

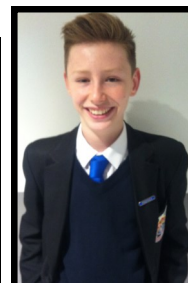
### Visit to Samye Ling Monastery

On 12th of November the Higher RMPs class accompanied by Mr MacDairmid visited the Samye Ling Tibetan Buddhist monastery in Eskdalemuir. The pupils were given a tour of the monastery and were given the chance to practice some guided meditation in the temple. The trip gave the pupils a valuable insight in the Buddhist religion that is being studied as part of the world religions section of their Higher course.



### Euan wins a Diana Award

Congratulations to Euan Ford (S3) on winning a prestigious Diana Award. Euan is only the 7th ever Eastwood High School pupil to be a recipient of a Diana Award and it is recognition for his charity fundraising and work in support of the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. As part of this work Euan recently gave a talk to Eastwood Rotary Club about Type 1 Diabetes. The photograph below shows Euan with Mrs Margaret MacDonal, President of Eastwood Rotary.



### Out Of This World

At the UK Space Conference held at the SECC. Emma Kirby (S3) was photographed with Major Tim Peake who will be the first British astronaut to visit the international space station. Emma was even able to ask "what training was required to be an astronaut".



### Skills Scotland Careers Fair

On 18th November a group of senior pupils attended the "Skills Scotland" event at the SECC. Pupils spoke with potential employers and training providers, got involved in interactive and technological presentations, and gained a valuable insight into the employability skills they will require. The photo shows Saif Akhtar, Haaris Malik and Surfraz Rehman at the interactive army stand.



### SUMDOG Stars

This is Miss McArdle's S1 maths class enjoying taking part in the National SUMDOG competition. The class came an impressive 65th out of over 4000 maths classes from all over the UK.



### English Trip

On the 19th of November 40 fourth, fifth and sixth year pupils, along with Miss Baillie, Mr Brannan, Mr McIntosh and Miss Reid visited Cineworld to watch the live broadcast of the National Theatre's production of "Of Mice and Men" from Broadway. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the characterisation of "George" and "Lennie" as portrayed by actors James Franco and Chris O'Dowd. At the end there wasn't a dry eye in the house.



### Staff Charity Success

A huge thank you to all the staff for raising £227 for Breast Cancer Awareness. This was achieved by holding a coffee morning and a wear something pink day on Friday 30th of October.



### Who Tamed the Dragons?

Four S4 Business Management pupils; Zainab Ashiq, Ryan Catterson, Nathan Clark and Lucy Shields have recently taken part in a Dragons' Den competition run by East Renfrewshire Council. After weeks of hard work, the competition culminated in a 10 minute presentation and a question and answer session in front of the Director of Education and 5 staff members from ERC's Corporate Management Team - including the Chief Executive! The pupils did extremely well and were placed as runners up. They received high praise from the panel of judges for their innovation and creativity, excellent market research and financial costings, and won £250 for their business idea. Their idea is to introduce a fun educational programme to raise awareness of recycling to primary school children through the use of an audiobook and also develop a school gardens initiative across other secondary schools.



### Published Authors

Creative Writing Club members Ayesha Khan and Abigail Watson (both S2) are to have their work published nationally again. Ayesha's poem about Luis Suarez is to be published in an anthology entitled "Poetry Idol" whilst Abigail's "Treetop Town" short story will feature in a collection of stories inspired by Roald Dahl called "Phizz-Whizzing Words". Ayesha also received a "Highly Commended" certificate for her entry in the "Wojtek the Bear" writing competition run in association with the Polish Embassy.



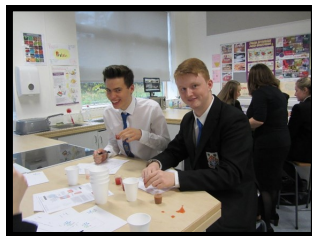
### Cyberbullying Drama

On 26th November Lucy Connelly, Liam Catterson, Lauren Scott-Kiddie, Maryam Shabbir, and Esme Johnston (All S2) performed a play about cyber bullying, written and produced by themselves, to 90 Primary 6 pupils. The play was created in partnership with PC Searle and Miss Arbuthnot to raise awareness of cyber bullying.



### Reaching New Heights

On 28th October Mrs Coia's Higher HFT pupils enjoyed a sensory testing workshop with industry specialists, Braehead Foods. Their test buds were put to the test, and they also enjoyed learning how this type of work can help food manufacturers to develop successful new products. The session also informed pupils of the potential career opportunities within the growing food and drinks industry in Scotland.



### Readathon

It has been another fantastic S2 Readathon this year with over £1400 being raised for children's cancer charities - CLIC Sergeant, Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity and Together for Short Lives. The event is run in partnership between Miss de'Ath, the school librarian, and the English Department, and over 130 pupils actively participated. The event not only raises money for charity but also promotes the development of literacy. Megan Wood raised the biggest individual contribution of £55.



### Digital Day

A group of S2 pupils took part enthusiastically in Digital Day 2015, a national event linking schools with the UK Digital Industry. Two professionals from Standard Life joined us and informed the pupils about their own jobs and the skills required. Pupils then gained hands on experience undertaking this year's challenges; designing a social media campaign for Sony, a new Savings app for Standard Life and a new Vodaphone phone app. The visitors from Standard Life were very impressed with the pupils' imaginative designs. These will be entered into the national competition.

