

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates

29th Mar - School Closes
2.30pm for Holidays

15th Apr - School returns 8.45am

19th & 22nd Apr – Holidays

25th Apr - SQA Exams start

6th May - Holiday

7th May - Inservice Day

24th & 27th May - Holidays

28th May - New timetable begins

29th May - P7 Athletics Day

30th & 31st May - P7 Induction Days

6th June - Sports Awards

13th June - Prizegiving

20th June - S6 Graduation

24th June - Uniform Evening

27th June - School closes for holiday at 1pm

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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 6 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.

S Maxwell

Crowd Pleaser

Well done to Sajed Chowdhury (S2) who performed a leading role in front of a large audience that included East Renfrewshire Provost, Jim Fletcher and Councillor Charlie Gilbert at the Bengali Performing Arts Group's annual show held at Clarkson Halls on 9th March.



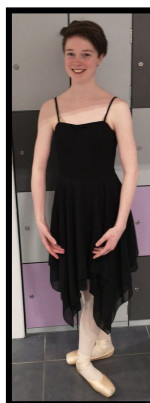
School Duxes 2019

Congratulations to Nuvneet Kaur (S5) and David Campbell (S5) who have become Duxes of the school 2019. The Senior Dux is awarded for overall academic excellence and is based on performance in the S5 Prelims. Nuvneet and David will be presented with their awards at Prizegiving in June and their names will be added to the Dux Board located in the atrium, between now and the summer. They will also be eligible to wear the coveted gold braid half colours on their blazers.



Dance Spectacular

Following Eastwood High School's very successful Dance Showcase held on 14th March our dancers excelled themselves at the East Renfrewshire Dance Championships held a week later. Lamaya Ogunlesi (S4) won the Best Solo Dance category; Maya Cameron and Sarah McMenemy (both S4) came 3rd in the Duets category whilst the Eastwood S1—S3 Dance Club were runners-up in the Best Group Dance Award.



Culinary Excellence

Meghan Brisbane (S5) and Adam Mitchell (S6) were part of the kitchen team at the East Renfrewshire DYW Banquet held on 6th March. They helped prepare an excellent high class meal. Congratulations to Adam who out of all the pupils from East Renfrewshire schools won the "Best in Kitchen" award from the chef. Also well done to Enya O'Donnell and Harrison Bishop (both S1) who provided excellent highland music and dancing entertainment on the night.



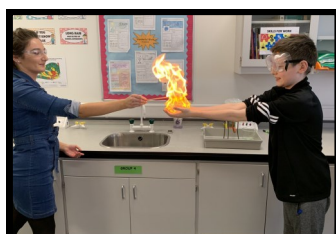
Pushkin Prize Winner

Torin Butler (S1) has won the prestigious Pushkin Prize - a creative writing competition bringing together young writers from Scotland and St Petersburg. Torin will receive his award at a ceremony in Edinburgh after which the winners - including two winners from the parallel initiative in St Petersburg, Russia, will head for the Moniak Mhor Writers' Centre near Inverness where they will work with two professional writers - Gerry Cambridge and Julie Bertagna. There were only 10 winners from schools all over Scotland.



Flaming Brilliant

British Science Week from 11th—15th March saw a number of fun activities taking place in the Science Department all week.—including this spectacular show.



Scott Trophy Winner

Our S1 pupils, formerly of Crookfur PS, visited their old school on to see Miles Hampton (S1) collect the brand new Scott Trophy from Mrs McGuigan. Miles won the trophy last session and was able to collect it at a special assembly in front of his peers and Crookfur Primary pupils.



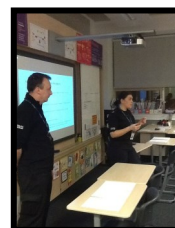
"Revitalised"

On Thursday 14th of March, Eastwood's Young Enterprise team, "Revitalised", participated in the Renfrewshire Area finals of Young Enterprise. The team's excellent performance in their business interview earned them the runners-up trophy in that category, however they went one better and were adjudged the winners in the "Best Presentation" category. Those involved on the day were Managing Director Heather McKie, along with Jade Thompson, Calum Meneely, Jonathan Rae, Raaj Tank and Abbie Malloch (all S6). Well done also to Mr Dean, Miss Lynch and Mrs Dodds for working with the team through highs and lows throughout the year .



