

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

- 14th 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
- 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
- 19th June - S6 Graduation

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Dear Parent

February has seen the completion of the S5/6 Prelim Exams and the focus is now very much on the drive towards the SQA Exams in May. In fact there are now only 24 school days before the SQA exams begin!. It is vitally important therefore that pupils use the month of March to fully prepare turning things they currently can't into things they can.

To assist pupils with this preparation and to achieve their full potential in the SQA exams the school has a number of initiatives running. Firstly a full programme of after school Supported Study classes will be running through March and April, details of the schedule for these classes is available on the school web-site. Secondly each individual in S4 and S5 pupil has been issued with target grades for the final exams. These target grades are not predicted grades but are based on prelim results, and are something that with hard work and study can be achieved and exceeded. Finally Easter School will again run during the Easter holidays. Following ratification of East Renfrewshire Council's budget for 2018/19 at the Council meeting on 28th February the following charges for Easter School will be applicable from 1 April 2019 onwards :- £6.75 per half day session. Full concessions for pupils who would qualify for free school meals will continue to apply.

S Maxwell

Tapas Trip

On the 1st of February an intrepid group of our S3 Spanish pupils visited "Malaga Tapas" with Mr Garcia and Miss Paterson. The pupils were able to practice their language skills whilst enjoying the cultural experience - Especially the chocolate Churros !



Junior Duxes 2019

Congratulations to Ross Cathcart(S4) and Hannah McGeogh (S4) who have become Junior Duxes of the school 2019. The Junior Dux is awarded for overall academic excellence and is based on performance in the S4 Prelims. Hannah and Ross will be presented with their award at Prizegiving in June and their names will be added to the Junior Dux Board, located in the atrium, between now and the summer.



Author Visit

Eastwood High School was fortunate to welcome award winning children's author Kerr Thomson to the school this month. Kerr won the "Times Children's Fiction Prize" in 2014 for his book "Rise of Wolves" and on his visit shared his experiences of writing and where he drew his inspiration from. Thanks go to Mr Panayiotakis, our librarian, Miss Baillie and Mrs Gordon for assisting and senior library ambassador Jade Thompson (S6) for organising the visit.



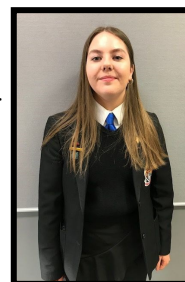
LGBT History Month

February has been LGBT history month across the UK. In Social Subjects pupils created a special wall display to mark the occasion.. It shows LGBT icons related to History, Geography, RMPS and Modern Studies. There is also a timeline of important monuments in LGBT history.



"Good News for Jessica"

Congratulations to Jessica Anderson (S3) on securing a place on the "Engineering the Future for Girls 2019 Summer School". Jessica secured her place at the event organised by the University of Strathclyde following a competitive selection process against pupils from all over Scotland.



Active Girls

On 28th February Miss Miller and all S2 and S3 girls took part in Active Girls day. There were a number of activities on offer ranging from Zumba and Yoga to Karate. They also learned how to use the NIKE fitness App.



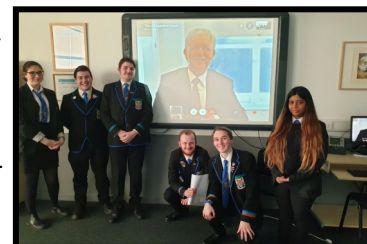
Up for Debate

S6 pupils Zarah Derakshan, Lloyd Russell and Carys Mitchell represented Eastwood High in the Rotary West of Scotland Youth Speaks Competition District final held at Glasgow Caledonian University on the 17th of February. There were 8 teams competing and although not the winners on this occasion, the team were a credit to the school. All three pupils performed well, speaking on a complex topic.



"In the Dock"

Pupils studying Modern Studies and those senior pupils looking to study Law at university had the chance to question one of the UK's most senior judges on the 27th of February. Following a suggestion by Parent Council Chair, James Meneely, pupils were able to hold a conference call with UK Supreme Court Judge Lord Hodge as part of the "UK Supreme Court Ask a Justice" initiative.



Double Bass

Iain Aird (S6) has been putting his unique skill set to work again for the benefit of the school. Iain and Mr Campbell, School Technical Technician, have fixed a derelict double bass allowing it to be used again in our Music department (a repair job that would have cost in excess of £200). Iain is going on to study Luthery (the making and repair of wooden instruments) at Glasgow Clyde College on leaving Eastwood in the summer.



Micro Tyco Challenge

Throughout the month of February Miss Lynch has been supporting groups of S1 and S2 pupils with the Micro Tyco Challenge. The challenge asks pupils to turn their £1 seed capital into as much money as possible through entrepreneurship. All the profits made are donated to charity to help less fortunate people in the developing world start up their own enterprises based on "seed capital". So far the pupils involved have raised £282 through selling homemade baked goods and hand crafted greeting cards.



Textile Conservation Workshops

On 21st February Professor Frances Lennard and a group of Glasgow University textile conservation students visited the school. They made presentations to S3 Art & Design and Fashion Textile Technology classes stressing the range of interdisciplinary skills required to work in this field. These included Scientific, Historical Research, Art History and Home Economics (Fabric) Skills. The pupils were given practical tasks to do using real historical artefacts and were also informed of career pathways in this field.



