

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

13h October - Inservice Day
 October 16th - 20th - Holiday
 23rd Oct - Pupils return @ 8.45
 7th Nov - S1 Parents Evening
 8th Nov - School Careers Eve.
 16th & 17th Nov - S5 Skills for Work (Mock Interviews)
 22nd Nov - P7 Open Evening
 27h Nov - S4 Prelims begin
 4th Dec - Art Exhibition
 11th Dec - Christmas Concert
 14th Dec - Junior Dance
 18th Dec - Senior Dance
 20th Dec - School Closes 2.30
 4th Jan - School reopens 8.45

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Dear Parent

As we enter October it is vitally important that pupils in S4 and S5 begin to put in the extra revision and consolidation work to reinforce what is being learned in the class. Too often pupils are willing to drift at this time of year letting grades slip away. Just doing enough in class will not be sufficient for your child to achieve their full potential, they must be testing and pushing themselves with additional work at home. Pupils should be completing SQA past paper questions on the topics they have already covered and talking to their teachers about which bits of the course they are finding difficult. **Now is the time to change things that they currently can't do into things they can do.** To this end S5 have just received their targets for the year, these will also be given to parents. These targets are the result of a statistical process based on S4 prelim and National 5 performance. The targets are designed to be aimed for, achieved and exceeded - the target grade is the statistically "most likely" not a ceiling on ambition. In relation to S4 their targets will be issued after the prelims but as you receive this newsletter there are only 33 school days to the start of those S4 prelims. Again this year the mantra is "Higher Standards, Higher Expectations, More Opportunity- No Excuses". Finally can I make one last plea to parents to apply for or RE-APPLY for free school meals for your children if you feel that you might be entitled. Some aspects of the school's funding is allocated based on the numbers eligible for and receiving free school meals. By applying via East Renfrewshire Council Customer First you are helping ensure that we get our fair share of resources.

S. Maxwell

National Profile

A number of Eastwood S6 pupils will be appearing in SQA brochures and guidelines for candidates this year. The photo shoot took place in May and the material will be issued to SQA candidates all over Scotland.



Enterprising Mathematicians

Well done to Disha Yadav, Hannah McGeogh, Sebastien Smith and Ross Cathcart (All S3) on qualifying for the national final of the "Enterprising Maths" competition from the East Renfrewshire Qualifying Round.



Dancing for Joy

Congratulations to Nicole Andrews (S5) who has been selected to represent Scotland in the World Cheerleading Championships being held in Florida in early 2018. Nicole has been selected for both the junior and senior teams.



Islamic Relief

Former pupil Rehaan Aatif and Nabeel Ghaffar Scottish coordinator for the International Aid Agency Islamic Relief came to Eastwood High School on the 5th of September to present a certificate to the pupils who raised over £200 through organising a "cake challenge".



Really Ugly Dolls!

Miss Miller's S1 class have recently completed their first unit of work in Home Economics. This unit was entitled "The Ugly Doll Project" where pupils had to design and create an ugly doll. 😬



In addition the S2 class have been completing their "Design and Make a Cushion" project. Some of the best early finished examples are in the photographs adjacent.



Maximising Attendance



Your continued support in ensuring all pupils maintain excellent attendance and timekeeping is much appreciated by the school office and the pupil support staff. This is a reminder to ensure that, in the event of a pupil absence, the school office is **contacted every day** and that a note explaining the absence is handed in to the office on return. If you have to remove your child from school during the day (for an appointment etc.) please notify the school office in advance.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards

The S4 Skillsforce Class received their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Bronze Navigator Awards and Emergency First Aid Awards at a short ceremony in the school on 5th September. These awards are in recognition of the work the pupils completed as part of the Skillsforce class.



Music To Our Ears

Congratulations to Ross Gatheral (S5) on being selected to play with the West of Scotland Schools' Concert Band in their autumn concert tour. In addition well done to Esme Johnson (S4) on securing a place in the West Training Band playing trumpet. Esme will be attending a residential practice before playing in a concert on the 10th of October at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.



Careers Evening

On Wednesday 8th November, Eastwood High is hosting a Careers Evening. This evening is aimed at all pupils and parents and will be an opportunity to talk to different organisations and professionals about possible careers. If any parent is willing to assist on the evening by talking one to one with pupils and their parents or providing a stand related to their career could you please contact Mrs Sinclair at the school. Thank you

Young Musician of the Year 2017

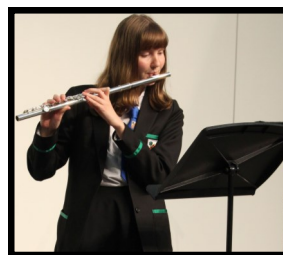
On 14th September Eastwood High School held its fourth annual "Young Musician of the Year" competition. The competition encompasses senior and junior categories for Young Musician and Young Singer of the year. This year again the standard was incredibly high with all the musicians and singers performing very well in front of a large and appreciative audience. The overall winner was flautist Joanna McDermott (S5) with the other results as follows:-

Junior Category

Young Musician winner	Laura Thompson (S2)
Young Musician runner-up	Anna McLeod (S2)
Young Singer winner	Kirsty Dougall (S3)
Young Singer runner-up	Amy Murphy (S2)
Rising Star Award	Katie Lindsay (S3)

Senior Category

Young Musician winner	Joanna McDermott (S5)
Young Musician runner-up	Eve Murphy-Marriott (S6)
Young Singer winner	Carys Mitchell (S5)
Young Singer runner-up	Jamie Dougall (S5)



DYW Computing Girls

On Saturday 30th September 4 girls from the Higher Computing Science & Maths courses, Sonja Jillich, Olivia Taylor, Elise Tweedie and Jade Thompson (All S5) attended the JP Morgan Generation Tech event held at the company's Glasgow offices. The day was designed to encourage women into careers in IT & Technology and consisted of a series of computer based design challenges.



