

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

November 2015



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

1st Dec—Art Exhibition
 10th Dec—Junior Dance
 14th Dec. Christmas Concert
 17th Dec. Senior Dance
 22nd Dec. - School Closes 2.30
 6th Jan - School reopens 8.45
 7th Jan - S5/6 Parents Evening
 13th Jan. - S2 Parents Evening
 27th Jan. - S4 Parents Evening
 1st Feb. - S5/6 prelims begin
 12th Feb - Inservice Day
 15th & 16th Feb - Holidays
 30th Mar.- ASN Parents Evening
 1st April - School Closes 2.30
 18th April - School Re-opens

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Dear Parent

On 23rd November it was with great pleasure that Eastwood High School hosted a visit by HRH The Earl of Wessex (Prince Edward). It was a truly great day for the school. Prince Edward toured the school and visited a number of classes in Music, Technical, Art & Design and Drama where he was able to talk with many pupils. The finale of his visit was the presentation of Duke of Edinburgh Awards to Eastwood pupils Kirsten Watson (S6), Harris Ali (S6) and Scott Kennedy (S6) in front of an assembly of Eastwood pupils and guests. This was a great honour for the school and everyone enjoyed the visit immensely.

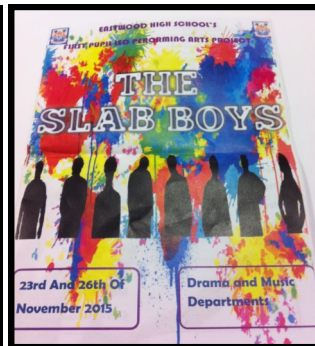
Normally I use this section of the newsletter to pass on information to parents, however for this month I have decided to use the space to share some of the photographs and memories of the day that Eastwood High School received the royal seal of approval.

S. Maxwell



Slab Boys (and Girls)

The Advanced Higher Drama pupils showcased their production of John Byrne's "Slab Boys" with performances on 23rd and 26th November in the Drama Studio. The whole show was acted, directed and produced by the pupils themselves and played to large and appreciative audiences on both nights.



Olivia Raises Money to Support

Olivia Thorn (S3) has been busy raising over £800 for the "Little Princess Trust". Olivia was sponsored to have her hair cut and donate it to the charity to make into wigs for children undergoing treatment for cancer.

Before

After

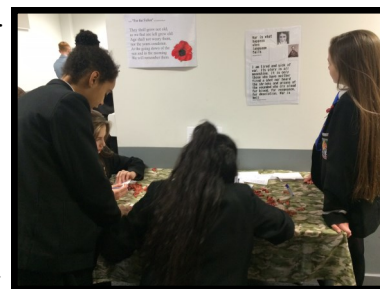
Olivia was able to donate over 30 cm of her hair. A fantastic effort and a really worthwhile cause.



Remembrance

Throughout early November a number of senior pupils were involved in collecting for the Poppy Scotland fund. In addition to this Kirsten Watson and Harris Ali represented the school at the Newton Mearns remembrance commemoration and Erin Catterson and Billy O'Neil represented the school at the equivalent Neilston event. Erin and Andrew Simpkins also represented Eastwood High School at the dedication of the new Neilston war memorial. Molly Ruff, Aisling Young, Danny Nell and Ryan Catterson also assisted at this high profile event. Within the school itself the tradition where a wreath is placed under the school WW2 memorial by the Head Boy took place following a short service attended by S6 Captains and Vice Captains. The service was conducted by Rev. Brian More of Newton Mearns Baptist Church. During Remembrance week Miss Graham organised an interdisciplinary topic between History and RMPS for S1 and S2 pupils. The topic focused on conflict yesterday and today, the importance of remembrance and how

lessons from the past can be applied in today's world. Thank you to Newton Mearns Baptist Church, Neilston Parish Church and Scripture Union Scotland who assisted with the exhibition.



Miss British Champion

Congratulations to Miss Sarah McLoskey of the Mathematics Department, on becoming the British Senior Under 55Kg Freestyle Wrestling champion. Miss McLoskey started in Judo but moved to wrestling with the aim of representing Northern Ireland at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia.



Christmas Cheer

Well done to the SALT Group within the school on collecting over 70 Christmas shoe boxes as part of their appeal to help under privileged people living in Eastern Europe. The SALT Group launched an appeal at S1 and S2 assemblies and a huge thank you to everyone, staff and pupils who contributed.



Malawi Trip

For 10 days during November Emma McKelvie, Chloe Waterson, Rebecca Tait and Raabiah Siddique (all S6) visited Malawi to work with the Betty Cunningham Trust at the Dambo School. Mr Carr accompanied the girls and they all described the trip as a life changing experience. The girls will now prepare material to share their experiences with

other pupils via school assemblies in the new year.



