

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

27th June - School Closes 1pm
for summer holidays

13th&14th Aug. - Inservice Days
Pupils Return - 8.45am

29th Aug. - S1 & S4 Photos

21st & 24th Sept. - Holidays

12th Oct.- Inservice Day

15th - 19th Oct. Holidays

22nd Oct.- Pupils Return 8.45

25th Oct. - P7 Open Night

6th Nov. - S1 Parents Evening

22nd Nov. - S3 Parents Evening

26th Nov. - S4 Prelims Begin

11th Dec. - Christmas Concert

18th Dec. - Junior Dance

20th Dec. - Senior Dance

21st Dec. - School Closes
2.30pm for holidays

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Dear Parent

We have come to the end of another very busy session for Eastwood HS and as usual the last few weeks have been full of activities for the pupils to enjoy. We have had our annual Awards Ceremony, Sports Awards Dinner, S6 Graduation and numerous school trips amongst many other things.

It is at this time of year when we have to say goodbye to staff leaving the school for pastures new or into retirement. I would personally like to thank all the probationary teachers who will be leaving us at the end of their year's placement - there are too many to mention but they have all made an invaluable contribution this session. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them well for the future.

Our best wishes also go to Mrs Janice MacGregor who will be retiring at the summer. Janice will be greatly missed by everyone and we wish her a long and happy retirement. Mrs Susan Foster, Principal Teacher of English, will also be leaving to take up a Deputy Head post in Arran HS early in the new session. We wish her all the best and congratulate her on her promotion. Finally we will all miss Sarah McCloskey from the Maths dept. who is relocating back to Northern Ireland.

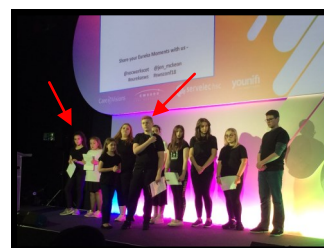
As ever during the summer holidays I will contact parents via the summer mail-shot. This communication contains important information on numerous topics including school uniform for next session. On that matter, long standing uniform supplier "Mans World" of Giffnock has been bought over and now trades under the name "Stevensons" from the same shop. As ever I ask for parents' support in ensuring the highest standards of school uniform in the new session.

Finally the school will finish for the summer holidays at 1pm on Wednesday 27th of June. School lunches will be available from 12.20. The Neilston, Uplawmoor and farms transport operators have agreed to pick up pupils at Neilston Station at 1pm. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, pupils and parents a great summer holiday.

S Maxwell

Young Ambassadors

Well done to Finlay Rice (new S3) and Robyn McMur-ray (new S2) who spoke at the Scottish Social Work Conference held at Creiff Hydro on 13th June. Finlay and Robyn were part of the East Renfrewshire "Eureka Group" who were asked to deliver an input about the work they have been doing with the Social Work Department.



France Watersports Trip

This month forty S2 pupils took part in the 8th annual watersports trip to France. The first three days involved descending the Ardeche Gorge in two person canoes surrounded by stunning scenery. As can be seen from the photographs the weather was spectacular and everyone on the trip had a great time. After a much needed rest day in Avignon the pupils and staff headed to the Mediterranean at Mimosa for more enjoyable watersports -The "banana boat" being the clear favourite. The trip was again a resounding success with the instructors at both centres complimenting the pupils on their behaviour and attitude. Thanks also from the pupils to all the staff involved in running such an enjoyable but exhausting trip.



East Renfrewshire Code Breaking Champions

Well done to Miss Paterson's Eastwood HS Code Breaking Team (Ben Hansen S3, Keira Ratter S2, Adam Habib S2 and Marium Abdelkader S3) on winning the East Renfrewshire Code Breaking Championship held at Mearns Castle HS on 21st June



Acting Successes

Congratulations to Eve Wengel (new S5) who has been voted "Student of the Year" for acting performance at the UK Theatre School in Glasgow - There are over 700 students in attendance. Eve is currently involved in filming for a short film entitled "Regrets" directed by Mandy Sykes and written by BAFTA nominee Chris Martin.



