

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

- 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

During the Easter holidays Eastwood HS again hosted a well attended Easter School with classes being run in the vast majority of subject areas. We are currently running Supported Study after school and on weekends in many subject areas to supplement pupils' learning. It is vitally important that all S4, S5 and S6 pupils "PREPARE, PRACTICE and PERFORM" over the next 5 weeks. I know that I can count on parental support to ensure that everyone in S4—S6 is studying at least 4 hours per day from now until the SQA exams are over. IT IS TOUGH BUT WELL WORTH IT IN THE LONG TERM.

On another front I would like to take this opportunity to seek parental support looking ahead to next term. I'm sure that you will agree that it is important that Eastwood HS and its pupils receive their full allocation of resources. Many parents entitled to receive a free school meal for their children do not apply, **OR RE-APPLY**, for one each summer. Some important aspects of the school's funding is based on free meal entitlement and increasingly, with local authority cuts, the council is now charging for additional services such as Easter School - free to those registered for a free meal. The cashless catering system means that no one knows who is in receipt of a free meal. It is therefore really important that everyone entitled, applies or re-applies, for next session. Application forms with the qualification criteria are available from the school office, the East Renfrewshire Council website or Customer First. If you feel that you might be entitled to apply please do so, and help the school and your child(ren) receive their fair share of resources. Over the session it is worth around £400 per child to recipients as well as exempting them from Easter School payments etc.

S Maxwell

East Renfrewshire Head Boy & Head Girl Awards Ceremony

Eastwood High School Head Boy (Ryan Catterson) and Head Girl (Amarah Saeed), along with Mrs McCartney, attended the annual awards ceremony for Head Boys and Girls from each of the East Renfrewshire secondary schools on 18th April. This year the awards were hosted by Director of Education, Mhairi Shaw at a lunch held in Eastwood House.



East Renfrewshire Convenor's Awards Winners

Congratulations to the 5 Eastwood High School pupils who received East Renfrewshire Education Convenor's Awards at a ceremony held in Carmichael Hall on 18th April. The pupils and awards are listed Below:-

- Erin Wallace (S6) - Individual Sport (Athletics & Triathlon)
Kate Richardson (S4) - Individual Sport (Cycling, Athletics & Triathlon)
Alyson Bell (S3) - Individual Sport (Athletics)
Logan Rowe (S5) - Community Service
Nicole Harkness (S5) - Personal Achievement



School of the Year

Congratulations to everyone associated with Eastwood High School Football. As recognition for all the hard work of pupils and staff we have been awarded Scottish Schools Football Association "School of the Year" 2017/18. Mr Maxwell will attend the Scottish Senior Shield final at Hampden on 4th May to be presented with the award.



Police Service Youth Volunteers

Congratulations to Rebecca Paton and Keira Thomson (both S3) and Theo Frater and Blair Morgan (both S4) on completing their Police Service Youth Volunteer induction programme. They received their awards at a ceremony held at Glasgow City Chambers on 19th March from Chief Superintendent Brian McInulty.



Adventure Service Challenge

The S2 Adventure Service Challenge class raised £175 in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Research by hosting a coffee morning on the 19th of April. A great effort by all involved.



Top Guide

Well done to Keira Thomson (S3) on being presented with their "Baden Powell Award". This is the highest award that can be achieved by Guides.



Hafsah Going Stateside

Congratulations to Hafsah Manzur (S6) on gaining entry to Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia to study Physics. Bryn Mawr is one of the most prestigious Science Universities in the USA.

This follows on from Hafsah's participation in the Sutton Trust programme which supported her in her application.

Hafsah will be moving to the United States at the end of August to begin her studies.



Rewards Day

At the end of last term the ever popular "Inflatables Day" returned as reward for those pupils who had achieved all their targets in the school's merit and demerit system. Eligible pupils from each year had a period of fun and activity on the various inflatable challenges.



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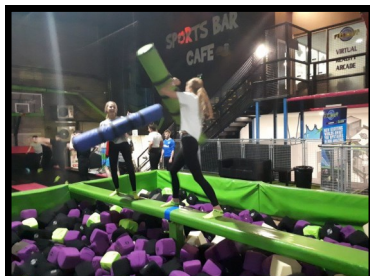
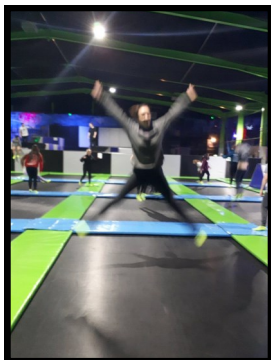
The S4 National 5 Drama pupils completed their practical performances for their exams on week beginning 16th April. This was the culmination of months of work and everyone performed to their best standard. Performances included extracts from "Antigone" by Sophocles, "Passing Places" by Stephen Greenhorn, "Smalltown" by DC Jackson, Jonny McKnight & Douglas Maxwell and "The Static" by Dave Anderson.

Along with Drama staff the Advanced Higher Drama pupils were fortunate to be able to attend a performance of "Warhorse" at the Edinburgh Festival Theatre on Tuesday 24th April to supplement their course work.



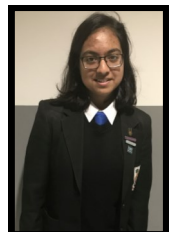
Flipping Out

On Friday 27th of April Eastwood High said goodbye to the current S6 as they left for SQA study leave. As is traditional the year group spent the morning in school and then visited a trampoline park "Flip Out" in the afternoon. It was an energetic event with both staff and pupils returning exhausted.