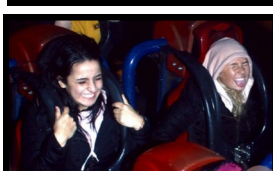
European Day of Languages

26th of September saw European Day of Languages being celebrated within the school. There were a number of events organised by the Modern Languages Department including pupils who speak more than one language translating the tannoy announcements. The languages heard over the tannoy included Italian, French, German, Polish, Dutch, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Urdu, Punjabi and Arabic. There was also a popular (except the Gherkins) traditional food tasting held in the Modern Languages department at lunchtime. Well done to Miss Paterson and her team of organisers.



Alton Towers

The 21st September saw the last of the Impact reward trips take place. The S5 along with Mr Williams and some sleepy staff had an early morning start to visit Alton Towers Theme Park.



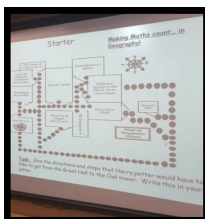
Art Attack

Well done to Eve Murphy-Marriott (S6) on having her drawing selected for entry in the prestigious Nancy Rothwell Biology Specimen Drawing Competition. This award is normally the preserve of university students but Eve who has a passion for both Art and Biology study has gained entry. The results will be announced on 13th October.



Making Maths Count Week

Week beginning 11th September saw the first Scotland wide "Making Maths Count Week". At Eastwood HS pupils participated in many interdisciplinary activities within Maths and beyond, S1s became "moneywise" learning about the origin of money, how it can be saved, budgeted and spent. S2s became business moguls competing to design and pitch the most profitable lunchbox in the "Dragons Den" (winners Preetika Samra Kaur, Ellie Simpkins, Emma Armstrong & Holland Bogan are pictured below). S3 pupils became oil traders in the stock market vying to make the greatest profit over the week. There were also activities in Business Education, Social Subjects, Drama and Physical Education.



Dragon's Den Winners
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Malawi Fundraising

On Friday 15th of September a Dress as you Please Day was held in the school to support Malawi Leaders of Learning and The Betty Cunningham Trust. Miss Watt is currently working in Malawi with MLOL and 7 senior pupils will visit Malawi with the Betty Cunningham Trust in November. Over £800 was raised.



University of West of the Scotland Visit

On Tuesday 5th September the Biology Department welcomed Jane Tobias, a lecturer at University of the West of Scotland. Jane gave a presentation to all S5/6 Biology students on the Science courses on offer at the university. She was also good enough to bring some brochures, and engage in a question & answer session with the S5/6 pupils.

Sports News

Congratulations to Kelvin Bull (S5) and Chloe McKinlay (S4) on being selected as this year's Eastwood High School Sports Ambassadors. Kelvin and Chloe undertook their first duties by attending the Sports Scotland national conference for school sports ambassadors held at Hampden Park at the beginning of September.

September sees the start of the school sports seasons with initial fixtures and district squad trials and selection. In netball congratulations go to Zara Redpath (S2) and Amy McVitie (S4) on being selected for the East Renfrewshire U15s and U17s Netball squad. Also in girls football well done to Maja Paszenda (S3) and Chloe Colquhoun (S2) on being selected for the West District U15s - Chloe has already been selected for the Scotland squad at the same age group. Also in football a pre-season friendly was held between the Eastwood S1 team and the Eastwood S2 team. As expected victory went to the older boys 4 - 6 but it was a thrilling contest and a great warm up for both teams.

The rugby season has gotten off to a quick start with S1, S2 and U16s playing their first league matches against Belmont House School. The S1s won 24-10 with try scorers Jordan Duncan and Addison Linden whilst the S2s won 38-0 with tries from Charlie Barber, Matthew Deighton, Cameron Mallard, Mac Thompson, Jin-Peng Wang and Ricky Zhang. Despite a great comeback in the second half the U16s lost 38-24 with tries from Ramas Ali and Pablo Da Silva. The U16s however fared better in the 1st Round of the Scottish Bowl winning 28-29 away at Ross HS Tranent in a thrilling game - Alan Yie and Pablo da Silva amongst the try scorers. Again. Alan Yie has also been selected for the Glasgow Schools Pathways Squad.

Finally well done to Lauren Chalmers (S2) on winning two silver medals at the Scottish Summer Swim Meet in the girls 13/14 200m Butterfly and 400m Individual Medley. At the West District Swim Meet Lauren teamed up with Esther Jamieson (S2) to take bronze in the relay and at the North Ayrshire Distance Meet Lauren won gold in both the 1500m and 400m Freestyle.

