

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

### Important Dates.

7th Nov. - S1 Parents Evening  
 8th Nov. - School Careers Eve.  
 16th & 17th Nov. S5 Skills for Work (Mock Interviews)  
 22nd Nov. - P7 Open Evening  
 27th Nov. S4 Prelims begin  
 4th Dec - Art Exhibition  
 11th Dec. - Christmas Concert  
 13th Dec—Junior Dance  
 18th Dec. Senior Dance  
 20th Dec. - School Closes 2.30  
 4th Jan - School reopens 8.45  
 11th Jan— S5/6 Parents Evening  
 17th Jan - S2 Parents Evening  
 29th Jan - S5/6 Prelims begin  
 31st Jan - S4 Parents Evening  
 9th Feb - Inservice day  
 12th & 13th Feb - Holidays

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Dear Parent

As autumn turns into winter can I remind parents and pupils that school scarves and hats are available as part of school uniform on sale via the school shop on the school website (purchased items collected from the school office). The prices are £13.50 for the scarves, £7 for the knitted hats and £12.50 for the splendid "Russian Style" fur hat for boys and girls.

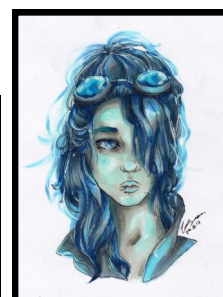


November is a key month for all senior pupils S4- S6 as we approach prelims and coursework deadlines. For Higher pupils November can be a make or break month in pursuit of their SQA results. It is the only full month in the school year with no holidays and it falls at a crucial time in the courses, about 40% of the way through. To support pupils there is an extensive supported study programme running (details on the website) and the importance of consolidating what has been learned in class at home ie. through putting in past paper practice, has been stressed to all senior pupils. It is important that S5/6 pupils use November to change things they currently can't do into things they can - this can only be achieved by talking with their teachers about what they need sorted out. All of the above also holds true for **S4 but with much greater urgency**. As this Newsletter is issued there are only 17 school days left before the prelims begin. The hard graft and revision must start now if it has not already started. As the school motto says "We Flourish Through Hard Work", pupils must not leave things too late.

*S. Maxwell*

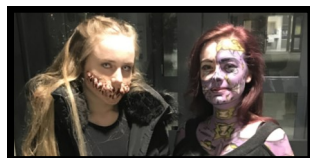
### Artistic Licence

On 28th September Hannah Shields (S5), Sara Hameed (S4), Faith Pearson (S4) and Lauren Sanders (S2) attended an Awards Ceremony at Kelvingrove Museum to collect their medals from this year's Kelvingrove Art Competition. Congratulations also go to Lauren who won 1st prize in the UK "Hobbycraft" Youth Artist of the Year Competition with her portrait shown opposite.



### Halloween Ball

One of the highlights of the school social calendar took place on Thursday 26th of October - the senior pupils' Charity Halloween Costume Ball. As ever the costumes were fantastic and in some cases genuinely scary! A total of £500.00 was raised for Glasgow Association for Mental Health charity.



### A Night at the Opera

Mr Fairlie and group of Eastwood High Music students enjoyed a visit to the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on 26th October to watch a performance of Verdi's renowned opera "La Traviata".



### The Big Scottish Breakfast

Well done to Mrs Ross and Miss Miller's S3 Personal Development class for raising £200 in aid of the STV Children's Appeal. The class achieved this by organising a "Big Scottish Breakfast" for staff at the morning interval on Friday 27th of October. As can be seen from the photo opposite the event was a great success.



### Miss Watt in Malawi

Welcome back to Miss Watt who has been teaching in Mpata Primary School in Malawi for the last 3 weeks with Malawi Leaders of Learning. Miss Watt was able to donate some PE equipment given by Eastwood HS. She has also been able to share her experiences with the seven Eastwood High School S6 pupils who will be visiting Malawi with the Betty Cunningham Trust from Thursday 2nd of November.



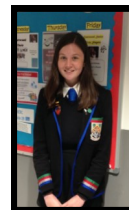
### Member of Scottish Youth Parliament

Well done to Fatima Bari (S4) on being elected to the Scottish Youth Parliament representing the "Renfrewshire South" constituency. Fatima attended the 64th national sitting of the Youth Parliament in Stirling on Friday 27th October.



### Music To Our Ears

Congratulations to Carys Mitchell (S5), Eastwood High School Young Singer of the Year, who has gained a place with the Scottish Opera Connect Chorus. Places in the Chorus are achieved following a rigorous audition process as it is an elite group of young singers from all over Scotland aged 14 - 21.



### "CSI Eastwood"

PC Trainer has been working with S3 Modern Studies this month to provide a real life crime scene investigation scenario as part of their "Crime & Law" topic.



### YOYP Ambassador 2018

Kirsten Burningham (S5) has been chosen to be one of the Scottish Government's Year of Young People ambassadors.



### Careers Evening

A reminder that on Wednesday 8th November, Eastwood High is hosting a Careers Evening organised by Mrs Sinclair and her team. This evening is aimed at all pupils and parents and will be an opportunity, before option choice time, to talk to different organisations (universities and colleges) and professionals representing their respective professions about possible destinations beyond school.



### Modern Languages in Real Life

The Modern Languages Department has been developing work relating French and Spanish more directly to real life situations. Firstly Miss Paterson's French class have been role playing scenes set in a Parisian 5\* hotel including booking, reception duties and restaurant situations. In Spanish pupils from Miss Paterson, Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Cameron's National 5 classes visited the Glasgow Film Theatre to see "100 metros" as part of the GFT's Spanish Film Festival for schools. The visit was designed to enhance pupils' listening skills for their forthcoming Prelim. Finally on the 12th of October 42 S2 Spanish pupils enjoyed an authentic Spanish Tapas lunch at "La Boca" Spanish restaurant in Glasgow as part of their Food & Drink unit.



