

Library Events

During December our school librarian, Miss De'Ath has been running a Book Fair. The aim of the book fair is to further improve literacy in Eastwood High through promoting reading for pleasure. A percentage of the money raised will be used to help buy new stock for the school library.

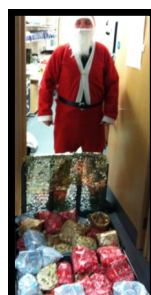


Oh No its Not, Oh Yes it is

On 15th of December 120 S1 pupils and staff enjoyed a visit to the Citizen's Theatre to watch a matinee of the pantomime "Rapunzel". In addition the Drama Club are in rehearsal for their performances of the school pantomime "Aladdin". There will be a performance for parents and friends at 5.30pm on Monday 21st December in the atrium and two school performances on the 22nd.

Senior Citizens' Party

On 15th December Eastwood S6 pupils organised a Christmas party for over 140 senior citizens from the local community. There was lots of festive entertainment with pupils putting on a great show. Special thanks go to Mrs Burns from the school office and Mrs Foster DHT.



Charities Committee Christmas Fair

On the 11th of December the school charities committee held their Christmas Fair on the first floor bridge. The event was a great success with lots of festive treats and crafts for sale. The committee were able to raise almost £100 from their efforts despite LJ's "experimental" mulled juice!



Sports News

The Eastwood S1 and S2 Rugby teams played in two group deciders against St Maurice's HS Cumbernauld (A SRU School of Rugby) at Broadwood Stadium at the end of November. The S1s kicked off first and despite a valiant performance and tries from Ben Wilson and James MacDonald they finally were defeated 30-10. The S2 team however fared much better. The first half was quite tight with neither team establishing dominance however a stunning second half display by Eastwood saw us romp away to a 50-15 victory. The tries were scored by Ben McCann, Luke Barber, Alan Yie, Pat McCrann, Pablo da Silva and Connor Baillie. The U14s now enter the East Renfrewshire league after Christmas unbeaten this season.



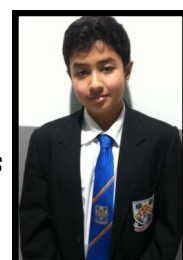
Well done to the Eastwood HS ski and boarder team (Caitlin Rae, Caitlin Parry, Ellie Marshall, Ben Hodgeson, Adam Inglis, Clark Marshall, Lucas Parry, Matthew Robson, Fraser Robson, Duncan Brash, Euan Gray and Calum Otley) who took part in the Scottish Championships at Soar, Braehead on the 10th of December. All of our ski and board racers did very well producing creditable performances in a very high standard of competition.

In Karate congratulations go to Humza ul Haq (S2) who has been successful in gaining his 1st Dan Black belt. To achieve this Humza had to display a high level of competence in both kata and fighting.



In Gymnastics 20 members of the Eastwood High School Gymnastics club took part in the Scottish Regional Gymnastics heats on 17th December.

Finally in cricket congratulations go to Rafay Khan (S1) who has been selected for the West District U15! Squad a fantastic achievement for someone in S1.



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Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

22nd Dec. - School Closes 2.30
6th Jan - School reopens 8.45
7th Jan - S5/6 Parents Evening
11th Jan - Young Musician of the Year
13th Jan. - S2 Parents Evening
27th Jan. - S4 Parents Evening
1st Feb. - S5/6 prelims begin
12th Feb - Inservice Day
15th & 16th Feb - Holidays
21st March - Spring Fling Concert
22nd March - ERC Dance Championships
30th Mar.- ASN Parents Evening
1st April - School Closes 2.30
18th April - School Re-opens
28th April - S3 Parents Evening
2nd May - Holiday

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Dear Parent

We have again reached the end of a very busy year for the school and, as ever, the pace seems to quicken through December with a wide range of activities taking place in the school. This newsletter is a great example of this and I'm sure you will agree a fantastic way to celebrate the wider achievement of our pupils and staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the S5/6 Parents Evening on Thursday 7th of January and alert all senior pupils to the fact that the S5/6 prelims start on Monday the 2nd of February—a mere 20 school days after we return from the holidays!

The Eastwood High School HMIE inspection report was published on 15th December and can be found either on our school website or at www.educationscotland.gov.uk. It is one of the very best inspection reports of recent years and reflects very positively on the school, the pupils and the staff. Everyone associated with the school should be immensely proud of this report as the inspectors go out of their way to say some very nice things about Eastwood High School and its achievements both individually and collectively.

