

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

May 2018



*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

Following the SQA Exams the school will return to some normality with the return of our senior pupils from study leave on Monday 4th June. **It is important that these senior pupils return to the school any books or equipment that had been borrowed for exam preparation or issued as part of courses 2017/18.**

The new Education Maintenance Allowance application forms for session 2018/19 are now available from the school office. This allowance supports pupils beyond the statutory school leaving age who meet certain criteria while they stay on at school. In addition current S3 pupils will soon be issued with a letter about work experience in S4 if you have do not receive one please contact the school office.

Finally I would again like to take this opportunity to seek parental support looking ahead to next term. 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 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 over £400 per child to recipients as well as exempting them from Easter School payments etc.

*S Maxwell*

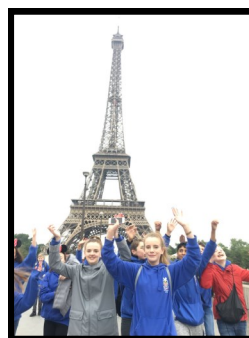
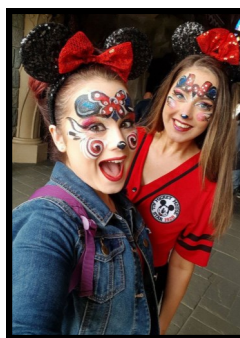
### Young Philanthropists

Well done to Jin-Peng Wang, Liam Bothwell, Euan Anderson and Moiz Maqsood (All S2) who won the school final of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative on 22nd May. The competition was really close but in the end it was the team's chosen charity "Mearnskirck Helping Hands" that will benefit to the tune of £3000 donated by the Youth Philanthropy Initiative backed by the Wood Group. Well done to all the teams it was clear that a lot of work had been put into the presentations.



## S2 Into Paris Disney Go !

This May forty S2 pupils took part in a numeracy/maths based trip to Disneyland Paris. The trip was a resounding success even coinciding with "World Numeracy Day". As well as visits to the Disneyland there was also time to take in some of the iconic Paris landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe etc. The pupils were even able to try out some of their Modern Language skills. Thanks from the pupils to all the staff involved (Miss Shannon, Mr McCann, Miss Kelly and Mr Mackison) for running such an enjoyable but exhausting trip.



## Textiles Workshops

Once again students from the Centre for Textile Conservation and Technical Art History from Glasgow University visited the Eastwood High S3 Art classes this month. The pupils were given a flavour of the scientific methods used to conserve fragile artefacts like textiles. It also gave a fascinating insight into the interdisciplinary nature of real life work ie. Science, Art, History. Thank you to Professor Frances Lennard and her team.



## Hitting The Right Note

Music Staff and senior pupils have started an initiative to raise money for Nordoff Robbins—a leading UK music therapy charity for adults and children. It involves school staff (not based in Music !) being taught how to play a musical instrument by music staff, music instructors or senior pupils.



All proceeds from the lessons go to the charity.



## School of the Year

As recognition for all the hard work of pupils and staff Eastwood HS has been awarded Scottish Schools Football Association "School of the Year" 2017/18 . Mr Maxwell and Miss Boyle collected the "School of the Year Award at Hampden Park before the U18 Shield final.



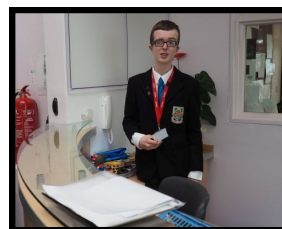
## Artistry

Miss Mairs accompanied 29 S2 and S3 pupils to the take part in the prestigious annual Kelvingrove Art Competition. The pupils worked all day producing work of a very high standard . The results will be known over the summer.



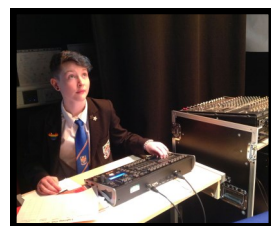
## Well Done, David

David Martin (S4) has been making a really positive impact with staff and pupils whilst volunteering this month at Isobel Mair School. David has been involved helping out in classes and assisting in the school office.



## Technical Know How

Well done to Jamie McDonnell who has been accepted by the Junior Conservatoire of Scotland for Technical Theatre. Jamie had to win an audition to secure one of the much sought after places.





### Success at the Salter

Caitlin Smillie, Callum McFadden, Keira Ratter and Rohan Khan (all S1) took part in the Salter Science Festival of Chemistry at Glasgow University. They took part in several challenges in the lab throughout the day, including 'Who Stole the Centenary Trophy' using forensic science to solve the case. They came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall beating some private and other notable East Renfrewshire schools !!



### Junior Mathematicians

Well done to all the S1 and S2 Maths pupils who took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. This was the best year ever for Eastwood High with 4 pupils Callum MacMillan (S1), Fraser Wastson (S2), Ben Hansen (S2) and Sean Scott-Kiddie (S2) all qualifying for the next round. In addition we had 7 Gold, 9 Silver and 20 Bronze awards.



### Adventure Challenge

Well done to the S2 Adventure Service Challenge group who were able to hand over £180 to the MS Society following various fundraising activities undertaken as part of their course.



