

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter



*Special points of interest:*

### **Important Dates.**

27th June - School Closes 1pm  
 14th & 15th Aug. - Inservice days  
 16th Aug. - Pupils return 8.45  
 31st Aug. - S1 & S4 Photographs  
 22nd & 25th Sept. - Holidays  
 12th Oct. - Sch. closes 3.35pm  
 13th Oct.. - Inservice Day  
 16th - 22nd Oct—Holiday  
 23rd Oct. - School re-opens @ 8.45am

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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, Sports Awards Dinner, School Show and numerous school trips 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 Dr David Stirling, Mrs Ann McVey and Mrs Katie McKean who will be retiring after giving a combined total of more than 60 years service to the school. They will be greatly missed by everyone. In addition Tam Edgar, the school's senior janitor will be leaving us to take up a new senior cluster janitor post based in the new joint faith campus school. Tam is liked and respected in equal measure by everyone at Eastwood High and we wish him well in his new post.

Finally the school will finish for the summer holidays at 1pm on Tuesday 27th 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.

*S Maxwell*

### **My World of Work Award Winners**

Well done to My World of Work School Ambassadors Fatima Bari, Mimra Furqan, Laura Gardner, Karen King'ori, Andrew Patton, Christopher Young, Maryam Shabbir, Christopher Canning and Nuvneet Kaur (All S3). They have just received a special award from Skills Development Scotland in recognition of their outstanding promotion of the "My World of Work" website at pupil assemblies, parents evenings and DYW events.



### Big Bang Theory

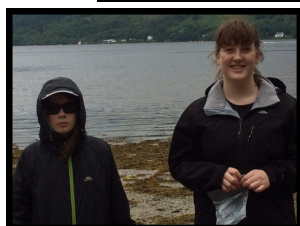
A number of new S5 Physics students, accompanied by Mrs McIlhargey and Mr Sergeant, visited the CERN Scientific Research facility in Geneva, Switzerland, this month. The group were able to visit the Large Hadron Collider and talk to scientists collecting data on gravitational waves. This will help with their Higher Physics studies. The trip was also able to visit the United Nations Headquarters as well as soak up the sunshine in the lakeside parks.



### Dreams Come True Weekend

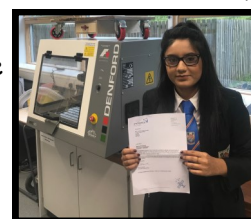
Six senior pupils - Matthew Porteous, Jake McKie, Robbie Walker, Ewan Walker, Caitlin Roberts and Erica Hunter (all new S6) assisted Mr Keogh as mentors on the "Dreams Come True Activity Weekend" at Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre 16th-18th June.

The senior pupils worked with pupils with additional support needs to develop their skills and build confidence. Robyn Turner and Hugh MacPherson both S1 also attended the weekend and had a great time.



### Design Technology Success

Congratulations to Nimra Furqan (S4) who has won scholarship through "The Smallpiece Trust" to study Marine Technology Engineering at the University of Strathclyde residential summer school in July. This is the second scholarship Nimra has won this year!

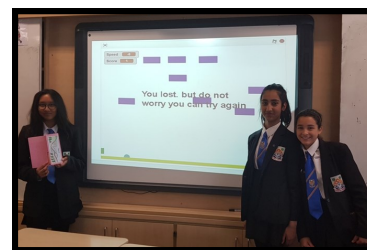


In addition Mr Murray visited the Graphic Design Degree Show at the Lighthouse in Glasgow this month to see former pupil Karl Bewick's work featuring prominently. Karl is off to London this summer to start an internship with advertising giants Saatchi and Saatchi.



### John Muir Awards

Well done to all the S1 geography pupils who successfully completed their John Muir Awards this month. One of the groups created an interactive game to highlight the key aspects of John Muir's work.



### Pupil Leadership Team

Congratulations to Ryan Catterson and Amarah Saeed who have been selected as Head Boy and Head Girl for session 2017/18. They will be supported by Ewan Walker and Gillian Ross as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.

The Vice Captains and senior prefects will be announced before the end of session.

As can be seen from the photographs below Amarah and Ryan have already undertaken their first official duty representing Eastwood High School at East Renfrewshire Armed Forces Day



### Festival of Youth Enterprise

A group of S1 pupils took part in the 1st Festival of Youth Enterprise at Hampden this month. They met inspirational young entrepreneurs and took part in a range of workshops.

Here are the pupils with host for the day television newsreader Rachel McTavish





### "Grease Is The Word"

20th, 21st and 22nd of June saw four spectacular performances of this year's Eastwood High School Show "Grease" in the Games Hall Theatre. All the performances played to large and appreciative audiences. The performers would like to thank all the staff involved for all the time and hard work they put in to making the show such a success.



### Mission Discovery Space School

Fatima Bari, Emma Madden and Charlie Turner (All S4) recently took part in the NASA Mission Discovery Space Challenge at the University of the West of Scotland. The challenge was to design an experiment to take to the International Space Station and the girls had the opportunity to work with astronaut Steve Swanson as well as NASA trainers. The girls all said the experience was "out of this world".



