

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

June 2016



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

- 24th June - School closes at 1.00pm
- 24th June - TESS Awards
- 11th August - Inservice Day
- 12th August - Inservice Day
- 15th August - Pupils Return 8.45am
- 30th August - S1 & S4 Photos
- 23rd & 26th Sept. - Holidays
- 14th October - Inservice day
- 17th - 23rd Oct. - Holiday

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Dear Parent

We have come to the end of another very busy session for Eastwood HS and as usual the last few weeks have been full of activities for the pupils to enjoy. We have had our annual Awards Ceremony, Graduation Ball and Sports Awards Dinner amongst many other things.

It is at this time of year when we have to say goodbye to staff leaving the school for pastures new or into retirement. I would personally like to thank all the probationary teachers who will be leaving us at the end of their year's placement - there are too many to mention but they have all made an invaluable contribution this session. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them well for the future.

Our best wishes also go to Mr Charles Woods of Maths and school librarian Miss Anne de'Ath who will be retiring after giving a combined total of 44 years of valued service to the school. They will both be missed by everyone.

Finally the school will finish for the summer holidays at 1pm on Friday 24th of June. School lunches will be available from 12.20. The Neilston, Uplawmoor and farms transport operators have agreed to pick up pupils at Neilston Station at 1pm. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, pupils and parents a great summer holiday.

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S6 Graduation Ball

Monday 6th of June saw the social highlight of the year - The S6 Graduation Ceremony and Ball. As ever it was a night of glitz and glamour and a fantastic evening was had by all. This year the Ball returned to Hampden Park and the pictures below give a flavour of the evening. There really were some stunning dresses on show.



Kelvingrove Artists

On 26th May the Art & Design Department accompanied 28 pupils to Kelvingrove Art Gallery to participate in the prestigious annual Kelvingrove Art Competition. The pupils spent the day drawing and painting their chosen exhibits and their work was of an exceptionally high standard.



Business Award Nomination

Congratulations to Zack Griffin (S3) for being nominated in the "Most Promising New Business" category at the East Renfrewshire Business Awards. As you will remember Zack won his age category in the "Tycoons in Schools" competition earlier in the year with his business "Teens 2 Go" but to be nominated by the Chamber of Commerce for these local business awards is a major achievement.



Well Done Scott

Scott Dempster (S5) was short-listed for the Scottish Engineering Leaders Award for STEM. He was in the top 4% in Scotland and his work was displayed at the Barony Hall, University of Strathclyde.



Daisey wins Neilston

Show Award

Congratulations to Daisy Tominey (S2) who won the Wooneuk Trophy for 10-14yrs crafts at the recent Neilston Show.



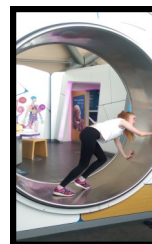
Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to the S3 Skillforce class who recently completed the expedition phase of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The pupils were all complimented by their Skillforce mentors and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In addition I received a highly complimentary letter from the daughter of an elderly lady about 3 of the school's other DofE participants Olivia Taylor, Carys Mitchell and Rachel Halliday (All S3). As part of their volunteering the girls had been visiting elderly residents in a local care home all year. Unfortunately the care home was closing down and on their last visit they discovered that a 92 year old resident that they had been visiting had been moved to another care home - a very confusing time for the old lady. The girls however asked where her new care home was located and made their way to visit her there. The old lady was delighted to see them and her daughter says in her letter that it made a huge difference to helping her mother settle into her new surroundings.



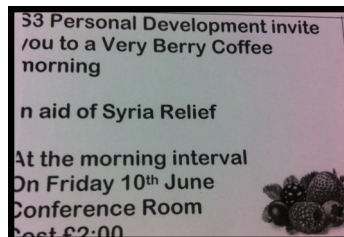
Science Club Visit

The S1 Science Club recently enjoyed a visit to the "Bodyworks" and "Powering the Future" exhibitions at the Glasgow Science Centre. Club members were able to interact with the exhibits and were also able to watch "Born to be Wild" in the IMAX cinema.



A Very Berry Coffee Morning

Well Done to Miss Miller's S3 personal development class who held a "Very Berry Coffee Morning" in aid of Syria Relief On 10th June. The event was most successful raising over £200 for the charity. The pupils worked very hard to produce a sumptuous range of cakes and biscuits.



Former Pupils Exhibition

Two former Eastwood High pupils, Andrew Strang and Jonathon Molloy, featured prominently in the HND Product Design Engineering show held at College Lanarkshire in partnership with the University of West of Scotland. Mr Murray was there to support his former students.



