

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

- 29th Mar. - School Closes
2.45pm for Holidays
- 16th Apr - School reopens 8.45
- 26th April - S3 Parents Evening
- 1st May - SQA Exams begin
- 7th May - Holiday
- 8th May - School Athletics
Championships
- 25th & 28th May - Holidays
- 29th May - Inservice Day
- 30th, 31st May & 1st June - P7
Induction Days
- 4th June - Timetable change
- 7th June - Sports Awards
Dinner
- 12th June - Prizegiving
- 19th June - S6 Graduation
- 27th June - School Closes 1pm
for summer holidays

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Dear Parent

With the SQA exams imminent after the holidays it is vitally important that all S4-S6 use the break to revise. There are only 10 school days left until the first SQA exams! To help, Eastwood High is running an extensive Easter School revision programme (details are on the school website). All S4, S5 & S6 pupils have been issued with information on how to sign up for the classes. There will also be supported study classes in April and May as well as evening classes and weekend classes in some subjects through until the exams. Pupils will be told of these classes and reminder texts sent out. If everyone is to achieve their full potential in the exams then **the revision starts now!**

I am also seeking your support in ensuring that all pupils continue to wear full school uniform. I am sure that you will agree that our standards and expectations in this area have made a huge difference to the school and reflect very positively on all our pupils. We are a proud school and a great school and everyone must play their own small part in maintaining these standards. Eastwood High is now quoted in other local schools as the standard to aim for in school uniform. During the winter months some pupils have been wearing warm garments under their blazers and scarves over them. With the better weather everyone can now wear their full uniform with pride not only in school but also to and from school.

Finally for S5/6, payments for this year's yearbook (£25) are due to be paid in full on "Parent Pay" by Friday 20th April.

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School Achieves SSFA Gold Award

This month Eastwood High School became one of the first schools in Scotland to achieve the Scottish Schools Football Gold Quality Award. The picture shows Joe Hanlon President of the Scottish Schools Football Association presenting the Award.



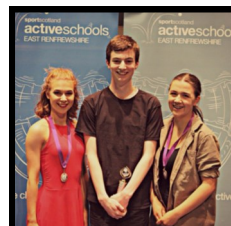
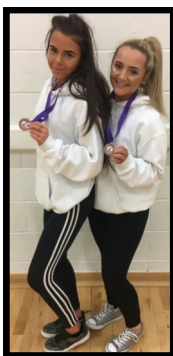
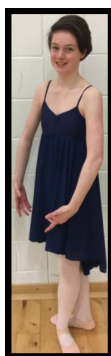
School Duxes 2018

Congratulations to Muhammad Abdur-Rehman Karim & Holly Houston (both S5) who have become Duxes of the school 2018. The Senior Dux is awarded for overall academic excellence and is based on performance in the S5 Prelims. Holly and Abdur will be presented with their awards at Prizegiving in June and their names will be added to the School Dux Board.



Dance Spectacular

Following Eastwood High School's very successful Dance Showcase held on 13th March our dancers excelled themselves at the East Renfrewshire Dance Championships held two nights later. Danny Nell (S5) won the Best Solo Dance, with Kirsten Burningham (S5) runner up; Nicole Andrews and Emma Taylor (both S5) came 3rd in the Duets category whilst the Eastwood S1–S3 Dance Club won the Best Group Dance Award with the senior dance mentors coming second.

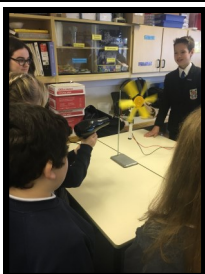


Eastwood Ambassadors Visit Mearns Primary

On 14th of March a number of Eastwood High senior pupils, accompanied by Mrs Anderson from the Music Department, performed at the Mearns PS Fringe Festival.



In addition to the above Mr McCormick and a number of our S3 STEM Ambassadors visited Mearns Primary on the 21st of March to lead workshops for pupils on sustainability.



Maths Marvels

As ever world Pi Day on 14th March saw a number of Pi related events taking place across the school. In the English Department Lauren Faulkner and Ashley Kee shared 1st place in the S1 "Pi Words Contest" with Olivia Bryers coming 2nd. In the S2 and S3 Pi Reciting Competition Bassant El Wasseif (S2) and Amy McBride (S3) came out victorious. Mrs Callaghan accompanied the Eastwood team to the regional final of the UK Maths Trust Team Challenge. The team made up of Keira Ratter, Callum McFadden (both S1) and Kate Weightman, Ben Hansen (S2) came a very creditable 12th out of 36 teams.



Arkwright Scholar

Congratulations to Karen King'ori (S4) on reaching the 3rd round of the Arkwright Scholarship selection process. Karen will have to undergo an interview and make a presentation at the final selection in Heriot Watt University on 20th April. These scholarships are available to pupils intending to continue their studies in Design Technology post school and those successful receive financial support and an industry mentor to help further develop their studies.



Music To Our Ears

On 7th March thirty S1 Music students enjoyed a trip to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow. The pupils went to see an educational concert entitled "The Young Person's guide to Brass Instruments"



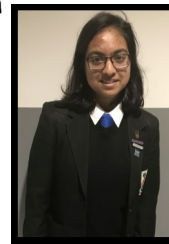
Congratulations to Nexus

The Eastwood High School "Young Enterprise" Team, "Nexus", finished off their journey by winning another award - This time at the regional finals. The team won the award for the best display stand at the event. The judges commented positively on the strength of the Nexus product and the professionalism shown by the team.



