

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

- 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

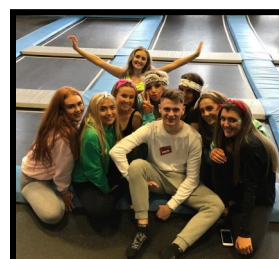
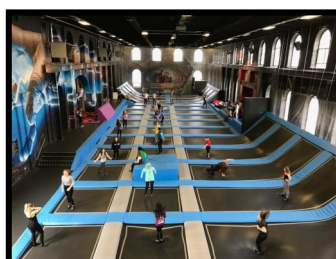
During the Easter holidays Eastwood HS again hosted a well attended Easter School with classes being run in the vast majority of subject areas. We are currently running Supported Study after school and on weekends in many subject areas to supplement pupils' learning. It is vitally important that all S4, S5 and S6 pupils "PREPARE, PRACTICE and PERFORM" over the next 5 weeks. I know that I can count on parental support to ensure that everyone in S4—S6 is studying at least 4 hours per day from now until the SQA exams are over. **IT IS TOUGH BUT WELL WORTH IT IN THE LONG TERM.**

On another front I would like to take this opportunity to seek parental support looking ahead to next term. I'm sure that you will agree that 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 important 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 around £420 per child to recipients as well as exempting them from Easter School payments etc.

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S6 RYZE To The Occasion

It is at this time of year that we say farewell to our S6 as they leave to sit SQA exams. As ever the seniors enjoyed their last day with a trip to RYZE indoor trampoline park on the afternoon of 18th April. Huge thanks to Miss Barr and her intrepid staff team who joined in the fun. We wish S6 all the best for the future.



Rewards Day

As a reward to S1—S4 pupils who achieved their targets in attendance, latecoming, behaviour and effort over terms 1, 2 and 3 inflatables were brought in to school on Wednesday 27th of March. Each year group enjoyed a period of mayhem and fun in the PE Games Hall leaving exhausted at the end. Thank you to Mr Williams and the Sports Leaders for organising the event.



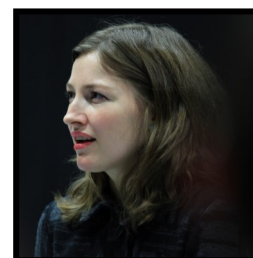
Head Boy & Head Girl Awards

Head Boy, Jamie Dougall, and Head Girl, Megan McBride, travelled to Eastwood House on 17th April, along with all the heads from other schools to be presented with their awards for service. This is an annual award given out by East Renfrewshire Council in recognition of the service given by senior pupil leaders.



Kelly Remembers Eastwood High in an Interview

Following her recent acclaimed starring role in "The Victim" on BBC television former pupil Kelly Macdonald was interviewed by the Observer on Sunday newspaper. As you can see she was asked about the Eastwood High Drama Studio named after her and talked of the time that she returned to the school to work with Drama students sitting Higher and Advanced Higher Drama.



How did you feel when your old school, Eastwood high in East Renfrewshire, named its theatre and drama centre after you?
Really honoured. They didn't have anything like that in my day, so it's great they do now. I got to pull a little rope at the opening and talk to the drama students.

Dance Successes

Congratulations to Cameron Rae and Maja Cameron (Both S3) who have recently been awarded their Grade 5 Royal Academy of Dance ballet exam. This is a great achievement as it is the equivalent of gaining an SQA National 5 qualification achieved in S3



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All 850 S1-S6 pupils in Eastwood High have now participated in first aid training offered in partnership with the Red Cross. Mrs Rorison organised this training as an integral part of the Personal, Social & Health Education courses that pupils all study.



Animal Magic

Congratulations to Zoe Jamieson (S6) who has been successful in gaining a place at Edinburgh Zoo's Science Summer School. Zoe's aim is to become a Vet and being successful in winning a place on this course will benefit her application.



Rotary Youth Leaders

Well done to Sophie Jack (S5) and Connor Armstrong (S3) who have been chosen to represent East Renfrewshire on the Rotary Youth Leadership Award course taking place over the summer.



Charity Football Matches

Well done everyone involved, either organising or playing the S6 v S5 Charity Football match held on 27th of March. The closely fought match ended 3 - 1 to S6 but more importantly raised £388.00 for the School Charity " Beautiful Inside & Out". Similarly the annual staff v U18 football match was held after school on Monday 15th April as a warm up for the U18s cup final against St Benedicts HS on 10th May. Clearly the U18s have some improvement required as they lost 2- 0.



Salter Science Stars

Well done Amina Khan, Cara Shields, Torin Butler and Harris Lovatt (All S1) who won 3rd prize at the prestigious University of Glasgow Salters Institute Festival of Chemistry. The team, accompanied by Miss Barrie completed their assignments and experimental challenges very well to beat off competition from schools all over the West of Scotland.



