

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

May 2017



Special points of interest:

### Important Dates.

1st & 2nd June - P7 Induction Days  
 5th June - Timetable Change  
 6th June - Sports Awards night  
 8th June - Prizegiving  
 19th & 20th June - 3.30 - 7pm  
 Uniform Nights  
 21st & 22nd June - School Show  
 27th June - School Closes 1pm  
 14th & 15th Aug. - Inservice days  
 16th Aug. - Pupils return 8.45  
 29th Aug. - S1 & S4 Photographs  
 22nd & 25th Sept. - Holidays  
 12th Oct. - Sch. closes 3.35pm  
 13th Oct.. - Inservice Day  
 23rd Oct. - School re-opens @  
 8.45am

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Dear Parent

Following the SQA Exams the school will return to some normality with the re-  
 turn of our senior pupils from study leave on Monday 5th 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  
 2016/17.**

The new Education Maintenance Allowance application forms for session 2017/18  
 are now available from the school office. This allowance supports pupils beyond  
 the statutory school leaving age and who meet certain criteria while they stay on  
 at school. In addition current S3 pupils have been issued with a letter relating to  
 work experience in S4 if you have not received one please contact the school of-  
 fice.

Finally I would again like to take this opportunity to seek parental support look-  
 ing 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 increasing-  
 ly, 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*

### Model Castles

Well done to all the pupils involved in the Social Subjects interdisciplinary learn-  
 ing Culzean Castle topic. Pupils visited  
 the castle itself and learned about the  
 features of medieval castles in history  
 on their return. The results included  
 some splendid model castles.



### France Watersports Trip

This May forty S2 pupils took part in the 7th 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 resounding 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.



### Young Philanthropists

Well done to Matthew Liddle, Aiden Forrest, Freya Black and Katie Lindsay (All S2) who won the school final of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative on 23rd May. The competition was really close but in the end it was the team's chosen charity "The Happy Club" that will benefit to the tune of £3000 donated by the Youth Philanthropy Initiative backed by the Wood Group. Well done to all the teams the standard of all the presentations was really impressive.



### Technology Project with Crookfur PS

P6 pupils from Crookfur PS joined the Eastwood Technical Department on 23rd May to build bird boxes to be placed around their new extension. The pupils designed the nesting boxes with Mrs Allan and Miss Turnbull of the Eastwood Technical Department.



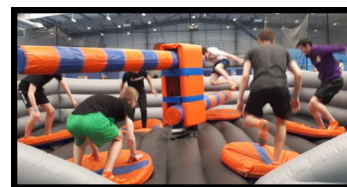
### Fashionistas

S3 pupils studying Fashion & Textiles visited the Glasgow Kelvin College Fashion Design course catwalk show along with Miss Miller on 24th May.



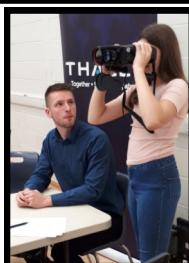
### Air Space Trip

As is now the tradition Miss Barr and a number of brave staff accompanied the S6 on their last day to the Air Space Trampoline Park in East Kilbride. A hugely successful and "uplifting" event.



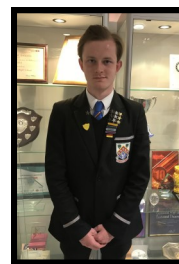
### STEM Day

S2 pupils took part in the STEM Careers networking event on 25th May. They got the chance to speak to a number of STEM Ambassadors including forensic scientists, product engineers and university lecturers. Some pupils even got a chance to look through some top secret military thermal imaging goggles worth around £25000!



### Junior Dux

Congratulations to Jonathan Rae (S4) who shared the boys' Junior Dux Award with Abdur Rehman Karim. Jonathan will receive his award along with Abdur at the Prizegiving in June





### "Say Cheese"

The SQA visited the school on 24th May to take photographs for their new website and brochures. Nine S5 pupils (who had completed all their exams) and some teachers were invited to take part in the photo shoot. The school was chosen because of its positive national reputation and the photographs will begin to feature in SQA publications in the near future.



### Hola Espana

Between 22nd and 26th May thirty two S3 pupils studying Spanish visited Catalonia. The trip organised by Mrs Metcalfe and the Modern Languages department focused the culture of Barcelona and surrounding area. The pupils had 5 fantastic days visiting the Dali Museum, The Nou Camp Stadium, and the Sagrada Familia Cathedral. The trip gave the pupils the chance to practice their Spanish language skills in real life contexts such as markets and cafes. Thanks to all the staff involved in running such an enjoyable trip.



### Duke Of Edinburgh Expeditions

Well done to the S3 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze group accompanied by Miss Kelly who successfully completed their expedition in the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park in the hills above Greenock. As can be seen from the photo they were very fortunate with the weather.



### Young Enterprise Success

Congratulations go to Eve Jafri, Craig Macfarlane, and Cameron Thomson (all S6) who passed their Young Enterprise Scotland Exam this month. In the same exam Jessica Ellis, Rebecca Montgomery and Ronan Cassidy (all S6) passed with credit. Well done to all the pupils.