Your Help Requested

Eastwood High School is looking for parents' assistance for an event being planned on October 26th. The school is looking to host a careers pathway evening and we would like to have as many businesses and occupations as possible represented. If you own a business or could represent an occupation on the evening could you please contact Mrs Sinclair or Mr Keogh via the school office,. Thank you

Sports Awards Dinner

The 3rd of June saw the first of the School's Awards Ceremonies, the Sports Dinner. Over 200 pupils from all years attended to receive awards relating to the sporting performance of teams and individuals. The team of the year for 2016 was the U16 Rugby squad and Abtaha Maqsood (S5) won the Hood Award for individual Sporting Excellence. Our guest speaker this year was the inspirational Olympic curling medallist Aileen Neilson.



Peter May Creative Writing Award

To encourage the creative writing talent at Eastwood the English department and Miss De'Ath, the school librarian, encouraged S1—S3 pupils to take part in a creative writing competition inspired and supported by world famous author (and Eastwood former pupil) Peter May. This year the theme was "Time" and Peter and his wife - author Janice Hally, judged the entries. Congratulations to Bethan MacSween (S2) who won the Peter May cup with the runners up Rachel White, Ben McCann and Deeba Malik receiving book tokens.



Emma and Emily attend Space School

Emma Kirby (S3) attended NASA Mission Discovery space week run by Renfrewshire & East Renfrewshire Councils 6th—10th June. Emma worked on Science experiments related to space exploration, and even devised an experiment to be done by astronauts on the ISS. In addition Emily Green (S5) has been attending the Scottish Space School residential course run in conjunction with University of Strathclyde. Emily was successful in gaining a place beating off stiff competition from schools all over Scotland.



Scottish Education Awards

On Wednesday 8th June a small group of staff and pupils attended the Scottish Education Awards at the Glasgow City Hotel. Unfortunately we were runner up in both categories but enjoyed the occasion. Interestingly we were seated next to Education Minister John Swinney.



Sports News

As expected in June the sports news is dominated by Athletics. Firstly Eastwood High sent a strong team to the East Renfrewshire Athletics Championships held at Linwood on 2nd June. The team performed very well coming second overall with the following medal haul.

GOLD			SILVER			BRONZE		
NAME	YR	EVENT	NAME	YR	EVENT	NAME	Y R	EVENT
Alyson Bell	1	100m, 200m, Long Jump	Rhea Campbell	S3	100m	Lara Sturgeon	1	200m
Fraser Lipp	2	400m, Triple Jump, Shot	Lara Sturgeon	1	Long Jump, 100m	Lauren Agnew	1	800m
Clare Wallace	2	1500m	Emily MacDonald	3	Shot	Euan Chalmers	2	1500m
Struan Wilson	3	Shot Put				Alex Cuthbertson	1	High Jump
Rhea Campbell	3	200m				Elliot Reilly	3	Long Jump
Emily MacDonald	3	High Jump						
Elise Tweedie	S	Shot						

In addition to the above the S1 girls won Gold in the 4x100m relay, the S2 boys won Silver in the 4 x 100m relay, the S3 girls won Silver in the 4x100m relay, the S1 boys won Bronze in the 4x100m relay and the S3 boys won Bronze in their 4x100m relay.

At the Scottish Schools Athletics Championships at Grangemouth on 10th and 11th June Eastwood athletes had their best ever performance with 3 Gold medals (Alyson Bell S1 200m, Fraser Lipp S2 Javelin, Erin Wallace U17 1500m), 2 Silver medals (Alyson Bell S1 100m and Jamie Sturrock U17 1500m) and 2 Bronze medals (Jamie Sturrock U17 800m and Emily MacDonald U14 High Jump). There were also strong performances in their events by Rhea Campbell, Ross Lipp, Clare Wallace, Alan Yie and Lara Sturgeon. Finally well done to Erin Wallace who has become the youngest and only Scottish athlete to secure support from the Jesse Owens Sports Aid Fund to develop her athletics career.

In cricket the Eastwood HS junior team had an excellent win over Shawlands Academy this month. The team won by 31 runs scoring 107 for 6 from their 20 overs. Safwan Amin (S1) was man of the match scoring 21 runs and taking 4 wickets for 8 runs..

Euan Chalmers (S2) continues to be successful in cycling. He is currently placed 2nd in the Scottish Cycling West of Scotland Youth Crit Race Series and has had 4 top 10 places in his 6 races this season, including a 2nd at the Johnstone Race and a 3rd in the East Kilbride Road Race.

Well done to Olivia Brady (S1) and Rachel Brady (S3) who have been selected to play for Scotland at an ice hockey tournament in Swindon on the 18th June, both are members of the Scotland girls training squad.

On 13th June 24 senior pupils from the Sports Leaders class assisted at the Crookfur Primary School sports day helping to make sure that all the events ran smoothly. The sports were held at the Eastwood High track and were a great success. Mrs Loudon, HT Crookfur PS sent her thanks to everyone who helped out.

Finally some of our very successful U16 rugby team have just qualified as rugby referees.

Jamie Black, Sam Harper, Adam Latif, Logan McMahon, Graham Murchie and Robbie Walker completed their course on 14th June.