Finally, the school will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 22nd of December at 2.30pm and resume at 8.45am on Wednesday 6th of January. It only remains for me to wish all parents, pupils and everyone associated with Eastwood high School a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

S Maxwell

The Big Debate

On Friday 4th December a group of senior pupils, accompanied by Mr MacDairmid, took part in BBC Radio Scotland's live Friday lunchtime politics show, "The Big Debate". Some of the pupils who participated are pictured with host and television politics anchor Gordon Brewer.



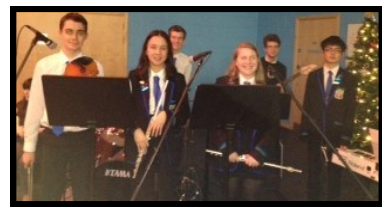
Young Enterprise

On 3rd December the Eastwood HS Young Enterprise group took their product, "The Calendar Chef Cookbook", to the Christmas trade fair at Soar, Braehead. The judges complimented the group on the innovative nature of the product as well as its targeting of younger age groups. The judges also liked the way that the Young Enterprise team utilised technology to showcase their cookbook their use of supplementary video tutorials that could be viewed online. The cookbook can still be purchased directly from members of the "Educook" group or from Mr Dean in the BECs Department.



Social Events of the Year

This year's Junior and Senior Dances were a great success with the school's own ceilidh band even performing for part of the Junior Dance. A big thank you as ever to Mr Gibson and the PE staff for organising the events.



Investors in People

Eastwood High School was assessed by Investors in People on the 26th and 27th of November 2015, along with our cluster primary schools. This is the first time the exercise has involved the cluster primaries and I am glad to say that everyone passed with flying colours. Eastwood High School has now been an IIP accredited establishment for over 10 years



Charity Fundraisers

The Eco Committee are collecting pet toys, pet food, blankets and towels to donate to the local SSPCA home this Christmas. Any donations either new, or unwanted by your own pets, would be gratefully received. There is a collection box in Dr Lowe's room (216). Thank you to those who have already donated. Also well done to Kaitlyn Ferguson (S2) who raised £300 for the SHINE Charity for Spina Bifida by completing the Santa Dash.



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Well done to Callum Meneely and Craig Stewart, both S3, on being presented with their Chief Scout's Gold Award at a reception in the Hilton Hotel Glasgow. The boys also collected a Regional Commissioner's Challenge Award on behalf of the 35th Glasgow Scouts.



Music To Our Ears

Congratulations to Rebecca Lister (S3), Morven Con-sedine (S4), Rachel Tait (S3), Aisling Young (S5) and Abigail Young (S3) who were all members of the East Renfrewshire Jazz Band playing at the recent Tapestry Education Conference held at the Royal Concert Hall.



Art Exhibition

The annual art exhibition of the best exam pieces presented by S4, S5 and S6 pupils in 2015 was held on the 2nd of December. Yet again the event was a huge success with the standard of the work on show being very high indeed.



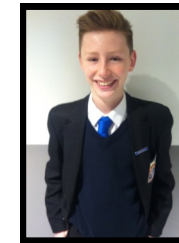
Christmas Concert

On Monday the 14th of December Eastwood hosted its annual Christmas Concert. As ever the tinsel and Santa hats were out and great fun was had by all. A very appreciative audience all commented on the high standard of performances. Well done to all staff and pupils.



Euan Collects his Diana Award

Congratulations to Euan Ford (S3) on collecting his Diana Award as a champion fundraiser for the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. Euan attended a glittering awards ceremony at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow on 9th December.



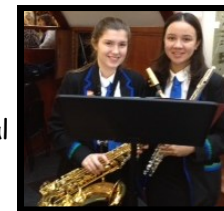
East Renfrewshire Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Andrew Paton of S2 on picking up the East Renfrewshire Citizen of the Year Award from the Provost at the Council meeting on Wednesday 16th December. This award is further recognition of Andrew's heroism in saving his grandfather's life following a boating accident in September.



Princes Square Choir

The Eastwood High School Choir entertained shoppers at Princes Square on Friday 4th December with a medley of Christmas songs and musical items.



i-Create

i-Create are returning in January to deliver a 10 week MacBook programme. Pupils will gain skills in using software and hardware to record musical performances/record songs. It is open to everyone and would be excellent for anyone studying music or music technology. See any music teacher to book.

Green for Go

Alice Chisholm (S6) and our green flag represented Eastwood High and a media call to recognise the fact that all seven East Renfrewshire Schools plus Isobel Mair School have now achieved Eco School Green Flag status. East Renfrewshire is the first local authority to have all its schools achieve this accolade.



Disgusting Science

On 8th of December Miss Collier and Mrs McKenna took a group of S2 pupils to Cardonald College to see the "Disgusting Science Roadshow". The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this event which was both informative and entertaining.