Fatima (MSYP)

Well done to Fatima Bari on delivering a fantastic speech on "Islamophobia & how we can eradicate it" to Members of the Scottish Parliament at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh during the Easter holidays. Fatima did this as part of her role as a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament.



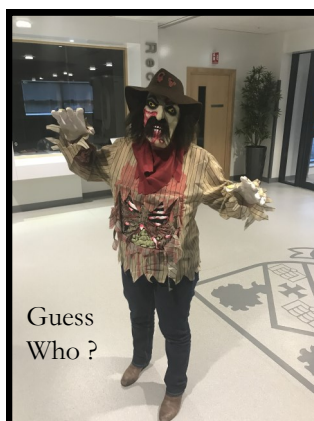
Musical Support

Mrs Williams and a group of senior pupils (Rebecca Lister, Mya Harrison and Ailsa Roy, all from S5) performed a range of nostalgic musical numbers at the 100th birthday party of a local resident at Pollok House on 29th April. The family asked the school to provide the entertainment as the lady had attended and enjoyed our senior citizens' Christmas Party. Provost Jim Fletcher congratulated the girls on their performance.



"Stranger Eastwood"

Thursday 29th of March saw strange happenings in Eastwood High School. S6 pupils were challenged in teams to undertake an "Escape Rooms Challenge". The event was organised and coordinated by Miss Darroch in Drama and was supported by numerous Drama pupils and staff who were all in scary character.



Guess Who?

Why Take The Carr When You're This Fast!

One down four to go!! Mr Carr finished the Blackpool Half marathon on 22nd April in a time of 1 hour 21 mins 15 sec. He finished 10th out of 917 runners! An amazing achievement!



Sports News

April has been a notable month for school sports. Firstly it was great to see Erin Wallace (S6) and Miss McCloskey perform so well at the Commonwealth Games over the holidays. Erin came 7th as part of the Scottish Mixed Team Relay Triathlon squad and was able to avoid any trouble from sharks in the open water swim !! (seriously the waters were patrolled by drones to shark spot). Miss McCloskey came 5th for Northern Ireland in the freestyle wrestling narrowly missing out on a fight for the bronze medal. Fantastic memories for both.

Nearer to home, Stirling to be precise, there was a phenomenal performance by Eastwood triathletes in the Scottish Schools Aquathlon Championships held on Friday 20th April. Clare Wallace (S4) won the S3/4 girls Scottish title with Kate Richardson (S4) coming 3rd—remarkably in the same race Helen Chong (S3) came 7th. Eva Chong (S2) came a very creditable 19th in the S1/2 girls race at the same competition. Well done to all.

In athletics at the recent Glasgow Pole Vault Grand Prix Clark Marshall (S3) won silver in a new personal best height. This competition had over 30 of the best vaulters in Scotland taking part.

In swimming Lauren Chalmers (S2) has had her best ever year culminating in great success at the Scottish National Age Group Swimming Championships held recently at Tollcross International Pool in Glasgow. Lauren won silver in the girls age 14 category in the 1500m freestyle clocking the 6th fastest time in the UK this year. Lauren had a busy few days at the event recording the following finishes in her other races 400m individual medley - 5th, 400m freestyle - 12th, 200m butterfly - 4th, 100m butterfly - 7th, 800m freestyle - 7th, and 200m freestyle - 16th.

Eastwood netball teams have played one game at both S1 and S2 level since the holidays. Both teams lost out narrowly away to Williamwood HS 4-5.

Due to the snow in March the Eastwood rugby teams have had a very busy time catching up with fixtures lost to the weather. The S1 team have played 3 games losing, 20-30 against St Thomas Aquinas Sec. (Jordan Duncan (2), Adam Heaton and Liam Bothwell the try scorers), losing 14 -

34 against Hutchesons GS (Liam Bothwell 2 tries) then drawing the final game 30-30 with Coatbridge HS (Lewis Wardrop (7), Kyle McLean, Addison Linden and Finlay Gordon the try scorers). The S2 team had a fine 52-12 victory over Coatbridge HS with tries from Jin-Peng Wang (2), Rory McKendrick, Lewis Zanforlin, Ricky Zhang (2), Charlie Barber and Jack Vershueren.

The girls rugby team also travelled to Coatbridge HS this month securing a 10 tries to 8 victory (Amy Cupples and Skye Martin the try scorers). All the Eastwood rugby teams participated in the recent Glasgow Warriors Championship at Scotstoun. The S1 boys lost all their games in the round robin although some games were very tight, the junior girls had a similar fate despite some strong individual performances. The best of the bunch were the S2 boys winning 2 out of 4 games but narrowly missing out on semi final qualification. Finally in rugby well done to Adam Mitchell (S5) & Graham Murchie (S6) on being part of the Whitecraigs U18 team that won the West of Scotland Shield winning 29-14 against Stewartry RFC.—Adam has also been selected for the Glasgow and West U18 District Squad.

Finally it has been a busy and successful month in football. The U15 Girls team, despite being a bit under strength due to injuries, qualified for the Scottish finals of the SSFA Cashback 7s to be held at Toryglen Regional Football Centre in late May. In boys football the S1s lost 2-5 to Williamwood in the semi final of the St Mirren Cup (Max Bannerman with both goals), however they finished the season by winning the Silver League with an unbeaten league record.