Health & Well Being Evening

On the evening of 19th March over 100 parents attended a series of Health & Well Being sessions organised by Miss McCarron and the Pupil Support Team. There were a wide variety of workshops available ranging from Managing Adolescent Mental Health, to healthy cooking, mindfulness, and relaxation activities. Everyone involved found it a very useful evening.



"Romeo, Romeo, Where for Art Thou Romeo"

Congratulations to Eve Wengel (S5) who performed with the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Theatre Royal in Glasgow 19–23 March in their production of Romeo and Juliet. A fantastic achievement and a great opportunity for Eve to work with such an illustrious company.



Convenor's Awards

Congratulations to the eight Eastwood High School pupils who received East Renfrewshire Education Convenor's Awards at a ceremony held in Carmichael Hall on 27th March. The winners were :- Helen Chong S4 (Individual Sport, Athletics) ; Ailsa Martin S6 (Individual Sport, Water Polo); Fatima Bari S5 (Advocacy) ; Eastwood Dance Leaders S6 (Community Service) and Jasmine Shabbas S6 (Personal Achievement)



Pi Day Madness

The 14th of March (3.14 in the American calendar) saw various activities organised across the school to mark World Pi day. As ever the day was full of fun learning activities with Mr McCann getting especially excited 😊



Work Experience

Scott MacFarlane (S5) was the envy of many in the school this month when he was fortunate to be given the opportunity to undertake some work experience at the local "Pets at Home" store as part of his course.



Community Service

With the better weather teams of Eastwood High pupils have been out and about doing litter picks in the local community during March.



International Women's Day

On 8th March a number of activities were organised to mark International Women's Day. These included active girls sessions in Physical Education, studying famous female scientists and studying the work of famous female writers. The key message however is that the contribution of women throughout history should be studied and celebrated every day!



Sports News

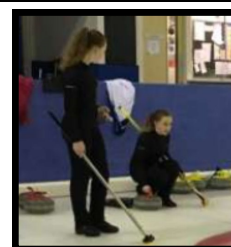
On 3rd March the Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships took place at Howe Equestrian centre in Fife. Unfortunately Eastwood had a depleted team as two of the horses and riders were out of action due to injury. However Kirsty Anderson (S5) and Phoebe Anderson (S2) both competed well. In the dressage Phoebe riding Freddie (horse) came 7th out of 23. In showjumping unfortunately Phoebe was going well until the final fence where Freddie stopped abruptly and dislodged his rider. Kirsty riding reserve horse Iris had an excellent double clear round finishing 7th out of 49 on time.



Kate Richardson, Clare Wallace (both S5) and Helen Chong (S4) have been enjoying great success this month in the cross country and road race athletics season. The 3 girls made up the Giffnock North AC team that won both the Scottish national U17 road race and cross country titles. Eva Chong (S3) and Max Bannerman (S2) also secured good finishes racing for younger Giffnock North teams.



It has been a few years since curling has featured on these pages but well done to Katie Grant (S3) who was a member of the Greenacres Curling U17 team that won the Scottish U17 mixed title at the beginning of the month.



In gymnastics congratulations to the Eastwood HS Level 3 Gymnastics team (Katie Shields, Nicola McLachlan, Maja Cameron and Emily Haigh) who competed in the Scottish Schools Gymnastics finals for the very first time on 3rd March. The girls did very well in Perth finishing 15th out of 25 teams. In addition congratulations to Nicola and her team on their Gold medal at the recent Sapphire Gymnastics Club competition.



The basketball season has now come to an end with both the senior boys and girls completing their fixtures at Williamwood HS this week. Both teams played well throughout the season finishing mid table.



In football the senior boys U18 team has finally found good form at the end of the season. Wins against Park Mains HS, and Gleniffer HS and an away draw to St Benedicts HS have qualified the team for the P&D league finals where they will play St Benedicts again. Also in football congratulations to Fraser Lipp and Luke Gillies who have reached the Scottish U16s Cup final on 18th May with their football club - Giffnock.



Finally in rugby it has been an incredibly busy month with the S1, S2 and S3 Boys teams all playing in the Hutchesons GS 7s. However the best news this month is that Eastwood Rugby has qualified from the semi finals for the final of the Glasgow Warriors Championships for the first time. The competition combines the results of the S1 Boys, S2 Boys and U15 Girls from 3 mini leagues played over a day—brilliant performances from all three teams.