In addition congratulations go to Lucy Connelly (new S5) who will be performing at the National Theatre Connections Festival this summer. Lucy has a lead role in a play called "Dungeness"



Plea From The School Office

When pupils have appointments during the school day can parents please pre-arrange to meet their child at the school office at a given time. Although some emergency appointments can not be organised in this way the system above means that office staff do not have to leave the office and collect pupils from classrooms. In addition a reminder that notifying the school office of a pupil absence can be done in a number of ways a) By leaving a message on the answer machine or by e mail via

EWAttendance@eastwood.e-renfrew.sch.uk

A Stitch In Time

Miss Hanvidge and the S5/6 Fashion & Fabric Technology class attended a workshop run by Dumfries House in East Ayrshire this month. The purpose of the visit was to undertake sewing skills workshops relevant to their National 5 and Higher courses.



In addition members of the S4 National 5 Fashion Fabric Technology class were front row guests at the Glasgow Clyde College Fashion Design Course Graduation Show



Dreams Come True Weekend

Five senior pupils - Abbie Malloch, Nicole Andrews, Jade Thompson, Ben Provan and Kelvin Bull (all new S6) assisted Mr Law as mentors on the "Dreams Come True Activity Weekend" at Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre 15th-17th June. The senior pupils worked with pupils with additional support needs to develop their skills and build confidence. Morven Ferris and Charlie Jackson both new S2 also attended the weekend and had a great time.



E=MC²

A number of new S5 Physics students, accompanied by Mrs McIlhargey and Mr Sergeant, visited the CERN Scientific Research facility in Geneva, Switzerland, this month. The group were able to visit the Large Hadron Collider and talk to scientists collecting data on gravitational waves. This will help with their Higher Physics studies. The trip was also able to visit the old city of Geneva as well as soak up the sunshine in the lakeside parks.



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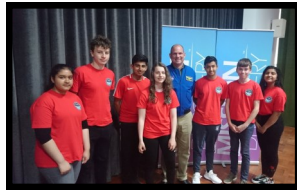
Congratulations to Maryam Khan (new S3) on having her poem "My Favourite Tradition" published in an anthology called "Let It Snow"



Out Of This World

Well done to all the Eastwood High S3 pupils who took part in the Mission Discovery Challenge run by the University of the West of Scotland in partnership with NASA. As well as meeting astronaut Tony Antonelli pupils from schools all over the west of Scotland were allocated to teams and had to devise an experiment for the International Space Station. Hana Afzal (new S4) was in the winning team whose experiment on maintaining vitamin C levels in astronauts will now go into space.

The winning team have also been asked to present at the UWS STEM Summer School in July



On the 7th of June Miss Barrie and 20 new S3 pupils visited Glasgow Caledonian University for a chemistry workshop as part of the Glasgow Science Festival. They were in the lab analysing different medicines to see which ones were polluting our sea water. They then had a talk on careers in chemistry, followed by a tour of the University.

Endangered Species

As part of East Renfrewshire's Road Safety Campaign a whole new meaning was given to the term Zebra Crossing! Cynan the Zebra was very popular with both the Eastwood and Crookfur PS pupils.



Bloodhound Challenge Ends in Flames—Again!

Mr Murray and four new S4 pupils, Kerr Andrews, Ben Adams, Aimee Taylor and Erica Winning attended the 2nd Round of the Bloodhound Challenge event at Perth College. This time the 2nd Round was combined with the national STEM Conference that had participation from Scottish Power, The Army and a number of renewable energy companies. Different event but same result - Most spectacular.



Hark What Light Breaks That Yonder Window

S3 pupils in English had the opportunity to showcase their short films of scenes from William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet this month. There were many interesting and innovative interpretations of the bard's work, however "Best Picture" Oscar went to Ben Stewart, Chris Malone, Rory Henderson, Jack Graham, Matt McLay and director Charlie Evans for their World War II interpretation of the opening scene.



