

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

May 2019



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

6th June - Sports Awards
13th June - Prizegiving
20th June - S6 Graduation
24th June - Uniform Evening
27th June - School closes for holiday at 1pm
15th & 16th Aug. - Inservice days
19th Aug - Pupils return @ 8.45

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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 3rd 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 2018/19.**

The new Education Maintenance Allowance application forms for session 2019/20 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 not received 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.

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Primary Concern

On 22nd May Primary 7 pupils from Crookfur, Neilston and Uplawmoor Primaries were visited at their residential stay at the Lockerbie Manor Outdoor Centre by Mr Morris and the Eastwood High School Pupil Support Team. This was part of the Transitions Activities undertaken every year to make sure that pupils are familiar not only with the Eastwood building but also key staff. In addition some Neilston PS P7 pupils visited Eastwood High for some Drama lessons this month.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Week beginning 13th May was National Mental Health Awareness Week. During the week Mrs Rorison and the Pupil Support team organised a number of activities to promote positive mental health of pupils and staff. These included the highly successful #talktoted initiative encouraging everyone to talk about mental health.



Youth Philanthropy Initiative

Well done to Katie Harvey, Erin Bewick & Hannah Shearman (All S2) who won the school final of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative on 30th May. The competition was really close but in the end it was the team's chosen charity "Calum's Cabin" that will benefit to the tune of £3000 donated by the Youth Philanthropy Initiative backed by the Wood Group. The charity provides support to families dealing with child cancer. Well done to all the teams it was clear that a lot of work had been put into every presentation.



Visit to Culzean Castle

On the 20th 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 man made 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.



UK Maths Challenge

Well done to all the S1 & S2 pupils who took part in the UK Maths Challenge 2019. Eastwood pupils secured 32 bronze awards, 7 silver and 1 Gold—Callum McMillan (S2), who finished in the top 2000 out of 300,000 participants from across the UK. Callum now goes forward to the next round.



Careers Evening

Eastwood High School will be hosting a Careers Event on the evening of Thursday 24th October 2019. We are currently recruiting people to come along and have a chat about their occupation and their career path. If you feel you could make a contribution to our evening, please contact Mrs Jane Sinclair for more information.

Parents

We need

YOU!



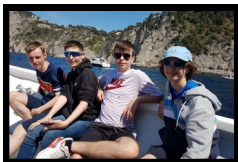
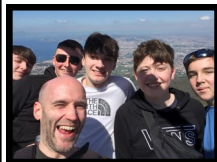
Marathon Man

Huge congratulations to Mr Carr of the Maths Department on finishing 800th of 42,500 at the London Marathon in a time of 2 hours 46 minutes 26 seconds (a PB by 10 minutes). An incredible achievement.



Bella Italia

At the beginning of May 30 S3 pupils enjoyed a fabulous trip to Italy organised by Miss Kelly of the Geography Department. The pupils were able to see the ancient ruins of the city of Pompeii, climb Mount Vesuvius—an active volcano, and visit the glamorous island of Capri. The favourite activity though was a lesson in pizza making from a Neapolitan chef, Naples being the place where pizza originated. A great trip enjoyed by all with special thanks to Miss Kelly and all the staff involved in the organisation.



On the Eve of Something Great

Congratulations to Eve Bell (S5) who has won a place at the prestigious Kings College, London Summer School for Pharmacy via the Sutton Trust. In addition Eve has also been accepted for a research placement at Glasgow University.



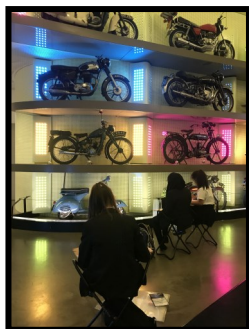
Literacy for All

Mr Panayotakis our school librarian has been busy this month promoting Literacy for All through a scholastic book fair. Pupils were able to choose from a wide range of titles relevant to their favoured genre and reading targets. Some of the titles available also tied in with the school's Mental Health Week initiative.



