

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

October 2019



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

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
 6th Jan - School Returns 8.45am
 9th Jan - S5/6 Parents Evening
 15th Jan - S2 Parents Evening
 20th Jan - S5/6 Prelims Begin
 29th Jan - S4 Parents Evening
 7th Feb - Inservice Day
 10th & 11th Feb - Holidays
 12th Feb - Inservice Day
 10th March - Health & Well
 Being Evening

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Dear Parent

As autumn turns into winter can I remind parents and pupils that school scarves and hats are available as part of school uniform on sale via the school shop on the school website (purchased items collected from the school office). The prices are £12.00 for the scarves, £7.00 for the knitted hats and £9.99 for the splendid "Russian Style" fur hat for boys and girls.

November is a key month for all senior pupils S4- S6 as we approach prelims and coursework deadlines. For Higher pupils November can be a make or break month in pursuit of their SQA results. It is the only full month in the school year with no holidays and it falls at a crucial time in the courses, about 40% of the way through. To support pupils there is an extensive supported study programme running (details on the website) and the importance of consolidating what has been learned in class at home ie. through putting in past paper practice, has been stressed to all senior pupils. It is important that S5/6 pupils use November to change things they currently can't do into things they can - this can only be achieved by talking with their teachers about what they need sorted out. All of the above also holds true for **S4 but with much greater urgency**. As this Newsletter is issued there are only 15 school days left before the prelims begin. The hard graft and revision must start now if it has not already started. As the school motto says "We Flourish Through Hard Work", pupils must not leave things too late.

S. Maxwell

Miss Football

Congratulations to Miss Boyle on being the first woman in Scotland awarded the 20 year "Contribution to Scottish Schools' Football Award" by the Scottish Schools' Football Association. This award has been in existence since the 1960s! Miss Boyle was responsible for starting girls football in Eastwood High back in 2000 and is now also involved with the SSFA at Regional Level.



Refugees

Well done to the S6 Modern Studies class who collected over 370 donations for the Refugee Organisation as part of their studies into poverty and social inequalities. This is one of the largest donations ever received by Refugee and consequently the class' efforts were recognised in the organisation's newsletter.



First Responders

Uplawmoor and Neilston Community Responders from the Scottish Ambulance Service have been in school delivering training on what to do in a life threatening emergency. They have visited all S6 Life Skills classes to give pupils hands on practise of undertaking CPR and using a defibrillator.



Young Musician and Singer of the Year

On 3rd October Eastwood High School held its sixth annual "Young Musician of the Year" competition. The competition encompasses senior and junior categories for Young Musician and Young Singer of the year. This year again the standard was incredibly high with all the musicians and singers performing very well in front of a large and appreciative audience. The overall winner was singer Amy Murphy (S4) with the other results as follows:-



Junior Category

Young Musician winner	Thomas Lappin (S1)
Young Musician runner-up	Christopher Rae (S2)
Young Singer winner	Morven Edwards (S1)
Young Singer runner-up	Morwen Weir (S1)

Senior Category

Young Musician winner	Melody Nehme (S3)
Young Musician runner-up	Laura Thompson (S4)
Young Singer winner	Amy Murphy (S4)
Young Singer runner-up	Chris Young (S6)
Rising Star Award	Lamaya Ogunlesi (S5)

Dreams Come True Weekend

Mr Keogh and a number of pupils from Eastwood High School attended the recent "Dreams Come True" adventure weekend organised by Isobel Mair School at Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre. The senior pupil mentors helped out with the activities and everyone involved had a great time.



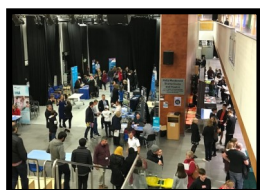
Out and About

You will remember last month the newsletter covered Mr Brannan's S3 English class engaging in some outdoor learning related to their study of "A Kestrel for a Knave" by Barry Hines. Pupils were able to enjoy the wildlife of our school grounds and a number of stunning pictures were entered into an impromptu wildlife photography competition organised by Mr Brannan. Well done to Jodie Keys on her winning entry



Careers Evening

A huge thank you to all the staff, parents, former pupils and simply friends of the school who helped make the DYW Careers Evening on 24th October such a success. It was a very busy evening with pupils and parents being able to make direct links with employers and universities. Well done to Mrs Sinclair and her team for organising



STEM Ambassadors

Three Eastwood High senior pupils (all S6), Jason Robb, Al-harreth Musbahi and Karen King'ori have been selected as East Renfrewshire's STEM ambassadors to work with Education Scotland to organise a regional STEM Conference for pupils.



