

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

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
 16th Apr - School reopens 8.45

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Dear Parent

We have again reached the end of a very busy year for the school and, as ever, the pace seems to quicken through December with a wide range of activities taking place in the school. This newsletter is a great example of this and I'm sure you will agree a fantastic way to celebrate the wider achievement of our pupils and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the S5/6 Parents Evening on Thursday 11th of January and alert all senior pupils to the fact that the S5/6 prelims start on Monday the 29th of January—a mere 17 school days after we return from the holidays!

Finally, the school will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 20th of December at 2.30pm and resume at 8.45am on Thursday 4th of January. It only remains for me to wish all parents, pupils and everyone associated with Eastwood High School a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Dramatic Licence

This month has seen two major Drama productions with the Drama Club pantomime still to come on the last day of term. On the 8th of December Crookfur Primary 2 pupils were the audience for the Higher Drama class' production of "Monsters under the Bed". This production was created by the Higher pupils as a part of their course and enjoyed by a very appreciative audience.

The Advance Higher Drama class staged a second performance of "Taking over the Asylum" for parents and friends on 1st December to raise funds for their west end theatre trip.



Social Events of the Year

This year's Junior and Senior Dances were a great success with the school's own ceilidh band even performing for part of the Junior Dance. A big thank you as ever to Mr Gibson and the PE staff for organising the events.



S1 Pantomime Trip

90 S1 pupils took part in the annual pre Christmas pantomime trip on Wednesday 13th December. This year the trip went to see the Tron Theatre's production of Alice in Wonderland. A great afternoon was had by all and special thanks to Mrs Bryce for organising the trip.

Rangers Looking for Players ?

Mr Higgins and 50 S1—S3 pupils visited Ibrox Stadium on the 6th of December. The pupils were given a tour of the stadium and then took part in a coaching session led by Rangers community coach and Eastwood former pupil, Scott Edgar.



Diana Award Presentation

Congratulations again to Logan Rowe (S5) who was presented with his Diana Award this month at a ceremony in Glasgow



Bake Sale

The Eastwood LGBT Club held a St Andrews Day Bake Sale to raise money for this year's chosen school charity, Glasgow Action on Mental Health (GAMH). They raised over £100 a great effort.



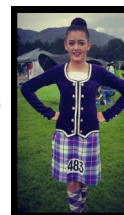
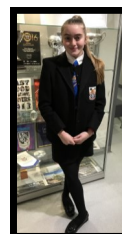
"An Afternoon with Santa"

On 12th December Eastwood S6 pupils organised a Christmas party for over 140 senior citizens from the local community. There was lots of festive entertainment with pupils putting on a great show. Special thanks go to Mrs Mori from Pupil Support, and Mrs McCartney DHT for helping the S5/6 to organise the event. Thanks also go to the Music Dept, all the musicians and singers for the entertainment, Miss Hanvidge's class for the catering and of course Santa who also made a guest appearance.



Dancing for Joy

Eastwood High School dancers have had a very successful December. Congratulations to Hannah Clark (S5) on passing her Grade 6 Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing exam with merit this month. Cara Allen (S3) achieved 2 distinctions and 2 honours on her way to passing with honours her Highland Dancing Gold exam on 4th December. Finally well done to Hannah McGeogh and Emma MacDonald (both S3) on passing their Grade 4 ballet in the Royal Academy of Dance exams.



Santa's Dasher

Congratulations to Charlie Jackson (S1) who took part in the Glasgow Santa Dash on 9th December raising over £800 for the Beatson Cancer Care Charity. Great effort.



Free Microsoft Office 2016

A reminder that all GLOW users can get copies of Microsoft Office 2016 to use on up to 15 home devices - PC, Mac, Phones and Tablets. To do this log in to GLOW, from the launch pad click Office 365 Home tile, then install office apps and follow the instructions. For I Pad and I phones the process is different - the apps should be downloaded from the app store and then you log in to GLOW username.

Sciences on the Road

December has seen senior pupils studying Physics, Biology and Chemistry classes taking part in educational excursions as part of their courses. The Advanced Higher Biology class visited Edinburgh Zoo to take part in a global conference "Silent Forest :- The Asian Songbird Crisis". The pupils took part in workshops and learned about measures being taken to protect exotic endangered species. The same class also visited Glasgow University to take part in workshops demonstrating the latest equipment and techniques being used in genetics research.