Art Visit

S1—S3 Art & Design pupils visited the Riverside Museum this month to take part in the annual Glasgow Museums Art Competition. They produced some excellent pieces of work. Judging takes place in June



DYW @ The QuEH

A number of Eastwood's S3 pupils aspiring to careers in medicine enjoyed a day at the Queen Elizabeth hospital on 28th May. Accompanied by Miss McGeough the pupils had the opportunity to learn all about being a doctor and all the different careers related to medicine in a large modern hospital. They even got a behind the scenes tour of the hospital.



Kilt Walkers

Well done to Hannah Mitchell (S1) on completing the "Kilt Walk" raising money for "Motor Neuron Disease". Katie Harvey (S2) also completed the walk with her mum and sister raising £500 for "Calum's Cabin" a respite charity based on Bute



Mental Health Fund Raising

During Mental Health Week there was a "Dress to De-stress" day held on Friday 17th May. £411.85 was raised on the day in aid of RAMH (Recovery Against Mental Health). The ubiquitous Ted even got in on the act!

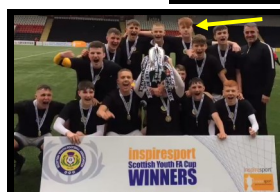


Sports News

The football season drew to a close with silverware for the U18 boys. In an exciting final of the Renfrewshire & District Europa League the seniors (coached by Mr Brown) defeated St Benedicts HS 3-2 in the final held at Port Glasgow. Man of the match was John Cumming (S5) scoring all three Eastwood goals. Also in football congratulations to three Eastwood pupils (John Cumming S5, Luke Gillies S4 and Fraser Lipp S4) who won the Scottish Cups at U17 and U16 levels respectively with their teams Glenvale FC and Giffnock SC. Finally congratulations to Chloe Colquhoun (S3) on being called into the Scotland U16 selection camp.



Congratulations to the boys junior basketball team who this month won the West District Regional Championships. The boys qualified for the event following their victorious 4/4 record at the East Renfrewshire Secondary Games. Talking of which Eastwood High came a very creditable 3rd overall in the multi sport East Renfrewshire Games - with particularly strong performances in rugby, basketball and table tennis.



The rugby season has continued into May this year mainly through the secondary games mentioned above. However there have been some additional fixtures this month. Well done to our S1/2 boys rugby team - 24 of our boys played against Bocclair winning 20-15. Our U14 boys' rugby were beaten by Lenzie Academy, after a very tight first half, the visitors came away with a 38-21 win. On the same evening the



S1 boys' rugby team played an enthralling match beating Lenzie 57-45. Our U13 rugby girls had their first ever match as a group and had a really good game losing 8 tries to 4 against Shawlands Academy. Finally our Scottish Cup semi finalists, the U15 rugby girls, had a cracking match losing 10 tries to 8 against Scottish

Champions Shawlands Academy. In netball well done to the S2 and S3 teams who each won the bronze medals at the recent St Ninians HS Summer Netball Tournament for East Renfrewshire schools. Also well done and congratulations to Amy McVitie (S5) who along with her Scotstoun Storm team won the Scottish U17 Cup final in Aber-



deen 49-27 earlier in the month.

In Athletics well done to our newly crowned sports champions following the school sports held this month :-

S1

1st - Eilidh Hunter

2nd - Rhona Brown

3rd - Eilis MacSween/Ruby Small Ross Bradford

Chris Rae

Oliver McKendrick

Caitlin Smillie

Melissa Burningham

Olivia Bryers/Keira Ratter

S2

Max Bannerman

Jack Tuck

Kacper Kielban

S3

Daniella Takon

Libby Young

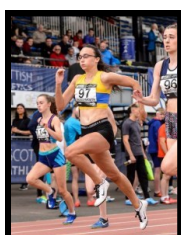
Kiera Welsh

Jack Sinclair

Nathan Pugh

Ayaan Ali/Joshua Carmichael

Also in Athletics well done to Alyson Bell (S4) on winning the West District U17 100m & 200m titles at the finals held in Kilmarnock on 12th May. A number of Eastwood pupils also recorded strong performances and personal bests at the West District finals.



Finally huge congratulations to Leigh Edgar (S5) on winning Bronze for "Sparring" (losing to the eventual winner in the semi finals) and Silver for "Patterns" and the recent Scottish Tae Kwon Do Championships. Please take note in the picture of the 2nd Dan black belt !