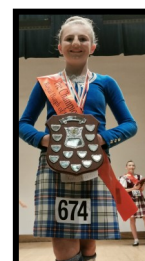
Big Climate Conversation

The Eastwood High Pupil Eco Committee participated in the "Big Climate Conversation" organised by the Scottish Government. This initiative allowed pupils to discuss their views on the global climate emergency and send them direct to the Scottish Government.



Dancing for the Queen

Well done to Enya O'Donnell (S2) who has been busy in Highland Dance competition recently. Enya won a medal at the Scottish Championships held at the Cowal Games and followed that up by winning a "Pre-Championship" event in Forfar. The highlight however was being selected to dance at the Braemar Highland Games in front of the Queen.



Big Breakfast

On 11th October Mrs Ross' S3 personal development class raised £140 for the STV Children's Appeal by hosting a "Big Scottish Breakfast". Great effort by everyone involved.



Spooky

Mrs Miller's Cake Club have been baking some spooky but tasty cakes for Halloween!



Wear It Pink

The staff social committee was able to raise £200 in aid of "Breast Cancer Awareness" by holding a "Wear it Pink" coffee morning during the Inservice day on 21st of October.



Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday the 4th October Eastwood High raised over £400 in support of the charity "Show Racism the Red Card" through a wear it red day. This coincided with October being "Black History Month" in the UK and a range of topics directly related to black history were covered in history classes.



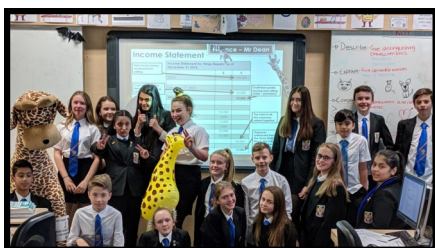
Rights Respecting Schools Assemblies

Aneesa Abbas (S1), Sara Aatif (S1), Sophia Ishmael (S3) & Suhail Mohammed (S3) presented at the first Rights Respecting Schools Assembly of the year. The young people presented on the topic - "A Promise To The World" to the S1 and did a fantastic job.



Making Maths Count Week

Week beginning the 1st October was "Making Maths Count Week" across Scottish Education. As ever Eastwood High participated with a wide range of numeracy related activities featuring in lessons across all subjects within the school.



In Training

On the 7th October Miss Baillie and the Advanced Higher English class visited the Kelvingrove Museum and the Mitchell Library to seek inspiration for their creative writing folio pieces.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to all the S4 and S5 pupils who received their silver and bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards at a ceremony in the Atrium on 25th October



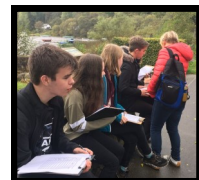
House Captains

Congratulations to the newly elected House Captains for 2019/20. They will lead Auldhouse, Balgray, Capelrig and Duncarnock in various sporting events in pursuit of overall victory in the House Shield.



On the Road

On 7th October the National 5 Geography classes visited Loch Lomond to collect information and data for their National 5 Assignments.



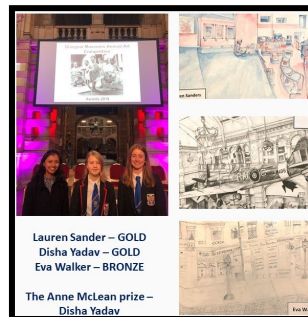
SSPCA Collection

The ECO Committee will once again be running a Christmas Collection for the SSPCA. They are collecting old towels, old blankets and any used but in good condition pet equipment eg. bowls, toys etc. They are also looking for donations of new pet food, pet toys and bedding. Donations should be dropped into Dr Gibson's lab (216) by 13th December.



Kelvingrove Art Competition Winners

Every year the Art & Design Department give 30 pupils the chance to participate in the Kelvingrove Art Competition. This year out of 4500 entries and 50 medals awarded Eastwood pupils won 2 Gold medals (Lauren Sanders, S4 and Disha Yadav, S5) and 1 Bronze medal (Eva Walker, S2). Disha also won the prestigious Anne McLean Award.



Holyrood Visit

On the 2nd October Miss McCafferty and the National 5 Modern Studies class visited the Scottish Parliament to learn about what the Parliament does for us and how we can participate in the democratic process



Active Girls Day

Active girls day on 4th October saw Mrs Kincaid and the PE staff organise a range of activities for all S2 & S3 girls to participate in - including football, zumba, self defence and dance!



