

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

1st Dec. - Drama Performance
 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
 23rd Feb - Yearbook Photos
 13th March -EHS Dance Display
 15th Mar. - ERC Dance Championships
 28th March - ASN Parents Eve.
 29th Mar. - School Closes
 2.45pm for Holidays

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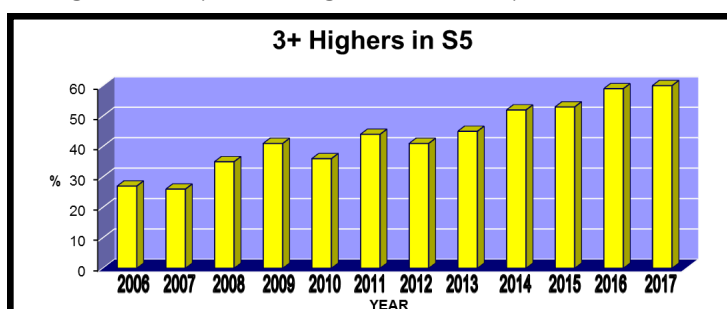
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Dear Parent

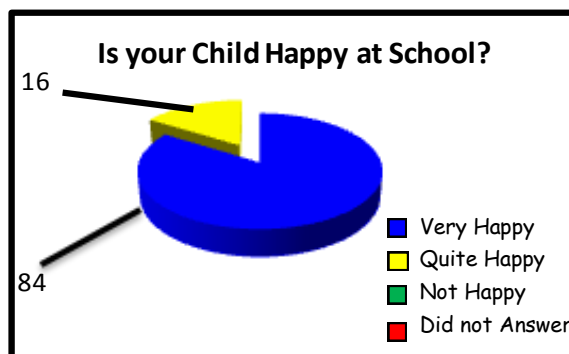
It is good at this time of year to reflect on the year past and take the opportunity to share with Eastwood High School parents a good news story. 2017 has been the most successful year ever for the school and its pupils.

The graph opposite shows how our pupils' attainment in a key measure of SQA performance has been



improving steadily over the last 10 years. This is testament to all the hard work put in by pupils and staff alike to ensure that no one underachieves. On the sports field our senior footballers reached the Scottish Shield Final and our girls won the Paisley & District U15 league. Erin Wallace won Commonwealth Gold in the 1500m in the Bahamas in July. Numerous

of our other sportsmen/women have also picked up national titles. In addition at our recent S1 Parents evening attended by 85% of parents a survey of parental opinion was taken. In answer to the question "Is your son/daughter happy at school?" the parents responded as illustrated on the adjacent pie chart. A ringing endorsement I'm sure you will agree. Thank you for your continued support.



S. Maxwell

Christmas Card Design Winners

Well done to our winners in this year's competition to design the Eastwood High School Christmas Card. The overall winner was Disha Yadav with runners up Khadija Bari and Abbie Shaw (all S3). The cards will be sent out in the run up to the Christmas period.



Big Bang Theory

On 23rd November Mrs McIlhargey and a group of S2 girls visited West College Scotland to participate in the Big Bang Careers event. The event focused on encouraging school pupils to pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths related areas. The pupils enjoyed testing out the latest virtual reality headsets, exploring vast career opportunities within the NHS and building a bullet car.



Digital Day

S3 Computing Science pupils took part in "Digital Day 2017" on 16th November. The Head of Digital Design and senior software developer from "Frame Agency" joined Mrs Dyet, Ms Dallas and the pupils to offer advice in this year's digital challenges set by Liverpool Victoria Insurance, The Diana Award and the Drum.



Musical Success

Congratulations to Lucy Young (S2) on being accepted to play with the West of Scotland String Orchestra following a recent audition.



Wear it Pink Day

Well done to the staff social committee who, on Friday 10th November raised £226 for the Wear it Pink Breast Cancer Charity through running a "coffee morning"



Islamic Relief Lunch

Mrs Gordon accompanied senior pupils Hafsa Chaudry, Salma Chaudry & Ambreen Rabbani to Islamic Relief International's Charity Week Annual Dinner at the Crowne Plaza on 26th of November. The school was congratulated on their Cake Bake fundraising as part of Islamic Relief's Charity Week.