### Young Entrepreneurs

Congratulations to this year's S6 young Enterprise team Thomas McCarthy, Ryat McQuat, Grant Bain, Zainab Ashiq, Fatimah Anwar, Matt Porteous, Andrew McIntosh and Andalib Chowdhry who all passed the tough end of year Young Enterprise exam. Andalib even managed to pass with merit!

### Strictly Come Dancing

Sisters Abigail (S4) and Emilie (S1) Thomson, along with Melissa Burningham (S1), recently had the opportunity to dance with Pasha Kovalev from "Strictly Come Dancing" when his show "The Magic of Hollywood" visited Paisley Town Hall



### Bloodhound Challenge Ends in Flames

Mr Murray and five S3 D&M pupils travelled to Barhead HS to take part in the Bloodhound STEM Challenge. The team worked hard however it's just as well the car they designed didn't need a driver!



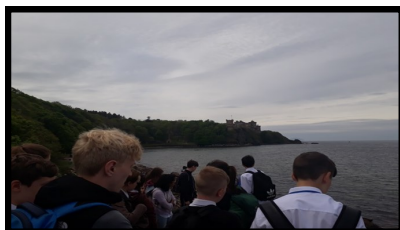
### Senior Citizens Support

S1 prefects Melody Nehme and Arshvir Jillich were selected by the Provost of East Renfrewshire to help host his annual senior citizens party held at the Doubletree Hotel in Glasgow Sunday 29th April. Well done girls.



### Culzean Castle Visit

On the 15<sup>th</sup> May fifty seven Eastwood second years went on a school visit to Culzean Country Park. The trip was part of an Interdisciplinary Learning activity within the Social Subjects Faculty. The visit allowed the pupils to see how the natural features and manmade structures had been influenced by one another. Pupils were given the opportunity to take a tour round the Castle where they were regaled with the numerous ghost stories associated with the castle.



### Expeditionary Force

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards groups have been enjoying the recent good weather by completing their expeditions and also undertaking some gardening to tidy up the school to fulfil their volunteering requirement.



### Musical Success

Well done to Katie Glass (S5) on successfully gaining a place on the Royal Scottish National Orchestra's takeover programme. Katie will be rehearsing with the RSNO in June. Congratulations also go to Ross Gatheral (S5) who has gained a place with the West of Scotland Schools Concert Band in percussion.

### Mearns Masters

This month S3 pupils from Miss Hanvidge's Fashion and Textile Technology class supported P4/5 pupils in millinery (hat making) as part of the Mearns Masters programme run by Mearns PS.



### Sports News

May has been a very busy month for school sport. Firstly congratulations to Nicole Andrews (S5) on being part of Team Scotland that came 7th in the World Cheerleading Championships in Florida this month. Nicole competed for both the senior and junior squads. Nicole will also represent Scotland in the European Cheerleading Championships in Finland at the end of June.



With summer comes the cricket season and the Eastwood HS U15s secured a thrilling victory by just 2 runs over Glasgow Academy in the first round of the Scottish Schools Cup. Highest runs scorer was Safwan Aamir (28). Aryaman Tyagi was the pick of the bowlers taking 2 wickets for just 8 runs.



Congratulations to Emma Kirby (S5) who won two gold medals at the World Championships for inclusive skating. This was the first time that these Championships, for adults and children with various disabilities, have been held in Scotland (Braehead Arena) and Emma had the pleasure of hearing "Flower of Scotland" sung by the home crowd following her performances.



The Eastwood High Equestrian team started their competitive season at the Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships held in Fife. The team of Alexander Hunter (S1), Lauren McKinnon (S2) and Kirsty Anderson (S4) all did well in both the dressage and showjumping classes however top performance of the day went to Alexander who finished 2nd in the junior dressage (Lauren came 6th in the same event and Kirsty 7th in the senior event). The showjumping as ever was hotly contested with Alexander and Ballygoe Ricky going double clear in the 55cm class but coming 10th overall on time. Lauren finished 14th after a jump off in the same class, whilst Kirsty riding Feargal had 4 faults in the 85cm class coming 17th overall.



This year's East Renfrewshire Secondary games saw Eastwood finish 5th only 3 points behind a medal place. Eastwood pupils all performed with great credit medalling in many of the individual events. Top performances were from the boys rugby winning silver and the boys basketball winning bronze.



The curtain has come down on another netball season with the girls 3rd in the East Renfrewshire summer tournament. In the final league games the S1 team won 4-3 against St Ninians HS whilst S2s lost 9-3 to the same opponents.



Well done to the S1 boys football team on ending their season

with a 3rd place out of 12 teams in the Shirley Roberston Football Tournament held at St Ninians HS

Finally in Athletics the school sports saw the following pupils win the overall titles S1 Girls - Melissa Burningham, S2 Girls—Daniella Takon, S3 Girls - Alyson Bell, S1 Boys - Max Bannerman, S2 Boys - Jack Sinclair and S3 Boys - Fraser Lipp. In the interhouse competition Duncarnock won the S1 with Auldhouse winning the S2.

Finally congratulations go to Alyson Bell (S3) on winning the 100m & 200m titles at the West of Scotland Athletics Championships and to Erin Wallace on achieving a PB of 4.14.8 in the 1500m at the British Milers event in Watford. This secures Erin a qualifying time for the World Junior Championships.

