

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter



*Special points of interest:*

### **Important Dates.**

7th Jan - School returns 8.45am  
 10th Jan - S5/6 Parents Evening  
 16th Jan - S2 Parents Evening  
 28th Jan - S5/6 Prelims begin  
 30th Jan - S4 Parents Evening  
 8th Feb - Inservice day  
 11th & 12th Feb - Holidays  
 12th March - EHS Dance Display  
 27th Mar- ASN parents Evening  
 29th Mar - School Closes 2.30pm for Holidays  
 15th Apr-School returns 8.45am  
 19th & 22nd Apr – Holidays  
 25th Apr - SQA Exams start

### **Inside this issue:**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Dear Parent                 | 1 |
| Festive Fun                 | 1 |
| An Afternoon with Santa     | 2 |
| Young Engineers             | 2 |
| Front Runners               | 3 |
| Seismic Shift               | 3 |
| Islamic Relief Fund-raising | 4 |
| Sports News                 | 4 |

December 2018

Tel : 0141 577 2200 , Fax : 0141 577 2220,  
 E.Mail : schoolmail@eastwood.e-renfrew.sch.uk  
 Website : <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Eastwood/>  
 Twitter : @EastwoodHighERC

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 10th of January and alert all senior pupils to the fact that the S5/6 prelims start on Monday the 28th of January—a mere 15 school days after we return from the holidays !

Finally, the school will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21st of December at 2.30pm and resume at 8.45am on Monday 7th 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

*S Maxwell*

### **Festive Fun**

This has been a very busy month for the Creative and Performing Arts faculty with pupils taking part in a wide range of festive celebrations. Advanced Higher pupils entertained the members of Kirkton Care at their Christmas lunch, the ceilidh band provided music at numerous social dances and the annual Christmas Concert was a great success as ever.



### **Drama Club Selection Box**

Well done to Drama Club who on the 14th Dec. presented a Selection Box, to raise money for the school charity, showcasing the work carried out this term. Mrs Bryce even returned to watch the performances.



### Duke of Edinburgh Success

Following on from the Young Person's Services celebration a few of weeks ago, our young people collected their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Scotland Awards at a D of E Presentation Assembly this month. In addition our S3 D of E group have been painting & renovating bird feeders for the ECO Group that will be placed in the school woodlands.



### Young Engineers

Mrs Allan and Mr Campbell accompanied the Eastwood Lego Engineering Club to Clydebank to participate in the regional heat of this year's UK Lego Elite Engineering competition. Unfortunately the team failed to make it through (thanks to a troublesome robot !) but everyone really enjoyed the event.



### Princes Square Carollers

On Friday 7th December the Eastwood School Choir who along with Mr Fairlie and Mrs Anderson wowed Christmas shoppers in Princes Square Shopping Centre singing a selection of festive favourites.



### "An Afternoon with Santa"

On 13th 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 for helping the S5/6 to organise the event . Thanks also go to the Music Dept, and all the musicians and singers for the entertainment, Home Economics for the catering and of course Santa who also made a guest appearance.



### Multilingual

On 5th December Eastwood HS Higher Modern Languages students ,along with Miss Paterson, participated in a Business Brunch with the Royal Zoological Society on learning about the use of languages within scientific careers . Well done to Ma-ya Nyamakanga, Kalum McLean and Kaitlyn Ferguson (all S5) on beating competition from the other schools present to win 3 of the four prizes in the Russian language competition.



On 12th of December Mr Hamilton accompanied our Advanced Higher French pupils to participate in the East Renfrewshire French Language Immersion Day held at Eastwood House. This is an opportunity for pupils and staff from all the East Renfrewshire schools to take part in activities wholly conducted in French - all day !

### Investing in the Future

Ross Foulkes & Jonathan Rae (both S6) and Theo Frater (S5) represented Eastwood HS in the BNP Paribas Investor Challenge this month . Unfortunately the boys did not qualify for the next round but did pick up valuable business & financial industry skills.

### Trussell Trust Christmas Foodbank Collection

Well done to Lucy Hemmingsley (S6) and all the members of the Christian SALT Group in the school who organised a Christmas Foodbank Collection for the Trussell Trust. Staff and pupils donated lots for the collection to help those less fortunate than themselves over the festive period.

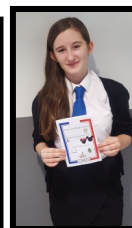




## Joyeux Noel

A group of S4-S6 Modern Languages pupils are currently enjoying a pre Christmas trip to Disneyland Paris and the city itself. As well as giving the pupils ample chance to practice their language skills the trip also lets the pupils enjoy the magic kingdom at Christmas.

In addition in a French/Administration interdisciplinary learning task S3 pupils created a useful phrasebook for the pupils to take with them to Paris.



## Trading Places

The Eastwood Young Enterprise Team "Revitalise" have been busy selling their upcycled stationary items at various events. They had very successful evenings at Soar, Braehead (Young Enterprise Trade Fair), Neilston Christmas Lights switch on and Crookfur PS Christmas Fair



## Spooky

Eve Wengel (S5) was on television on Wednesday 5th December in the CITV series "Spy School". Eve secured the part after an audition and was involved in 3 days of filming in London.