Illustrious Former Pupils

Congratulations to former pupil Dr. Peter Murray on being part of the team that won the Nobel Prize for Physics for their work on "Gravitational Waves". Peter Murray attended Eastwood High from 1991 - 1997 and his success shows that our current pupils should aim high. Another famous former pupil visited the S5 Media Studies classes this month. Peter Smith, Scotland reporter for ITV News, talked with pupils about his work as a news reporter and journalist as part of their National 5 course. Peter was also added to the school library wall of fame for those former pupils from Eastwood HS who have made a contribution to writing, journalism and media.



Magnificent Seven in Malawi

Seven S6 pupils Zainab Ashiq, Ryan Catterson, Morven Consedine, Ben Monaghan, Robbie Walker, Zoe Sturgeon and Erica Hunter recently returned from Malawi after spending two weeks working with the Betty Cunningham Trust. A life changing experience for everyone involved.



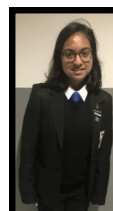
Diana Award Winner

Congratulations to Logan Rowe (S5) on receiving his Diana Award this month. Logan has been fundraising for MacMillan Cancer Support and The Beatson Cancer Charity over a number of years. He has been involved in all sorts of activities including a sky dive! raising over £15000 along the way.



YOYP Ambassador 2018

Well done to Fatima Bari (S4) who has been chosen to be one of the Scottish Government's Year of Young People ambassadors.



Eastwood Dragons' Roar

On the evening of 7th November, Mr Dean, Mrs Dodds and Mrs Sinclair accompanied 3 teams of Eastwood S3 pupils to Silverburn Shopping Centre's Dragons' Den competition. Eastwood finished 1st and 3rd, with the winning group, "Tiger Zone", proposing a soft play area be added to the centre to help parents with children whilst they shop. "Tiger Zone" consisted of Alyssa

Haigh, Natalie Hendrie and Sophie Tait. The judges were so impressed that they are going to invite the girls to be advisors on the project.



Police Scotland Youth Volunteers

Well done to Theo Frater, and Blair Morgan (both S4), and Rebecca Paton and Keira Thomson (Both S3). on collecting over 1000 items of food as part of the PSYV Christmas Collection. PC Trainer our campus police officer was able to tell them that they were in the top 5 school collections in Scotland.



Takin' Over The Asylum

On 28th November the Advanced Higher Drama pupils staged the first of two performances of the play "Takin' Over The Asylum" by Donna Franceschild.

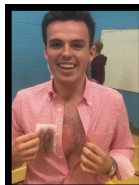
The second performance is scheduled for Friday 1st December. It was an excellent show with a number of stand out performances.



Pudsey Day



The school charities committee raised a fantastic £1245 on 17th November for Children in Need. The pupils organised a wide range of enjoyable activities to raise the money.



Modern Studies & Making History

As part of their course S3 Modern Studies pupils were visited this month by the charity "Nil by Mouth" that aims to eradicate sectarianism from Scottish life.



In History work for "Black History Month" came to its climax with some really wonderful 3D models of ships and canvasses produced.



Information for Parents

The school office has requested that all parents add SchoolMail@eastwood.e-renfrew.sch.uk to your address/contacts lists. Some important e mails from the school are being missed because of SPAM filters. Could parents also advise the school office in advance if they are coming to collect their child for an appointment etc. This will prevent delays in finding a child if they have not reported to the school office. Thank you

S3 Broad General Education DYW Skills Event

On 23rd November S3 pupils attended a Skills Event organised by Miss Shan-non and Mr McCann. Partners from the work of work attended to show pupils how everyday literacy and numeracy skills are applied in the workplace.



Elf Promoting School

Well Done to Lucy McDonnell and Melody Nehme (Both S1) on helping Eastwood Rotary Club (and Santa of course) raise money for charity by acting as elves in Santa's Grotto.