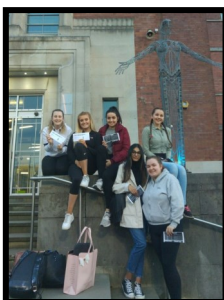
S3 Developing the Young Workforce Day

This session's S3 DYW Day took place on Tuesday 23rd of April. This year Miss McGeough and Miss Kelly organised the event in partnership with Barclays Life Skills. The event focussed on developing team work and leadership skills.



Advanced Higher Drama Trip

On Friday 29th of March, Mrs Lynch, Miss Darroch, Miss Workman and the Advanced Higher Drama students attended a performance of "Interference" performed by the National Theatre of Scotland in the City Park Building in Glasgow. The S6 pupils even got a chance to discuss the performance with the actors after the show.



Top Guides

Congratulations to Cameron Rae, Eilidh Mitchell, El-lie Delahunt and Katie Grant (All S3) on achieving their Guiding "Baden Powell Award" . This is the top award in Guides and the girls had to undertake a number of challenges in different areas over years to achieve the award.



Inspirational

Congratulations to our very own Miss Boyle who has reached the finals of the "We Are East Renfrewshire" Awards for staff in not just one category but two !! She is nominated in the "Going the Extra Mile" category and for the "Leader of the Year". The results will be announced at an Awards Ceremony in Eastwood House in June.



Adventurers

On Friday 26th of April the S2 Adventure Service Challenge class undertook a sponsored walk up Conic Hill near Loch Lomond. The class decided to raise money for this year's school charity "Beautiful Inside & Out"



Striking A Chord

Fantastic piece of work from Ian Aird (S6) and Mr Campbell (Technical Technician). An outstanding example of technicians working in partnership with pupils - leading their learning. "Operation Electric Guitar" is now complete! Next step for Ian is to take up his place on an HND course in building & repairing stringed instruments at Glasgow Clyde College.



Sports News

The football season is drawing to a close for the Eastwood Teams. The U13s finished their season with a 2-1 last minute defeat by league winners Gleniffer HS (Adam Farron the Eastwood scorer) and a 1-4 victory away against St Ninians HS (Ewan Doig 2, Oliver Mckendrick and Adam Farron the scorers). These results meant a good 3rd place finish in the league. Also in football well done to the U15 girls who represented the school in the regional finals of the cashback 7s. The girls played well but failed to progress from the group stages.

April has also seen the climax of the school rugby season. Good performances from our S1/2 rugby boys saw them winning 65-45 against Dalziel HS and 50-15 against Stonelaw HS. The U15s also had a rousing conclusion to their league season with a 55-37 win over Stonelaw HS. At the same time the S1/2 Girls rugby had a convincing win over the same opponents. On 27th April Eastwood Rugby played in the final of the Glasgow Warriors Championships at Scotstoun Stadium for the first time. The competition combined the results of the S1 Boys, S2 Boys and U15 Girls from 3 matches played over a day—brilliant performances from all three teams however despite our best efforts we were defeated by Wallace HS, Stirling in the final.

Wednesday 17th of April saw the creation of a new tradition for the Eastwood Volleyball Club - The

"Eastwood Volleyball Club Spring Tournament". The aim of the tournament is to encourage local secondary schools to get involved in developing volleyball through healthy competition. The event was an outstanding success. Directed by the flawless organisation of Miss Workman and Mr Panayotakis and supported by the PE department it resulted in 8 teams varying from S1-S6 playing volleyball. The event was very well received by players and was supported by the Scottish Volleyball Association through the presence of regional development officer, Andy Fleming, who kindly helped run the event. In addition congratulations to Mr Panayotakis who coached both Stirling University mens' and womens' volleyball teams to winning their respective Scottish Championships this year.

In netball well done to Amy McVitie (S5) who along with her Sirens U17 Team travelled to Aberdeen to win their Semi final of the Scottish Youth Cup 89-21. On to the final also to be held in Aberdeen.

Kate Richardson and Clare Wallace (both S5) have also been enjoying success at national level in duathlon, cycling and aquathlon. On 7th April Kate took the silver medal in the British Duathlon Championships held in Bedford. She then followed that up the next weekend in the Scottish Cycling National Road Race Championships taking bronze in the Juniors event and 6th overall in the womens' race!. Congratulations to Clare however who was crowned Scottish Champion in the S5/6 Scottish Schools Girls Aquathlon held on 27th of April, fantastic effort.

Finally in Athletics congratulations to Alyson Bell (S4) on being selected for the Team Scotland National 100m Relay Programme.

