

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

May 2016



*Special points of interest:*

### Important Dates

1st & 2nd June - P7 Induction  
 3rd June - Sports Dinner  
 6th June - Timetable change  
 6th June - S6 Graduation  
 7th June - BGE Graduation  
 8th June - Scottish Education Awards  
 9th June - Prizegiving  
 13th June—Colours Awards  
 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

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Dear Parent

Following the SQA Exams the school will return to some normality with the return of our senior pupils from study leave on Monday 4th June. **It is important that these senior pupils return to the school any books or equipment that had been borrowed for exam preparation or issued as part of courses 2015/16.**

As can be seen from the calendar opposite June promises to be a very busy month for everyone associated with the school. It is the awards season and as well as our own school ceremonies Eastwood High is nominated for 3 national awards - 2 Scottish Education Awards and 1 UK TESS Award. (see story inside)

Finally I would again like to take this opportunity to seek parental support looking ahead to next term. 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 nearly £400 per child to recipients as well as exempting them from Easter School payments etc.

*S Maxwell*

### Farewell Trip to Air Space

On the 29th of April the S6 said farewell to Eastwood High School with a most enjoyable trip the "Air Space" in East Kilbride. The group, all resplendent in their leavers' hoodies, had a thoroughly energetic afternoon as did the accompanying staff. A big thank you to Miss Barr for organising the event.



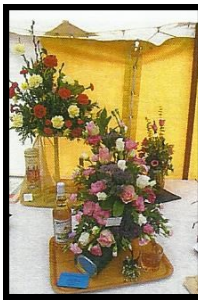
### Watersports trip to France

This May thirty nine S2 pupils took part in the 6th annual watersports trip to France. The first three days involved descending the Ardeche Gorge in two person canoes surrounded by stunning scenery. As can be seen from the photographs the weather was spectacular and everyone on the trip had a great time. After a much needed rest day in Avignon the pupils and staff headed to the Mediterranean at Mimosa for more enjoyable watersports -The "banana boat" being the clear favourite. The trip was again a re-sounding success with the instructors at both centres complimenting the pupils on their behaviour and attitude. Thanks also from the pupils to all the staff involved in running such an enjoyable but exhausting trip.



### Neilston Show

Many congratulations to all the pupils who entered the various competitions at the recent Neilston Show held on 7th May. Several won prizes with their baking, floral displays and handicrafts. Others took part in dance and equestrian events, including Emma Wilkie (S1), Rebecca Orr (S1) and Jennifer Orr (S3).



### Literacy in Action

This month has been a very busy one on the literacy front. Firstly three Eastwood pupils, Abigail Watson (S2), Ayesha Khan (S2) and Charlotte Egan (S1) have all had work published nationally. The girls are all members of Miss Baillie's creative writing club.



Secondly two Eastwood pupils Calum McEwan (S4) and Emma Kirby (S3) have had their book reviews published in Edinburgh City Council's Teen Titles magazine. Both Calum and Emma are members of Miss De'Ath's "Epic Book" club and are seen holding their copies of their published work.



Finally the Epic Book group are now participating in the Carnegie Book Awards. The pupils read all the books shortlisted for the Carnegie Children's Book Award and post online reviews before voting for their favourite title. The pupils will take part in a Carnegie Book Award Quiz at Williamwood High School on 16th June against other local schools.



### Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Congratulations to all the S3 pupils who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze assessed expedition on the 10th and 11th of May. This was the final element towards them achieving the overall Bronze Award. The assessors commented on how well the pupils did, particularly in navigating, cooking and the tent building aspect of the expedition. The assessors also noted how well the pupils worked as a team, helping each other out when the going got tough - as the photo shows the weather was really hot!





### Scottish Education Awards

Eastwood High School has been successful in securing two nominations for the finals of the Scottish Education Awards. The school's approach to delivering Health and Well Being has been recognised following high praise from HMIE inspectors in the October inspection. In addition Mr Maxwell has made it through to the final three in Scottish Headteacher of the year. The awards ceremony is being held in Glasgow on Wednesday 8th June



### Dyslexia Study Skills Day

On Friday 20th May Eastwood High hosted its annual dyslexia study skills day for Primary 7 pupils. Mr Law organised the day for the pupils from all of our associated primary schools to help them make the transition to Eastwood. Two Eastwood pupils Rachel Reid (S6) and Declan McLellan (S2) shared their experiences of being supported with dyslexia in Eastwood.