### Kelvingrove Art Competition

On the 25th of May twenty five S1—S3 Art & Design pupils participated in the annual Kelvingrove Art Competition. All the pupils involved produced excellent work and results will be announced during the summer



### Dramatic Stuff

22 drama pupils ventured to East Kilbride Arts Centre to see Mr Ballantyne perform in the play "Betrayal" by Harold Pinter. In addition the S6 SQA Adv. Higher performances all went very well.



### Soulis Augment Pupils' DYW Skills

Mr McDonnell the chairman of Soulis a company specialising in design visualisation and digital communication visited Mrs Dyet's S1 Computing class this month. Pupils learned about exciting job opportunities in IT and were able to try out virtual reality headsets.



### COPE Sport & Leisure Challenge

On Friday 12th May the S3 COPE class travelled to Loch Lomond, accompanied by Mrs Jenkins and Suzie Smith from our CLD partners, to complete their COPE Sport & Leisure challenge. This trip formed an integral part of their course and amongst other activities the favourite was of course the aerial adventure course finished off by the daring 90 metre zip wire slide.





## Sports News

May 4th saw a truly memorable night at Hampden when the U18 senior football team took on Braidhurst HS in the final of the Scottish Schools Senior Shield. Despite losing 1-2 the team should be immensely proud of their performance almost snatching a last minute equaliser against a strong Braidhurst team. The evening will live long in everyone's memory especially Lewis James (S6) who will forever be able to say he scored at Hampden. A fabulous cup run well done to all the players involved



The U14s were also defeated in their Scottish plate semi final at Cambuslang Rangers ground on Thursday 11th May. They lost heavily to a strong Airdrie Academy team that went on to win the trophy in the final, however again a fantastic, long cup run that took the boys all over Scotland from Largs to Banchory.

Finally in football congratulations to the U15 girls team who have qualified for the national finals of the Cashback 7s to be held at Toryglen on 6th June. The girls have had a most successful season finishing top of the Paisley & District League and reaching the final of the St Mirren Cup v St Ninians HS to be played in Paisley on 7th June.



Congratulations to Erin Wallace (S5) who has been selected to run the 1500m for Scotland in the Commonwealth Youth Games to be held during the summer holidays in the Bahamas. Erin has also been selected to represent Great Britain in the European Junior Triathlon Championships in Austria on 16th June following a 4th place finish in the British Triathlon U20! Championship race in Wales on 20th May. Clare Wallace and Kate Richardson (Both S3) competed in the same triathlon championships in the age 15/16 category Kate coming 22nd and Clare 28th in a field of over 100 competitors (both girls are still 14!).



It seems strange to be reporting on Ice Hockey in May however Rachel Brady (S4) and Olivia Brady (S2) travelled to Prague at the start of the month with Scotland U18s to train with the Czech national squad (some of whom had been to the Olympics) and play some games against HC Kladno, HC Liberec and HC ESA Praha. Ice hockey is the national sport in the Czech Republic and unfortunately Scotland narrowly lost their 3 matches.

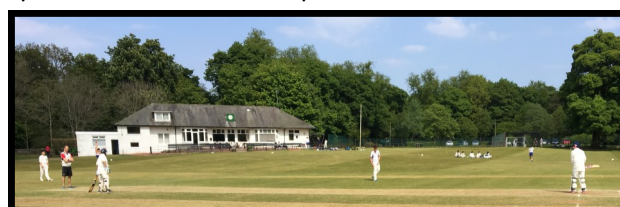


The Eastwood High School Equestrian Team (Kirsty Anderson (S3) & Sophie Knox (S5)) took part in the Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships at Howe Equestrian Centre in Fife on 29th April. Both girls performed really well in dressage Kirsty coming 4th riding "Feargal" and Sophie 19th riding "Bella".



This 4th place finish qualified Kirsty for the NSEA Championship Plate 2017 in England in December 2017. In showjumping (80cms class) Sophie came 14th and Kirsty 16th out of 33 competitors whilst in the 90cm class Kirsty came 7th and Sophie 9th out of 19 competitors.

The Eastwood Junior Cricket team has played two games this month. In the first against Hutchesons Grammar Eastwood bowled Hutchesons GS out for 122 in 17.4 overs (Guatam Kakar taking 4 for 10). In response Eastwood started well reaching 63-0 after 11 overs but the run rate was too slow putting pressure on the batsmen. In the end the team came up 19 runs short after their 20 overs - Guatam Kakar finishing 43no and Rafay Khan 20no. In the Glasgow Cup the team cruised to a 73 run victory against Lomond School scoring 150 in the 20 overs (Rafay Khan 31 and Moiz Maqsood taking 2 for 8 runs) bowling Lomond out for 73.



Finally congratulations to Naomi Chin (S1) who passed her National Grade 3 with distinction in women's artistic gymnastics at Bell's Sports Centre in Perth this month