### "Write" Up There

Well done to Abigail Watson (S4) and Cameron Rae (S2) who are celebrating having their poems, inspired by the writing of William Shakespeare, published in an anthology titled "Shake Up Shakespeare".



### RSPCA Collection

Well done to Victoria Xu and Caitlin Roberts (both S6) who raised £127.39 as part of the Eco Committee collection in aid of the SSP-CA. They dressed in animal onesies during the collection on 10th October.



### National Theatre for *Eastwood!*

On 10th October Eastwood High was privileged to host a performance of "Jason and the Argonauts" by the National Theatre for Scotland. All S1 pupils got to watch the performance that tied in with their CfE course on "myths and legends". S6 Advanced Higher Drama pupils were able to observe and work with the National Theatre production to help inform their AH dissertations. 31 Higher and Advanced Higher Drama pupils also attended a production of "Cockpit" at the Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh on the 25th October.



### Information for Parents

The school office has set up a new dedicated e-mail address for parents to e mail in with notifications of pupil absences (For other business please continue to use the school e mail). It is -

**[EWAttendance@eastwood.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:EWAttendance@eastwood.e-renfrew.sch.uk)**

Parents should include the child's name and year in the subject line while the main e mail only has to contain brief details of the reason for absence/appointment and an expected return date.

### Information Evening for Parents

The school is hosting an information evening from 7pm to 8pm on Wednesday 15th November to inform parents about the schools systems for rewarding good behaviour, effort, attendance and time-keeping. The evening will also highlight the school's approaches to working in partnership with parents to ensure the highest possible standards in the above categories are maintained. More details will be issued to parents in early November.

### Black History Month

October is "Black History Month" in the UK which celebrates inspirational events and individuals from the past who have contributed to the way our society is today. S4 History classes have been completing projects and presentations around "Civil Rights" and the evils of the Slave Trade as part of their National 5 course.



### Turning the World Upside Down

Miss Kelly's Geography S2 class have literally been turning the world upside down whilst studying the "Earthquakes" topic. The pupils became leaders of their own learning by delivering lessons on the topic themselves to their classmates and the teacher.



### Active Girls Day

Friday 6th October saw a wide range of activities taking place in Eastwood High to support Active Girls' Day



### Sports News

October, although a short month, has been a busy one for school sport. In football congratulations to Chloe Colquhoun on being selected for Scotland U15s in girls football. In addition the Eastwood HS girls got off to a good start winning the first of the round robin East Renfrewshire League tournament. In boys football the S1s lost 3-5 to St Lukes HS in their first league game. The S2s had a 7-5 defeat away at Mearns Castle HS but responded with a 2-4 victory against Barrhead HS in their next match. The U16s in their first league game secured a 1-1 draw away at St Lukes HS but retained the Gibson Cup after a 3-0 win over Mearns Castle HS. The U18s were defeated 0-4 in their 1st Round Scottish Cup tie against Park Mains HS however well done to Kyle Taylor (S6) on playing for Paisley & District U18s in their 3-2 win over Lothian Schools.



In the Scottish Schools Athletic Road Race held at Falkirk Stadium on 3rd October the girls' team in particular had some stand out individual performances with Erin Wallace 6th, Kate Richardson 7th, Clare Wallace 9th, Eva Chong 10th and Helen Chong 19th in their respective races each with more than 100 competitors. Kate also won bronze in the Scottish Cycling Road Race Championships held at Ingliston on 30th Sept. Congratulations to Mia Hepburn (S3) who came 3rd on the uneven bars at the Scottish Level 4 Gymnasts Championships held in Perth on 17th October.



Now a sport not often reported in these pages Australian Rules Football ! Liam



Dolling (S6), our resident antipodean, represented Scotland at the European Aussie Rules in Bordeaux, France at the end of September. Liam wearing number 7 was able to make a number of valuable contributions despite Scotland's exit in the early rounds.

It has been a very busy month in rugby. On 27th September the S1, and S2 Boys and U15 Girls hosted games against Coatbridge HS at Whitecraigs RC. All three teams were triumphant with the S1s winning 60-30 (Finlay Orr 4 tries, Kacper Kielban 3 tries); the S2s winning 33-10 (Charlie Barber (2), Jack Verschueren and Cole Hart the try scorers) and the U15 Girls winning 45-32 (Alanna Temple the stand out performer). On 4th October things didn't go so well with three defeats for the S1, S2 and U16 Boys against Shawlands Academy (35-3, 36-5 - Finlay Gordon try, and 31-7—Pablo Da Silva try). Better news however is that the U16s have won through to the  $\frac{1}{4}$  final of the Scottish Plate to play Duncannrig HS after defeating Belmont House School in the last 16.

The Eastwood A Ski team have qualified for the Scottish Schools Dual Slalom championships at Sno' Zone Braehead after winning through their heat at Newmilns Dry Ski Slope on 9th October. The team was made up of Cameron Rae, Adam Inglis, Euan Inglis and Ben Hodgson - In fact it was an all Eastwood final with Ben just pipping Euan. The Eastwood B team of Freya Holmes, Maja Cameron, Matthew Robson and Fraser Robson although less experienced acquitted themselves well.



Congratulations to Scott McCulloch (S5) on winning the WFMC Schoolboys' Title in Muay Thai Kick Boxing this month.



Finally congratulations to Mrs Gordon on winning the Whitecraigs Tennis Club Mixed Doubles Championship for 2017.

