

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

15th & 16th Aug. - Inservice days
 19th Aug - Pupils return @ 8.45
 27th Aug. - S1 & S4 Photos
 27th & 30th Sept. - Holidays
 3rd Oct. - Young Musician of the Year
 10th Oct. - S1 Parents Evening
 14th - 18th Oct. Holidays
 21st Oct. - Inservice Day
 22nd Oct. - Pupils Return 8.45
 24th Oct. - Careers Fair
 7th Nov. - P7 Open Evening
 19th Nov. - S3 Parents Evening
 25th Nov. - S4 Prelims Begin
 10th Dec. - Christmas Concert
 17th Dec. - Junior Dance
 19th Dec. - Senior Dance
 20th Dec. - School Closes
 2.30pm for holidays

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Dear Parent

We have come to the end of another very busy session for Eastwood HS and as usual the last few weeks have been full of activities for the pupils to enjoy. We have had our annual Awards Ceremony, Sports Awards Dinner, S6 Graduation and numerous school trips amongst many other things.

It is at this time of year when we have to say goodbye to staff leaving the school for pastures new or into retirement. I would personally like to thank all the probationary teachers who will be leaving us at the end of their year's placement - there are too many to mention but they have all made an invaluable contribution this session. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them well for the future. Our best wishes also go to Mr Derek Griffin, Mrs Marion Williamson, Mrs Angelina Paterson, Mrs Fiona Cameron, Mrs Marion Dyet, Mr John McIntosh, Mrs Katie McKean, Mrs Gordon Lees and Mrs Margaret Kennedy who will be retiring at the summer. We wish all of them a long and happy retirement. In addition Mrs Hazel-Anne Smith will be leaving us to take up a new post in Queen Margaret Academy in Ayr, we also wish her all the best.

As ever during the summer holidays I will contact parents via the summer mail-shot. This communication contains important information on numerous topics including school uniform for next session. As ever I ask for parents' support in ensuring the highest standards of school uniform in the new session.

Finally the school will finish for the summer holidays at 1pm on Thursday 27th of June. School lunches will be available from 12.20. The Neilston, Uplawmoor and farms transport operators have agreed to pick up pupils at Neilston Station at 1pm. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, pupils and parents a great summer holiday.

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TV Star

On 7th June Chloe Colquhoun (S4) was interviewed on BBC Breakfast by John Maguire as part of a piece on the Women's Football World Cup. Chloe, a Scottish Internationalist at U16, plays for Glasgow City.



Piping Hot

Congratulations to Harrison Bishop (S2) on his gold medal in the 12-15yrs Strathspey & Reel category at the Glasgow Provincial Mod. An excellent achievement against strong competition from all over Scotland



France Watersports Trip

This month forty S2 pupils took part in a watersports trip to France. The first three days involved descending the Ardeche Gorge in two person canoes surrounded by stunning scenery. As can be seen from the photographs the weather was spectacular and everyone on the trip had a great time. After a much needed rest day in Avignon the pupils and staff headed to the Mediterranean at Mimosa for more enjoyable watersports - The "banana boat" being the clear favourite. The trip was again a resounding success with the instructors at both centres complimenting the pupils on their behaviour and attitude.

Thanks also from the pupils to all the staff involved in running such an enjoyable but exhausting trip.



Royal Highland Show Visit

On Thursday 20th June thirty new S5 pupils attended the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston. The interdisciplinary trip was organised jointly by Business Education and Health & Food Technology to enhance pupils' understanding of the marketing behind one of Scotland's biggest export industries—food and drink.



Out Of This World

Well done to all the Eastwood High S4 pupils who took part in the Mission Discovery Challenge run by the University of the West of Scotland in partnership with NASA. As well as meeting astronaut Dr Michael Foale pupils from schools all over the west of Scotland were allocated to teams and challenged to devise an experiment for the International Space Station. Maryam Khan (new S4) was in the winning team, the Interstellar Intellectuals, and their experiment will be tested out by NASA astronauts on the International Space Station. The experiment explores whether artificially increasing root pressure will improve plant growth on the International Space Station, something which is compromised in microgravity. The experiment has the potential to make a significant impact on future crop production in space.



Careers Evening

Parents

We need

YOU!



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.

Young Voices Supporting Health & Well Being

Well done to Lucy Connelly and Sarah O'Neill (both new S6) who represented Eastwood High at the Scottish Health Council East Renfrewshire Young Voices event on 10th June



E=MC²

A number of new S5 Physics students, accompanied by Mrs McIlhargey, Mr Hamilton and Mr Sergeant, visited the CERN Scientific Research facility in Geneva, Switzerland, this month. The group were able to visit the Large Hadron Collider and talk to scientists collecting data on gravitational waves. This will help with their Higher Physics studies. The trip was also able to visit the old city of Geneva as well as soak up the sunshine in the lakeside parks with spectacular views of the famous Jet d'Eau fountain.