### Watch Out For That Volcano

Between 18th and 23rd June thirty nine pupils studying Geography and History visited the Neapolitan Riviera in Italy. The trip organised by Miss McGeough of the Geography Department focused on the history and culture of the Bay of Naples area. During their time in Italy the pupils climbed the volcano Mount Vesuvius, went on a tour of ancient Pompeii and visited the island of Capri on a boat trip. There was also plenty of time for shopping in Sorrento. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all the staff involved in running such an enjoyable trip.



### Unclaimed Prizes From PTA Race Night

The following prizes of a bottle of wine remained unclaimed after the PTA race night. If you know any of the winners please alert them to contact the school office.

<u>Horse Name</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Speedy Carson	Linda Carson
Brighouse	Mrs C Gordon
Slow Coach	Mr D MacLean
Miko	Margaret Spalding
Sunshine On Leith	John Kelly
Dexter	Steven Vannet
Proliant	Aileen Hume

The 40 Squares winners from Parents Evenings were Val Chisholm, Gillian Buchanan-Mackintosh and Duncan Monaghan-Brash. They have received their £25 Silverburn vouchers. A big thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA fundraising this session.

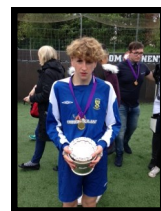
### Cadbury World Trip

S3 pupils studying Business Management and Health & Food Technology enjoyed an interdisciplinary trip to Cadbury World and Alton Towers earlier this month. Day 1 at Cadbury World saw the pupils learn about production and marketing as well as consumption - they ate a lot of chocolate !! Day 2 saw a fun packed day at the Alton Towers. Thank you to Mrs Dodds and all staff who helped organise the trip.



## Sports News

The girls U15 football team ended a very successful season on the 7th of June just missing out on a league and cup double losing the final of the St Mirren Cup 1-2 in a very tight game against St Ninians HS at Ralston. The day before the girls came 3rd in Scotland at the Cashback 7s Scottish finals tournament held at Toryglen. Also in football well done to Jonathon Brown (S4) who played in a 5 aside inter regional football tournament for hearing impaired players at Rouken Glen. Jonathon came on as a substitute for East Renfrewshire/Ayrshire to score the winning goal in the final against Glasgow.



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. All the athletes performed to the highest standard securing an excellent second place overall with 12 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals.

<u>GOLD</u>			<u>SILVER</u>			<u>BRONZE</u>		
Name	Yr.	Event	Name	Yr.	Event	Name	Yr.	Event
Joshua Coverdale	1	Shot Putt	Jack Sinclair	1	100m, 200m	Ruaridh McInnes	1	1500m
Jack Sinclair	1	High Jump	Daniella Takon	1	Relay	Ben Wilson	1	Relay
Ben Wilson	2	Long Jump	Eva Chong	2	1500m	Kerr Scott	2	Relay
Fraser Lipp	2	Triple Jump, Shot	Keira Welsh	2	High Jump, Relay	Cameron McKerrow	2	Relay
Clark Marshall	2	High Jump	Naomi Chin	2	Relay	Fraser Lipp	2	Relay
Alyson Bell	2	100m, 200m, Relay	Libby Young	2	Relay	Esther Jamieson	2	800m
Helen Chong	2	1500m, Relay	Alyson Bell	2	Long Jump	Lara Sturgeon	2	100m
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Eilidh McCrone	2	Relay						
Kate Richardson	3	1500m						

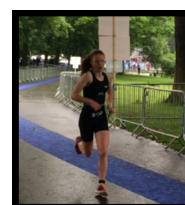
As a result of the above performances many of the pupils were selected to represent East Renfrewshire in the inter-district athletics and went on to win medals at that level. In the Rotary Scottish Schools Athletics Championships held at Grangemouth on the 9th



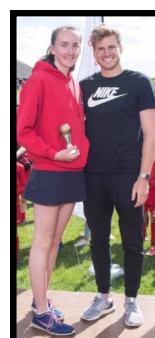
and 10th of June congratulations go to Alyson Bell on winning the 100m & 200m Scottish titles for U14 girls (purely on time Alyson would have won the silver medal in the boys race!). Well done also to Clark Marshall on winning Silver in the U14 Pole Vault and Fraser Lipp on winning the Bronze in the U14 Javelin. Other notable performances came from Helen Chong 7th in U14 800m and 7th in the U14 1500m, Kate Richardson 7th in the U15 800m, Clare Wallace 8th in the U15 1500m and Rhea Campbell 5th in the U16 200m.



In Triathlon congratulations go to Kate Richardson on finishing 4th in the Leeds British Triathlon Elite Youth Supers Series Race held on the same weekend as the televised triathlon won by the Brownlee brothers. Erin Wallace has also been competing for GB in the European U20 Triathlon Championships in Austria coming 20th despite being ranked 57th, and being kicked in the head during the open water swim! Overall Erin helped the British team come 5th. In rugby congratulations go to Alan Yie (S5) on being selected for the Glasgow and West of Scotland U16 Rugby squad for next season. Alan who plays for the school U16s had to get through a number of selection trials before being picked.



The school netball season ended on a high with Amy McVittie being voted St Cadocs Netball Club player of the year and Miss Watt organised a visit to watch the Scottish Sirens professional netball team play a match in the British Super League.



Finally in equestrian sport congratulations to Kirsty Anderson (S3) who has qualified for the prestigious Blair Castle Equestrian Competition in August after finishing 3rd in the working hunter (Jumping and Show Class) at the qualifier in West Kype.