### Eve Performs at Tramway Theatre

Eve Murphy-Marriott (S4) has been performing at the Tramway Theatre as part of "Junction 25" the contemporary performance group in residence. The group are premiering a brand new piece of work entitled "Bit of Bite".



### Back in Time

As part of an interdisciplinary trip to learning activity, the Social Subjects faculty took S2 pupils to New Lanark World Heritage Centre. The trip involved learning across three Social Subject areas - Geography, History and Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies. The trip involved outdoor learning whereby students studied the landscape of the River and the role of Hydro Electric power relevant to Geography. They also looked at historical, social and cultural aspects of New Lanark relating directly to History and RMPS.



### Business Management Trip

On 24th May Mrs Sinclair accompanied 40 S3 Admin & IT pupils on a trip to M&D's Theme Park, Motherwell. The trip was organised by the pupils as part of their National 5 Admin & IT course where they have to engage in a practical example of "events management". The trip was a great success with fantastic weather thoroughly enjoyed by everyone—especially Mr Dean, Miss Baillie and Mr Brannan who helped out.



### Transitions Visit

Well done to the Eastwood High Pastoral Support staff who travelled to West Linton Outdoor Centre to spend an evening getting to know the P7 pupils from associated primary schools before they come to Eastwood for their induction days. The P7s were on their residential week and the staff had great fun in the great outdoors.



## Sports News

The beginning of May saw the end of the football season. The S1 team participated in the Shirley Roberts Memorial 7-a-side tournament at St Ninian's HS where they made it to the 3rd place play off. After being undefeated in their group stage and only conceding one goal, the team finished runners up to qualify for the 3rd place play off - a great effort.

Eastwood High School S1—S3 pupils took part in the annual East Renfrewshire BGE Games held at various venues across the Council on Monday 16th May. Eastwood were represented in hockey, netball, football, lawn bowls, table tennis and rugby 7s. There were some very strong individual performances a special well done to Louise Rafiq, Rebecca Paton, Rafay Khan and Gautam Kakar (all S1) who placed 3rd overall in the table tennis against older pupils.

In acrobatic Gymnastics Olivia Jackson (S2) participated in British Championships in Southampton at the beginning of May as part of the Scottish team. Olivia and her partner Eve came 4th overall in the pairs narrowly missing out on a medal, however her performance ensured that Scotland won the competition overall.

Well done to the members of the Eastwood High Judo Club who are photographed with their new belts following grading at the start of May especially well done to the newest members Ben Adams (S1), Ross Campbell (S1), David Martin (S2) and Declan McLellan (S2) who attained their red and white belts

The Eastwood High School Sports were held on 10th of May with some astonishing performances and new school records The results were as follows

	S1 Girls	S1 Boys	S2 Girls	S2 Boys	S3 Girls	S3 Boys
1st	Alyson Bell	Kerr Scott	Clare Wallace	Ben McCann	Rhea Campbell	Mark Boyle
2nd	Lara Sturgeon	Ben Wilson	Rebecca Hickey	Calum Anderson	Emily MacDonald	Adam Mitchell
3rd	Lauren Agnew	Rory Henderson	Eve Bell	Isa Mohammad	Laura Beatt	Alan Yie

Alyson Bell (187) and Lara Sturgeon (168) both broke the previous points record score for the girls sports set 6 years ago by a girl in S3. Alyson also set new records in 100m, 200m, and Long Jump. In the S2 Sports Amy McVittie set a new shot putt record whilst Emily MacDonald set a new shot record for S3. Rhea Campbell set new 100m and 200m records for S3 sprinting. Finally in the S1 boys sports Clark Marshall set a new record in the high jump whilst Fraser Lipp set a new record in the shot putt. In the S1 Interhouse Athletics "Auldhouse" recorded their first ever win in the competition with Balgray 2nd, Duncarnock 3rd, Capelrig 4th.

Finally on 12th May all five S1-S3 Netball teams participated in the East Renfrewshire Netball tournament at St Ninians HS. Well done to the S3 A team who won silver in their competition. Thanks go to the captains Megan McBride & Jade Thomson (S3), Suha Baig (S2) and Hana Afsal (S1) for co-ordinating their teams on the day.