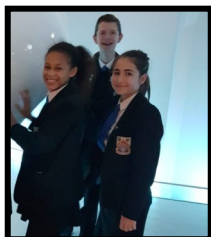
## Fun Runners

The Couch to 5K Club organised a staff and pupil Santa Dash fun run on 6th December for the Glasgow City Mission raising over £317. This money will provide 45 Christmas dinners or offer 14 people support for a whole month. In addition a number of Eastwood staff and pupils took part in the Pollok Parkrun on 1st December. Harrison Bishop (S1) piped them off and even made the "Extra"



## Seismic Shift

On 6th December Dr Martin Hurst a Glasgow University Geomorphologist visited S2 geography to discuss seismic activity and his latest work on plate tectonics in New Zealand. The S2 followed this input up by visiting Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh on 13th December as part of their Broad General Education Geography course.



## STEM Activities

A number of STEM related visits that have taken place this month. Firstly a group of S3/4 pupils studying Physics & Computing Science attended a lecture at Strathclyde University on "Caring Computers". The lecture looked at how computers could contribute to improving Health & Well Being in an aging society. Higher Computing Science pupils were also visited by former pupils Olivia Taylor & Sonja Jillich to share experiences of being on a 4 year graduate apprenticeship with JP Morgan. The girls are working towards an honours degree in Software Development as part of the programme.

On 12th December the Higher Chemistry classes also visited Strathclyde University to attend an interactive Chemistry laboratory session.



On 7th December a group of S3 Design & Manufacture students visited Clydebank College to take part in an event to raise awareness of STEM careers. Finally S1 lunchtime Forensic Club pupils finished the term by solving the ultimate murder mystery. They used their CSI knowledge and skills to work out 'Who Killed Santa!'



### Islamic Relief

Well done to Dua Khan, Anoosha Khan, Alina Alvi and Mariya Ali (All S6) who raised £1630 for Islamic Relief during Islamic Relief Charity Week in November — The highest school total in Scotland.



### SSPCA Christmas Collection

Well done to Mrs Taylor-Mackenzie and the ECO Group who handed over a large collection of toys, blankets and food to the SSPCA following their Christmas collection



### Rudolph's Riddles

The annual Maths/PE interdisciplinary problem solving activity took place on 14th December in the school games hall. As well as building teamwork and leadership skills great fun was had by all.



### Haute Couture

The S3 Fashion & Textile Technologies class visited Mandor's Fabric Store in Glasgow late last month to select dressmaking fabric for their "Skirts" project - part of their National 5 course.



### Sports News

November and December have been very busy for the school football teams. The U13s have had mixed results in the league (EHS 2-1 Woodfarm; EHS 2-9 Williamwood; Castlehead HS 0-11 EHS and Trinty HS 5-4 EHS). In the Scottish Shield the team beat Lourdes Sec. 4-3 on penalties after a 2-2 draw in the 2nd Round but unfortunately lost 1-3 against Cathkin HS in Round 3. The U14s had a great 2-5 win in the Scottish Shield 2nd round away at Campbeltown Grammar but were then defeated 0-6 by a strong Bearsden Ac. Team in Round 3. The U18s have had a rather up and down month going out in Round 3 of the Scottish Shield at home to a very good St Andrews Ac. Team however in the league they have secured some very good results (EHS 0-0 St Ninians HS; St Benedicts HS 0-0 EHS) whilst in the St Mirren Cup winning EHS 3-0 Park Mains HS. Finally in football well done to the senior girls team who remain our only representatives left in a Scottish Shield at Christmas defeating St Pauls HS 5-9 away in their second round tie—Maya Paszenda scoring a hat-trick.

The Eastwood HS netball squads have been busy over the last 2 months with the S2 and S3 teams making it into the Gold League of the Scottish Cup. The latest results are as follows S1 - Williamwood HS 5-2 EHS; S2 - Williamwood HS 11-8 EHS & EHS 26-10 Woodfarm HS; S3 - EHS 17-3 Williamwood HS & Woodfarm HS 8-11 EHS.

In rugby December has been a bit quieter than November fixture wise however the U13 and U14 Rugby games against St Andrews Sec. went as follows: U13 won 41-33 with tries from Jack (4) Chris (2) and Addison, Finlay converting 3. The U14s lost 17-60 with 2 tries from Cammy and a try and conversion from Kacper. The girls rugby team enjoyed a trip to see the Scotland v Canada women's rugby international at Scotstoun after their Scottish Cup run came to a halt at the semi final stage.

The Eastwood Gymnastics squad did the school proud at the Scottish Regional Gymnastics heats at Barrhead Foundry on 4th December. The Level 3 squad Nicola McLachlan (S1), Katie Shields (S4), Maja Cameron and Emily Haigh (both S3) won a silver medal qualifying them for the Scottish finals.

Finally well done to Helen Chong (S4) and Clare Wallace (S5) on winning Gold at the West District Cross Country Championships in Kilmaronock this month whilst running for Giffnock North.