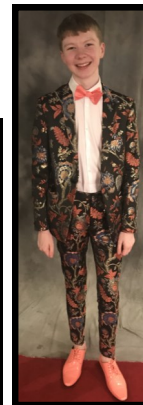
Royal Highland Show Visit

On Friday 22nd June thirty new S5 pupils attended the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston. The interdisciplinary trip was organised jointly by Business Education and Health & Food Technology to enhance pupils' understanding of the marketing behind one of Scotland's biggest export industries—food and drink.



Graduation Ball

Tuesday 19th of June saw the social highlight of the year - The S6 Graduation Ceremony and Ball. As ever it was a night of glitz and glamour and a fantastic evening was had by all. This year the Ball returned to Hampden Park and the pictures below give a flavour of the evening. There really were some stunning dresses.

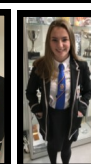


Sports News

Congratulations to Ruaridh McInnes (S2) and Kacper Kielban (S1) who represented East Renfrewshire at the West Region Schools Squash finals run by Scottish Squash—and won the title. Remarkably Corran Forbes (S2) playing for East Renfrewshire 2 picked up a 3rd place in the same championships.



In the Scottish Schools Relay Swimming Championships held in Edinburgh on the 7th June Eastwood's Swim Team (Lauren Chalmers, Esther Jamieson, Clare Wallace, Laura Beatt and Erin Wallace) all performed with great distinction coming 6th in the 4 x 50m Medley Relay and 8th in the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay finals.



In Netball Congratulations go to Amy McVittie (new S5) on being selected for the U15 Scottish National Squad for the UK Schools Games to be held in Loughborough in September.



June, as ever, has been an incredibly busy month for Eastwood High athletes. Firstly at the District Athletics there was a total of 15 different medal winners winning 23 medals. Great effort from all pupils which also included no fewer than six 4th Place finishes in finals!

Gold

Greig Allen 400m
Matthew Bell triple jump
Helen Chong 1500m
Jack Sinclair 100m & high jump

Silver

Lauren Agnew long jump
Max Bannerman high jump
Eva Chong 1500m
Josh Coverdale triple jump
Lois Hood 300m & long jump
Fraser Lipp long jump
Eilidh McCrone 300m
Matthew Shields 800m
Libby Young 100m & 200m

Bronze

Max Bannerman 100m & 200m
Max Campbell 1500m
Mia Hepburn long jump
Fraser Lipp shot putt
Jack Sinclair 200m
Libby Young long jump

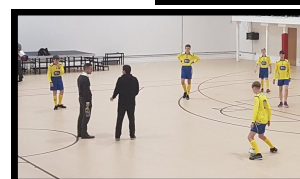


In the Scottish Schools Outdoor Athletics Erin Wallace (S6) won gold in the 800m, Clark Marshall won silver in the pole vault and Helen Chong won bronze in the 1500m Steeplechase. This performance saw Helen selected for the Scottish International Athletics Board squad for the Home Internationals on 21st July.



Mary Bruce (new S2) had a 3rd place finish in the Park Life cross country cycle race held in Pollok Park on the 31st of May. This is just the latest in a number of podium finishes for Mary this season.

Both Boys U15 and Girls U15 Eastwood Teams competed in the West Region SSFA Futsal finals held at Linwood this month. The boys finished 3rd behind Clydevie HS with the girls heartbreakingly losing the final on penalties to St Ninians HS after a 1-1 draw.



Finally after beating Glasgow Academy by 2 runs and High School of Glasgow by 117 runs the Eastwood U15 cricket team lost by 6 wickets to Hutchesons Grammar School in the semi-final of the Scottish Schools Cricket Cup. The team however recovered to win the 3rd place play off against Loretto School. So close.