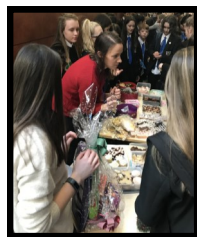
This month Higher and Advanced Higher Chemistry students attended workshops on pigments and dyes organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry and supported by all the universities in and around Glasgow. The pupils were able to gain valuable hands on experience using infra red and ultra violet spectroscopy to analyse samples they had synthesised in the laboratory.

Finally senior pupils from Higher Computing Science and Higher Physics visited Glasgow University on 5th December to participate in "Imagineer" The pupils learned about the multi-disciplinary nature of engineering and its links to STEM subjects. They were also able to watch an exciting theatre show blending comedy and music exploring engineering past, present and future.



Mary's Meals Collection

On 15th December the SALT Group, Human Rights Group and the Netball Club held a bake sale and Christmas raffle to raise money for Mary's Meals. Miss Watt had seen the work of this charity when she was in Malawi.



Skills Scotland Event

Fifty senior pupils attended a Skills Scotland event at the SECC on 6th December where they met employers and learned about a range of current employment opportunities available to them.



Music To Our Ears

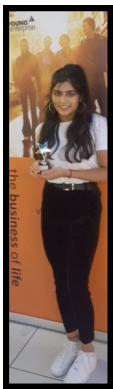
Christmas time is always very busy for the pupils and teachers in the Eastwood High School Music Department. On Thursday 7th December Mrs Anderson and Mr Fairlie accompanied the school choir to Newton Mearns Baptist Church to entertain the senior citizens attending the church's tea @ two event. This performance was followed up the next afternoon with a performance at Princes Square to raise money for the Hansel Community in Symington.

On 11th of December one of the musical highlights of the year took place in the Games Hall Theatre - The Eastwood High School Christmas Concert. It was a special evening with many wonderful performances enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. Finally well done to Carys Mitchell (S5) who came runner up in the East Renfrewshire Young Singer of the year Competition held in Williamwood HS on 29th of November.



Young Enterprise Winner

Well Done to Zainab Ashiq (S6) on winning the best salesperson award at the West of Scotland Young Enterprise Trade Fair held at SOAR Braehead on 7th December.



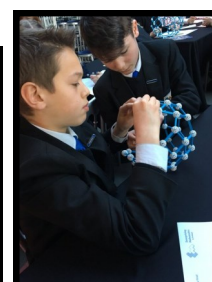
Cool S2

On 14th December 50 S2 pupils visited Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh as part of their BGE Geography course. The pupils were able to experience and interact with a range of exhibits relevant to their studies.



Enterprising Mathematicians

Well done to our S3's (Hannah McGeogh, Disha Yadav, Ross Cathcart and Sebastien Smith) who competed in the Enterprising Mathematics in Scotland Final. They placed 24 out of 70 schools in a highly competitive field. This result is even more remarkable in that all the other schools had some S4 pupils in their teams.



The Festive Big Brunch

Following the great success of the "Big Scottish Breakfast" in aid of the STV Children's Appeal Mrs Ross' S3 personal Development class organised the "Festive Big Brunch" on the 15th of December. Again it was a runaway success with everyone enjoying the event immensely.



Sports News

Congratulations to the Level 3 Girls Gymnastics Team on winning Eastwood's first ever medals at the Scottish Regional Schools Gymnastics heats. Competing against 11 other teams our Level 2 girls (Rachel Canning, Eilidh Robertson, Eva Jenks and Katie Grant) did extremely well but unfortunately did not finish on the podium. However, the Level 3 girls (Maja Cameron, Emily Haigh and Katie Shields) performed to an extremely high standard on both floor and vault and were awarded with the bronze medal. With the second highest combined score in level three overall, Maja Cameron collected the individual silver medal. Very well done to all the girls involved.

Both the Girls and Boys Inter-house Basketball Competitions were held earlier this month. The Girls' competition was won by Duncarnock with Capelrig as runners up. In the Boys' competition Balgray emerged triumphant with again Capelrig as the runners up. The points gained by each house in the basketball competition will go towards the overall standings in the House Cup.

In football the U16s made the difficult journey to Clydevie Academy in Gourrock to play their 2nd Round St Mirren Cup tie. It was a close game with the Eastwood team just being edged out 3-5. The scorers for Eastwood were Callum Anderson (2) and Jonathan Brown. Finally in football Maja Paszenda and Chloe Colquhoun (Both S3) have both been selected for the Scotland Schools U15 trials.

In early December the Eastwood HS senior pupils following the Wider Achievement Leadership Award course organised a very successful active day for Crookfur primary pupils. Activities involved dodgeball, indoor football and swimming.