Young Enterprise Showcase

EHS Young Enterprise group are going to be advertising and selling their new product at next week's trade fair, taking place at Soar (the new name for Xscape) at Braehead. The group are called 'Educook' and have created a great new children's cookbook aimed at young budding chefs. The book, called 'The Calendar Chef', features seasonal dishes from all of your favourite times of year and has been created to give children a fun and tasty introduction to the kitchen. We are hoping to have as many friends and family at the event as possible to help support the group. If you fancy coming along, trading will take place between 5pm and 7pm Thursday 3rd December.

ECO Code

The Eco Committee have been busy developing a new ECO Code for the school with the slogan "Show You Care, Do Your Share". The new code will be displayed in every classroom and will contribute to making Eastwood High a more environmentally friendly school.

SHOW YOU CARE, DO YOUR SHARE

1. Turn off all electrical appliances when not in use.
2. Use all the paper in your jotters—don't leave big spaces.
3. Be sure to make use of recycling bins in every class and in the canteen.
4. Refill bottles instead of buying more.
5. Try to walk to and from school.



ART EXHIBITION 1/12/15

On Tuesday 2nd December Eastwood High School hosts its annual Art Exhibition to display the best work produced by Eastwood pupils over the last year. All welcome 6pm—8pm.



Christmas Card Design Winners

Congratulations to Jessica Ramsey, Hannah Shields and Jennifer Steel who won the annual competition to design the school Christmas card. All three designs will now be made up into cards and sent out over the festive Season.



TC BioPharm Visit

On 6th November a group of Advanced Higher Biology and Chemistry students visited TC BioPharm at Eurocentral. Pupils were able to learn about the importance of clean lab/contamination free working and how this is achieved. They also learned about an innovative new cancer treatment developed by the company.



A Little Night Music

On the 12th of November, accompanied by Miss Hill and Mr Fairlie, more than fifty S2-S6 pupils enjoyed a concert of film music featuring the Glasgow Studio Orchestra. The pupils got the chance to vote for their favourite piece of film music for the orchestra to play - The theme from the Harry Potter films won, and was played at the pupils' request.



RNLI Commendation

Well done again to Andrew Paton (S2) on receiving a formal commendation from the Royal National Lifeboat Institute. You will remember that Andrew helped to rescue his grandfather from Loch Fyne after a boating accident in September. To receive his award Andrew had to travel to Scottish RNLI Headquarters in Troon on Saturday the 7th of November.



Sports News

This month we start with Volleyball with both our senior boys and girls playing tournaments organised by the Scottish Volleyball Association. This is a big step up in class for Miss Workman's teams however both the girls and boys played well; the boys winning 3 games and the girls one against Queensferry HS. The senior boys also were runners up to Mearns Castle HS in the East Renfrewshire tournament held here at Eastwood.

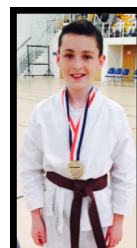


In athletics the cross country and road racing season has begun. Congratulations to Erin Wallace (S4) on winning the Scottish National U17 1500m cross country title at Bella-houston Park. In the Scottish Schools Road Race Championships in Falkirk, in the S1/2 race Clare Wallace (S2) placed 4th out of 150 and Helen Chong (S1) place 6th/150. At the same championships Jamie Sturrock (S5) placed 20th/68 despite being more than a year younger than most of the competitors in the U18s category.



In basketball well done to Ruairidh Gordon, Katie Cameron, Louis Aston and Rheece Hamilton (All S5) and Molly Ruff, Eden Dolling and Becky Taylor (All S6) who successfully completed the Basketball Scotland Development Referees course this month.

In Karate congratulations to Christopher Canning (S2). Christopher recently competed in the JKA Scottish Championships and came second in the brown belt 11-14yrs category.



It has been a busy month for the Eastwood football teams. Our girls came 2nd in the U14 finals of the West Region Cup and the U15 girls played a great game against a strong Gleniffer HS side losing out 5-7 in the last few minutes (This game was also Jared Keir's (S5) first outing as a qualified referee). The boys U14s had a great 3-0 win in the second round of the Scottish Shield against Rosshall Academy (John Cumming (2) and Luke Barber the scorers). The S1 football team had mixed fortunes this month losing 1-5 (Rory Henderson scoring) in the league to St Ninians HS however that was followed by a fantastic 7-3 victory in 2nd round of the Scottish Shield away at Bannerman HS (Rory Henderson (2), Jack Kelly, Kerr Scott (2) and Callum McNaughton (2) scoring).



In Netball unfortunately Eastwood's S2 team suffered two defeats in November to St Lukes HS and Mearns Castle HS respectively.

Finally in cricket, Abtaha Maqsood (S5) is currently for playing for Scotland Women in the qualifying tournament for the 2016 ICC 20/20 World Cup in a group including Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea and Thailand.