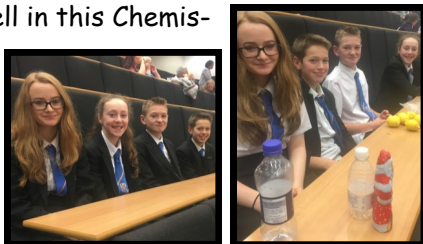
Quidditch ?

On 20th November Miss Curran's S1/2 Harry Potter Club took part in an adapted rules game of Quidditch in the games hall - Clearly ERC Health & Safety would not allow anything as dangerous as flying with broomsticks!! The score ended 1-1.



Top of the Bench

Eilidh Robertson (S2), Ben Adams (S3), Ross Cathcart (S3) and Esme Johnson (S4) represented Eastwood in the Glasgow University "Top of the Bench" competition this month. Despite being one of the youngest teams there Miss Barrie reported that they performed well in this Chemistry Quiz.—even learning how to power an LED light using only lemons..



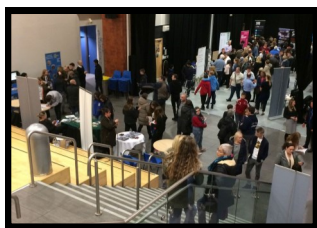
Molecules to Medicines

Former pupil Dr Ian Rushworth, a senior scientist for development with Astra Zeneca, visited senior phase Chemistry classes earlier in the month to talk about Chemistry and its applications in everyday products. The pupils found his talks really useful in showing how chemistry is at the root of all manufacturing processes in industry.



Careers Evening

Thank you to all who helped make the EHS Careers Evening on 8th November such a great success.



Chief Scouts Gold Award

Congratulations to Cameron Constable (S3) on receiving his Chief Scouts Gold Award at a ceremony on 25th November.

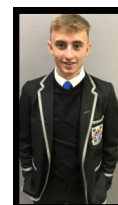


Sports News

Congratulations to Erin Wallace (S6) on winning Scottish Young Sportswoman of the Year on 10th November. Erin is also nominated for "Athletics Weekly" British U20 female athlete of the year - this is a public vote on athleticsw.com/AOTY2017 and your support for Erin would be greatly appreciated. In competition Erin has been selected for the UK U20 cross country team for the European Championships in Samorin, Slovakia on 10th December.



In football congratulations to Kyle Taylor (S6) on being selected for the Scottish Schools U18 trial squad. Kyle will be involved in the selection process during December. It hasn't been such a good month for our Eastwood football teams with all of them being eliminated from their respective Scottish Shields. In the league however the S2s secured a good 6-2 win over Barrhead High and the S1s managed a 4-0 win over St Ninians HS B. The S2s were also pleased to secure a new shirt sponsor with representatives from Aberdeen Considine visiting the school to support the boys.



The Eastwood Swim Team had a very successful Renfrewshire Area Schools Swimming Championships in their respective events. The team won a clean sweep of gold medals Lauren Chalmers age 13/14 100m & 200m Butterfly, Esther Jamieson age 13/14 100m & 200m freestyle and Clare Wallace age 15/16 100m & 200m freestyle. Lauren also went on to win her club, REN96, age 12/13 overall Club Champion at their Club Championships.



It has been a very busy month for Eastwood rugby. As well as watching Scotland's historic win over Australia at Murrayfield all the school teams have been in action. The S1s lost to both St Thomas Aquinas HS and away at Oban HS 21-38 (Jordan Duncan (2) and Kacper Kielban (1)) scoring the tries. The S2s lost 30-20 to St Thomas Aquinas but defeated Oban HS 26-12, rounding off their month with a 53-5 win over Bishopbriggs Ac. The U16s were knocked out of the Scottish plate at the ¼ final stage by Duncanrig HS and also went down to a strong Bishopbriggs Academy team.



Finally well done to Naomi Chin (S3) who came 5th (only 0.1 away from 2nd) on the floor in the Scottish Level 3 Gymnastics in Perth. This is despite suffering a broken foot over the summer.

