

Masterchef Kyle

Well done to Kyle Dickson (S5) for preparing the meal at the East Renfrewshire Culinary Arts course banquet. The banquet is the culmination of the vocational course run in partnership with East Renfrewshire Council and West College. Pupils from all the East Renfrewshire schools participate but it was Kyle who prepared the sumptuous meal of crab ravioli, lamb and petit fours. Diners included Councillors, Education Department Officials and senior school and college staff. Kyle was delighted to receive his certificate for successfully completing the course.



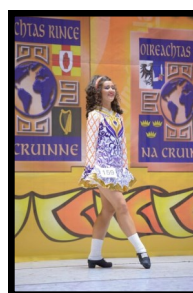
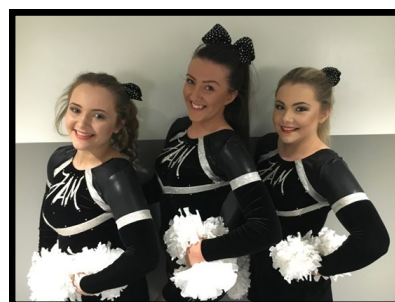
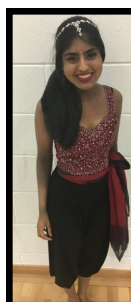
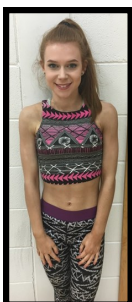
Brassed Off

Eastwood High School pupils featured prominently in the "Evening of Brass" held at Carlibar Primary School Barrhead on 25th February. The pupils were members of various bands including the Levern Valley Community Brass Band, The East Renfrewshire Brass Ensemble and the Barrhead & Croy Burgh Band. Head of East Renfrewshire Brass instruction, Ken Blackwood, said that "It was great to see so many Eastwood High pupils playing at such a high standard".



Dance Spectacular

Well done to all the Eastwood High pupils who participated in the recent East Renfrewshire Dance Championships. Kirsten Burningham, Nicole Andrews (both S3) and Bhavna Mehta (S6) all performed really well in the solo categories, whilst Nicole teamed up with Natalie Gill and sister Louise (both S6) to perform a cheerleading routine with JAM. Eastwood High School pupils attended their first dance camp in Lincolnshire from 18th - 20th March. The 20 girls accompanied by Miss Watt, Miss Docherty and Miss McCreadie took part in 5 street dance workshops as well as abseiling and a Jacobs ladder challenge. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and performed their routine to an audience of PGL staff on the Sunday afternoon. We hope to offer this again next year! Well done to Kirsty Robertson, Morven Monaghan-Brash and Flora Robertson (All S1) who performed very well at the recent Scottish Dance Teachers Alliance Pom and Hip Hop team Championships held at Ravenscraig. The girls came second in the Hip Hop and Contemporary categories. Bhavna Mehta (S6) has been dancing for the First Minister as part of Awaz FM's climate change fashion show held at the Kabana Restaurant on 14th March. Bhavna was dancing as part of the dance group "Desi Bravehearts". Finally congratulations to Miss Docherty of the PE Department who placed 27th out of 250 in the Ladies Irish Dancing World Championships held in Glasgow on 25th and 26th March. She was also 6th in the team event. Miss Docherty will be running taster classes in Irish Dance for pupils during the summer term.



Old Charity Fundraising

The work of the Eastwood HS Charities Committee has been recognised in the latest edition of the Scottish Autism Charity Newsletter. Scottish Autism was last session's chosen charity and £2215 was raised.



GET YOUR SCHOOL INVOLVED

Pupils at **Eastwood High School** organised a range of activities, including a Christmas Jumper Day, a disco, sponsored leg-waxing, a tug-of-war between pupils and teachers, and, our favourite, Funky Feet Friday! They raised a wonderful **£2,215**. Schools have also held sponsored walks, coffee mornings and made Loom Bands to sell.

Scottish Children's Book Awards Trip

Along with Miss De'Ath the Eastwood High pupil book group attended the Scottish Children's Book Awards held at the Central Hotel, Glasgow on 2nd March. It was a great day and the pupils were able to take part in a linked book review and vote for their favourite shortlisted book.



Pulse Radio Stars

Claire Jordan and Tessa Lamb (both S3) visited the Pulse FM radio station last week to talk about the forthcoming East Renfrewshire Vocational Programme Fashion Show being held on the 31st of March. The girls are part of the Eastwood High Personal Development class who are taking responsibility for the hospitality and event's management.



Film Stars

During the Easter weekend Miss Arbuthnot of Drama, Mrs Monaghan of the school canteen and a number of pupils from S1—S6 were involved in making a film directed by David Hunter. The film is being made to get across to the public the benefits of making healthy eating choices. The Eastwood pupils were chosen as the café was selected as the location for the shoot.



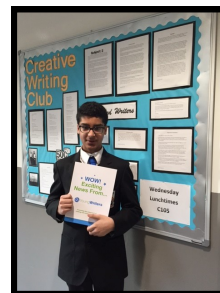
First Aiders

Well done to 25 S5/6 pupils who undertook their Emergency First Aid Qualification with St Andrews First Aid this month. Alexander Boyanov (S6) was a major driving force behind securing this opportunity for pupils and £620 was raised to part share the cost with the school. They all now have a nationally recognised award.



Published Author

Well done to creative writing club member Ibrahim Hassan (S2) who is to have a story published nationally in a collection of ghost stories. His creepy story involves a family moving into a new house with rumours of an old lady in the attic.



Headstart

Congratulations to Robbie Raeside and Emily Green (both S5) for winning places on the "Headstart" engineering scheme. This involves them attending their chosen university over the summer to complete a summer school. Their applications were selected ahead of 1100 submitted.



Guiding Success

Well done to Florence Kirkwood, Carys Mitchell, Ellie Marshall, Hannah Shields and Caitlin Rae (all S3) on achieving their Baden Powell Award in the Girl Guides.



Human Rights Donation

A donation of £80, raised by the Human Rights Committee, has been made to local Glasgow based charity, Emmaus, which helps homeless people. This was raised through staff paying a contribution to sign a Christmas card designed by members of the committee. The design featured a snowman (wearing our school scarf!) and a winter scene. Here are some Committee members with the card.



SAPhIR

23 pupils from S4-S6 undertook an Employability Skills seminar this month provided by our employability partners SAPhIR.

