authors including Alex Nye, Estelle Maskame and Victoria Gemmell. The quality of the speakers was excellent and they certainly inspired the Eastwood pupils to develop their literacy skills. There was, of course, time for book signings to be completed and selfies to be taken with favourite authors.



Interdisciplinary Digital Trip to Edinburgh

On 19th April 60 S3 pupils visited the Discovering Digital World Roadshow event in Edinburgh. The pupils were drawn from Art & Design, Computing Science and Design & Manufacture. The event was designed to show how digital programming permeates all aspects of design. Despite traffic hold ups the pupils had a very enjoyable afternoon and found the event most useful. All the pupils also received a "Raspberry Pi" microcomputer, mouse and keyboard in their event pack to continue their exploration of programming video games at home.



Eve Nominated for UK Theatre

School Award

After having had a busy year taking part in numerous films and television productions Eve Wengel (S2) has been nominated as one of 12 finalists for the UK Theatre School "Student of the Year" 2016.



Amnestea

On 31st March the S5/6 Human Rights Group raised £114.50 for Amnesty International by running an "Amnestea" coffee morning.



Passion for Fashion

On 31st March the annual "Style Academy" Fashion Show was held at Eastwood Theatre. This Fashion Show was the showpiece event and culmination of the "Style Academy" vocational courses run in partnership with East Renfrewshire Council and Maxell Training. Pupils from all seven East Renfrewshire Schools participated however pupils from Miss Miller's S3 Personal Development class were responsible for the event's management and hospitality. Eastwood pupils from the school's own partnership with Style Academy and via the East Renfrewshire Vocational programme also played key roles as fashion designers, models and hair & make-up stylists. The show was a huge success with many dignitaries from ERC and Vocational partners in attendance alongside teachers and parents. Well done to everyone who participated.



Saym Secures American University Experience

Congratulations to Saym Hussain (S5) who has secured a Sutton Trust/Fulbright Commission scholarship to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, USA. This is a massive achievement beating off competition from all over the UK and entitles Saym to attend a week's taster session in the USA. If Saym chooses to study in the USA the scholarship will help to support him through his studies.



East Renfrewshire Convenor's Award Winners

Congratulations to the 7 Eastwood High School pupils who received East Renfrewshire Education Convenor's Awards at a ceremony held in Carmichael Hall on 28th April. The pupils and awards are listed below

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| Erin Wallace (S4) - | Individual Sport (Athletics) |
| Clare Wallace (S2) - | Individual Sport (Swimming and athletics) |
| Jamie Sturrock (S5) - | Individual Sport (Athletics) |
| Eve Wengel (S2) - | Individual Creativity (Acting) |
| Zack Griffin (S3) - | Individual Creativity (Entrepreneur) |
| Alexander Boyanov (S6)- | Individual Extra Curricular (First Aid) |
| Jennifer McEwan (S6) - | Independent Living Skills (Courage in over coming serious illness) |



Members of the award winning Eastwood High School jazz band provided the entertainment on the night for both award winners and dignitaries.



National Awards Nomination

Mr Maxwell has been nominated for the Times Education Supplement "Headteacher of the Year" and has been announced as one of the 10 finalists from across the UK. The awards ceremony will be held in London on 24th June.

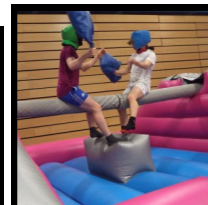
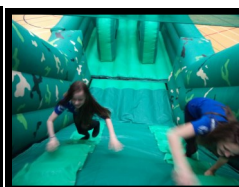
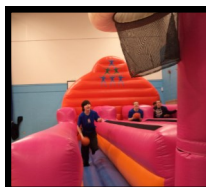


Dramatic Abby

Well done to Abby McCann (S5) who has been successful in securing a place at the National Youth Theatre summer school in London as one of 40 performers out of the 5000 who applied. Abby is also project director for PACE Theatre's Verona Cup Challenge, directing and choreographing 50 performers. This challenge culminates in 4 nights of performance as part of Paisley's 2021 City of Culture bid.

"Bounce Fest"

The 31st March saw the Term 2 imPACT rewards day for the pupils. These rewards days are for all the pupils who have met the performance criteria in terms of behaviour, effort, punctuality and attendance throughout the term. As can be seen from the photos the "Bouncy Extravaganza" was a big hit.



Sports News

In U13 football the A team competed in the Scottish Partnership Football 7s at Ferguslie in Paisley. Unfortunately the boys only managed a draw against Williamwood and were eliminated at the group stage (Kerr Scott scored both the team's goals on the day). The U13s B team played in the Eastwood 7s tournament at Woodfarm HS this month but they too failed to progress from the group winning one match and losing three. In rugby the S1s final game of the season against Mearns Castle HS ended in defeat despite a really strong performance especially in the second half. The U16s finished their successful season with a 29-19 win against Mearns Castle. Adam Latif (S4) scoring 3 tries and Graeme Murchie (S4) scoring two. This result means that the team has only lost once this season and won both the Scottish Rugby Conference and the East Renfrewshire U16 League. Finally the U18s were knocked out of the Duncanrig HS 7s tournament at the group stage. In basketball the traditional end of season showcase staff v pupils match took place on Wednesday 27th April. As ever it was keenly contested with the pupils eventually coming out the victors 15-7. In martial Arts congratulations go to Leigh Edgar (S2) who has been awarded her black belt in Tae Kwon Do this month.

The Eastwood Junior Cricket team had its first fixture of the season on 27th April, a really tough West of Scotland Cup 1st round tie away at High School of Glasgow. Despite losing by 8 wickets the team played well scoring 75 for 6 off their 20 overs

Well done to Mrs Ross' Eastwood "A" karting team who finished 6th in the Scottish final of the British Schools Karting Championships held at Raceland in Edinburgh on 19th of April. Also in motor sport well done to Ellie Gourlay (S1) who came 3rd in the Scottish Off Road Driving Championships despite being only 12 years old! In gymnastics congratulations to Olivia Jackson (S2) who after coming 3rd in the Scottish Acrobatic Gymnastics was chosen to represent Scotland in Grade 4 at the UK regional finals held in Southampton.

Finally six Eastwood HS pupils competed in the Scottish Schools Aquathlon Championships at East Kilbride on Tuesday 26th of April. All the pupils involved put in very strong performances with Clare Wallace (S2) and Erin Wallace (S4) winning their respective age group Scottish titles.