Kelvingrove Art Competition

Following their visit to the Riverside Museum last month a number of pupils have been recognised in this prestigious competition. They all produced some excellent pieces of work.

Highly Commended - Addison Linden (S2)

Commended - Harris Lovatt,

Miles Hampton (both S1) &

Jessica Anderson (S3)

Gold- Lauren Sanders (S3)

Bronze - Eva Walker (S1)



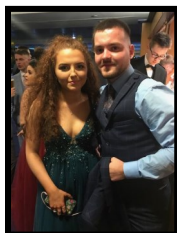
A Stitch In Time

Miss Hanvidge and the S5/6 Fashion & Fabric Technology class attended a workshop run by Dumfries House in East Ayrshire this month. The purpose of the visit was to undertake sewing skills workshops relevant to their National 5 and Higher courses.



Graduation Ball

Thursday 20th of June saw the social highlight of the year - The S6 Graduation Ceremony and Ball. As ever it was a night of glitz and glamour and a fantastic evening was had by all. This year the Ball returned to Hampden Park and the pictures opposite give a flavour of the evening. There really were some stunning dresses on show.



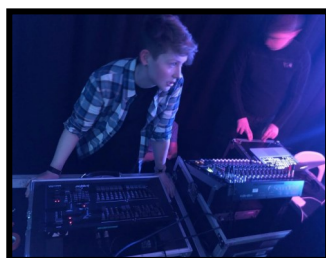
Islamic Relief

Well done to our S1 who helped raise nearly £300 for Islamic Relief. They organised a cake sale at the end of Ramadan at the beginning of June.



Technically Theatre

Congratulations to Jamie McDonnell on this month successfully completing a course on Technical Theatre run by The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Jamie has been attending at weekends all year.



Passing On Wisdom

Well done to the S3 personal development class who this month delivered a nutrition lesson to P4 pupils in Crookfur PS. The lesson included making a "Healthy Wrap"



Sports Awards

The annual Sports Awards Dinner was held in the new Games Hall on 6th June. Over 250 pupils in attendance. The Team of the Year winners were the U15 Girls Rugby with Duncarnock winning the House Cup.



Happy Band

Well done and a huge thank you to the senior pupil musicians who stepped in at the last minute to help the Whitecraigs Care Home when the booked band called off from their MacMillan Cancer fund raising event. In addition well done to Abby McGregor (S1) on achieving her Grade 1 violin with merit.



Sports News

As ever June has been a very busy month in Athletics. At the Scottish Schools Athletics Championships congratulations to Alyson Bell (S4) on winning gold in the 100m & 200m, Helen Chong (S4) silver in the 1500m steeplechase, Clare Wallace (S5) Bronze in the 1500m and Eva Chong (S3) 6th in the 1500m. In addition the S3 Girls 4 x 100m relay team (Alyson Bell, Libby Young, Kiera Welsh and Lois Hood) agonisingly came 4th just missing out on a medal. In the East Renfrewshire Sports Championships held at Linwood Sports Centre. The best performances were as follows :-



S3

S2

S1

GOLD Eva Chong, 1500m

Abigail Grierson, Shot
Luke Stewart, Shot

SILVER Libby Young 100m, 200m
Kiera Welsh 800m

Max Bannerman 100m, 200m, relay
Matthew Shields, 800m & relay
Ethan Cowles, relay
Greig Allen, relay

Sopan Acharya, Shot
Eilidh Hunter, 100m

BRONZE Libby Young, relay
Daniella Takon, 300m & relay
Kiera Welsh, relay
Lois Hood, long jump
Abbie McQuat, relay

Eilidh Hunter, long jump & relay
Rhona Brown relay
Eva Walker, relay
Eilis MacSween, relay

In addition to the above the following pupils won medals whilst competing for East Renfrewshire at the inter-district sports - **Golds** ; Max Bannerman (relay), Sopan Acharya (Shot), Libby Young (relay) and Eva Chong (1500m) **Silvers**; Eilidh Hunter (100m & relay), Luke Stewart (shot), Abigail Grierson (shot), & **Bronzes**; Libby Young (100m & 200m).

In Netball congratulations to Amy McVitie (S5) on being selected for the Scotland U21 netball squad. This is an utterly remarkable achievement considering Amy is still only 16 !

Now a new sport to these pages - Beach Volleyball. Bolstered by the presence of Scotland U17 international Amelia Bain (S5) the Eastwood Volleyball team ventured to Ayr for the Scottish Volleyball Ayr Beach Tournament. Although acquitting themselves well the team did not make it to the finals. A nice day but the weather was not exactly Copacabana !

Finally a huge well done to Clare Wallace (S5) and Lauren Chalmers (S3) on winning silver and bronze at the recent East District Open Water Swimming Championships held at Loch Leven. They followed this up with bronze and gold in their respective REN96 relay teams.