Safer Internet Day

Eastwood High School engaged in a number of activities related to Safer Internet Day on 5th February. There were assemblies held for S1–S3 pupils led by Miss Lynch and our campus police officer PC Gallagher. The pupils learned about staying safe on line and the dangers of identity theft. There were all inputs on the pros and cons of social media and its impact on mental health.



National Theatre

Just in advance of the SQA practical performances Eastwood Drama students were fortunate to be visited by actor Brian Ferguson. Brian is a member of the National Theatre of Scotland and was in to offer the pupils some coaching workshops on characterisation. In addition to this Eve Wengel (S5) can be seen performing at the Theatre Royal in Glasgow 19–23 March in the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Romeo and Juliet. A fantastic achievement to be cast.



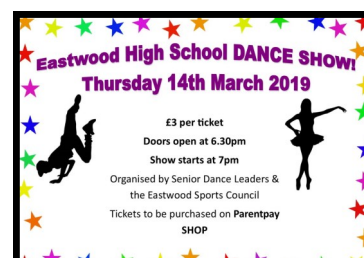
Murrayfield Outing

On Saturday 9th February the Eastwood School of Rugby and PE Department organised a trip to Murrayfield to watch the 6 Nations match between Scotland and Ireland. Great day out for everyone despite the disappointing result.



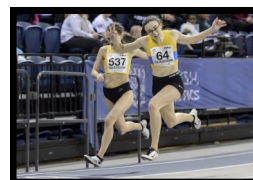
Eastwood Dance Show

Tickets are now on sale for the Eastwood Dance Show taking place in the Eastwood High School Sports Centre on 14th March. Details of ticket sales can be found opposite.



Sports News

Starting with Athletics this month where Eastwood High pupils performed with great distinction at the Scottish Schools Indoor Athletics Championships held at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow on the 6th and 7th of February. Well done to Alyson Bell (S4) who won the girls U16 200m in a championship record time of 25.08 seconds—a time that would have comfortably won the girls over 16 event. Alyson also triumphed in the 60m U16 Girls final to complete the sprint double. Clark Marshall (S4) took the bronze medal in the boys U16 Pole Vault with a new personal best of 3.10m. There were also strong performances from Rhea Campbell (S6) who finished 5th in the over 16 Girls 200m, and Helen Chong (S4) & Kate Richardson (S5) who finished 6th and 9th respectively in the over 16 Girls 1500m. Eva Chong (S3) ran well but just missed out on qualification for the Girls U16 1500m final as did Kieran Killen who just missed out on qualification for the boys over 16 1500m final. Also in Athletics congratulations to all the Eastwood team of Helen Chong, Clare Wallace and Kate Richardson who won the Scottish National U17 Cross Country Championships held in Falkirk this month whilst running as a team for Giffnock North Athletics Club. Finally in the East Renfrewshire Schools cross country held at Rouken Glen Park on 26th February Eastwood teams performed superbly taking the overall senior girls team title (Helen Chong, Jennifer Hepburn, Clare Wallace, Amelia Bain, Chloe McKinlay and Kate Richardson - who came individually 2nd in the race); and bronze in the Senior Boys, S3 Girls and S2 boys competitions. Well done to Eva Chong S3 who came 4th in her race just missing out on a medal.



February saw Eastwood Rugby win through to the semi finals of the SP Energy Glasgow Warriors Championships in the first round held at Scotstoun.

The competition is based on a combined points outcome of three leagues for S1 boys, S2 boys and U15 girls. All three teams were superb throughout losing only twice in the 12 games played. The S1 boys beat Smithycroft Secondary and Stonelaw HS, drew with Annan Ac. And lost narrowly to Loudon Ac. Oliver McKendrick was the top S1 try scorer. The S2 boys won their first 3 games but lost in their final game also to Loudon Academy with Kacper Kielban the top try scorer on the day. However the U15 girls, who reached the semi final of the Scottish Shield earlier this year, secured qualification by winning all four games and playing some fantastic rugby in front of the Scotland Women's team who were training at Scotstoun. Scotland Women's coach Shade Munro, a former Eastwood High pupil, commented that we had some really talented players! Top try scorers for the girls were Holland Bogan (6), Daniella Takon (5) and Amy Cupples (5).



The S2 and S3 netball teams have been on the road this month playing in their respective Scottish Cup ties. Unfortunately our S2 netball team lost their 4th round tie 23-15 away to Strathallan School from Perth. The girls played very well and didn't give up. Player of the match was Sophia Revicka and captain was Ava Thorpe. The S3 Netball also lost their Scottish Cup ¼ final tie 10-40 away to a strong Douglas Ewart HS from Dumfries and Galloway; well done to both teams on progressing so far.



Erica Winning (S4) continues to blaze a trail in Scottish Rallying. In the Junior 1000 Ecosse series Erica won the "Spirit of the Championship Award" coming 10th in the overall championship series and second in her class the "Pre '03" trophy. In the Scottish Sporting Car Club Erica won the Mitchell Trophy for the ladies champion for competitors of all ages.



In football Maja Paszenda (S4) was chosen as the face to launch the new U15 Girls National Performance League season. She is pictured playing for Glasgow City against Celtic. Finally well done to Jonathan Brown (S5), Ashley Kee (S2), Adam Green (S2) Kayla McCrone (S1) and Aimee MacDonald (S1) who represented Eastwood High in the Toryglen 5 a side football tournament for people with hearing impairment. Despite being a young team they acquitted themselves very well.