Fatima becomes a Member of the UKYP

Congratulations to Fatima Bari (S4) on being elected to the United Kingdom Youth Parliament. Fatima, already an MSYP, was returned this month to represent the Scotland West constituency.



One Team 2018

A group of S3 pupils from Eastwood and St Lukes High Schools have been working together with our campus police officer, PC Trainer, on an initiative called "One Team '18". The initiative's main purpose is to challenge sectarianism and hate crime. As well as working together to produce a presentation the group visited various places of worship throughout Glasgow.



Drama News

March is always a very busy month in Drama with preparations and performances for the SQA exam pieces. S3 pupils however enjoyed a professional make up session as part of their studies!! This session with Claudia Rose linked Drama studies to "Developing the Young Workforce" and potential careers in theatre, film and television beyond acting.



In addition to the above Cameron Constable (S3) has been performing in the Glasgow Philharmonia production of "Movies to Musicals". Cameron performed alongside West End stars at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.



Top Guides

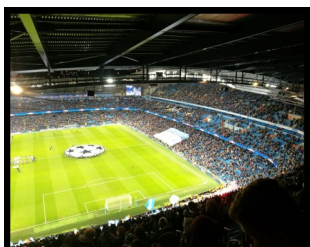
Well done to Esther Jamieson and Millie Blair (Both S2) on being presented with their "Baden Powell Award". This is the highest award that can be achieved by Guides.

Hannah Colville (S3), Hannah McGeough (S3), Lauren Agnew (S3), Rebecca Paton (S3) also achieved the award but could not attend the presentation.



Champions League

On 7th March a group of Eastwood pupils attended the Manchester City v FC Basel Champions League match. The trip also involved a stadium tour and despite the long journey the trip was a great success. A bonus from the trip was that Craig McIntyre (S1) won tickets to the Premiership match between Newcastle United and Huddersfield



Culinary Excellence

Daniel Middleton (S6) finished his Professional Cookery Vocational course with a flourish by participating in the East Renfrewshire Banquet for Councillors. Callum Meneely & Carys Mitchell provided the entertainment for the evening.



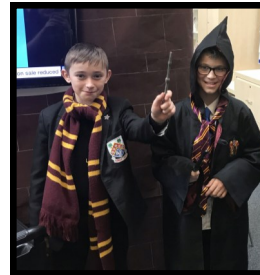
World Book Day

Despite being delayed due to blizzards World Book Day finally took place in Eastwood High on Friday 16th March. Thank you to our Librarian, Mr Panayotakis and all the English department for making it such a memorable day.



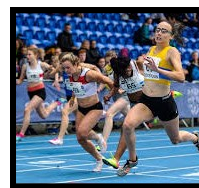
Harry Potter Festivities

Miss Curran and the Harry Potter Club enjoyed a "Butterbeer" social at the "Leaky Cauldron" in Hogsmeade this month



Sports News

March has been a very busy month for many of Eastwood High School's sportsmen and women with re-scheduled fixtures as a result of the bad weather. Firstly in athletics congratulations to Alyson Bell (S3) who was crowned U15 UK indoor 200m champion in Sheffield running a Giffnock North club record of 25.45sec. in the process. Alyson also won silver in the 60m running a PB of 7.89sec. Also in athletics well done to Clare Wallace (S4) and Kate Richardson (S4) on being part of the silver medal winning Scotland West team at the UK National Cross Country Championships in Loughborough this month, Kate also won silver as part of the Scotland team at the Home International Cross Country Championships in Nottingham. In another remarkable achievement and in a different sport Kate won bronze in the UK Duathlon Championships held in Bedford in the Elite Youth Female race.



Well done to our S1 and S2 netball teams who secured two wins against Mearns Castle HS 10-6 and 9-2. An excellent start to the East Renfrewshire Netball League.

The Eastwood rugby teams have had a very busy month. The U15s played two games winning 50-15 against St Andrews HS (Paisley) with tries from Ben Wilson (3), Scott Fosbury (2), Jin-Peng Wang, Matthew Deighton, Craig Orr, Rafay Khan and Keir Roberts; however losing out narrowly 31-26 away to Hutchesons B with Jack Vershueren (2), Ricky Zhang and Jin Peng Wang the try scorers. The S2 team played in a quadrangular tournament against St Thomas Aquinas Sec., Smithycroft Sec. and Shawlands Academy. The team played well finishing second overall after winning two games and losing one narrowly. The tournament marked debut tries for the school from Toby Provan and Dean Grierson. Finally the Eastwood S1 rugby team were involved in a thrilling match away to St Andrews HS Paisley losing out 40-30 in the end (Jordan Duncan, Adam Heaton and Kacsper Keilban scoring 2 tries each).



In football the S1 team have had a very successful month securing two victories. An 8-6 win against Castlehead HS was followed by a 2-0 home win against Trinity HS (Kacsper Keilban and Max Bannerman the scorers). The girls football team lost 2-5 against a strong Gleniffer HS team early in the month but bounced back to win 8-3 against Linwood HS on 26th of March (Maja Paszenda scoring 4).



Finally in football Ethan Cowles and Greig Allen were fortunate enough to attend the Manchester City Coaching Roadshow this month held at Glasgow Green run by Manchester City Football Academy coaches.

Lastly congratulations to our school librarian, Mr Panayotakis on coaching the Stirling University Women's Volleyball team to success in the British Universities Conference Cup. Mr Panyotakis is an experienced international volleyball coach.