Photography Trip

Eastwood High School Higher Art & Design and Higher Photography pupils spent the 9th October at Kelvingrove Museum to see the Linda McCartney Photography Exhibition and to take part in a series of workshops. The pupils participated in Cyanotype experimentation, hand tinting and blind embossing workshops.



University Challenge

Eve Bell (S6) presented at a national science conference at Queens College, University of Cambridge, early in October as part of the Nuffield Project. Eve had to design a poster promoting simple fun science experiments to inspire young minds. Eve secured this opportunity by winning through the Glasgow University event



Sports News

Eastwood High School enjoyed great success at the Scottish Schools Road Race Championships held in Dunfermline on 2nd October. The senior girls team of Clare Wallace, Kate Richardson, Amelia Bain (all S6) and Helen Chong (S5) won silver and in the S1 boys race Calan Chong also took silver. Miss Workman, Mr Panayotakis and the Eastwood Senior Volleyball team had their first outing of the season at the Scottish Schools Volleyball Festival held in Ravenscraig Sports Centre. Despite losing all their matches the team were competitive in all of them—in addition well done to Euan Anderson (S4) on winning the "Spirit of the Tournament" Award

It has been a mixed month for the school football teams with the U16s, U15s and the U14 exiting the Scottish Cup 1-4 to Lenzie Ac, 1-5 to Notre Dame HS (Greenock) and 0-1 to St Andrews Academy respectively. The senior girls also exited the Scottish Cup 6-2 away to Kilmarnock Academy—the highlight being a goal from Pinky Li. The senior boys however have fared better and are through to the 3rd Round of their Scottish Shield winning 3-1 away to Glasgow Academy with goals from Greg Allen, Scott McLachlan and Fraser Lipp. In the league the U13s had a good 5-1 win over St Lukes HS but lost heavily to Williamwood. The U14s lost out narrowly 3-2 away to Williamwood in a cracking game Lewis Wardrop grabbing the goals. The Eastwood Netball teams have had a busy month with excellent starts to their respective Scottish Cup campaigns. Our senior girls won 17-4 against Woodfarm HS and 29-20 against St Ninians HS; whilst the S3 team won 22-4 against Woodfarm, lost 25-39 in a cracking game away to St Ninians HS and drew 19-19 with Williamwood HS. All games are part of the round robin stage.

In basketball the Eastwood junior side enjoyed an excellent 60 - 42 win over Clydebank HS in their first round Scottish tie with excellent performances from Jack Tuck and Kacper Kielban. Well done to the Eastwood High Golf Team (Brandon MacDonald S6; Cameron Percy S6; and Jamie Richmond, S3) who came 3rd overall in the Active Schools East Renfrewshire Golf Championship. Cameron picked up the award for longest drive.

Eastwood Rugby has had a few ups and downs during October. The S1 rugby boys lost heavily to very impressive Lenzie Ac. and Jordanhill School sides. Credit to the boys who learnt a lot, stuck in and played some great offloading rugby at times. The S2s have fared better with wins against both Lenzie 27-24 (tries from Chris Rae 3, Cameron Healy and Marcus Sabba) and Jordanhill School 26-5 (tries from Chris Rae 3 and Oliver McKendrick 1) The U15 rugby boys played their first game of the season suffering defeat to a very good Jordanhill team. U16 boys had a really entertaining match against a very strong Lenzie side. Both teams played some superb rugby and although Eastwood lost 42-19, the score line didn't reflect the balance of play.

Congratulations to Callum Grant (S1) on winning the Forfar Open U14 Curling Competition playing as skip of his team on Saturday 5th October. The competition was open to junior teams from all over Scotland.

The Eastwood Karting Club held the first leg of the school championship this month at Scotkart, Cambuslang. Top performances came from Finlay Gordon (S3), Lewis McNaughton (S4), Scott King (S2) and Annabelle Leitch (S4). Fastest lap times and race positions are added up over the year to decide the overall champion at the end of the year. The next round is on 18th December. Anyone interested in joining should speak to Mrs Ross in Home Economics.

Congratulations to Jack Bothwell (S1) on securing bronze in the pommel and on floor at the UK Disability Gymnastics Championships held in Leicester on 5th October. This was the first time Jack had qualified for the UK event after strong performances in the Scottish Championships. Finally well done to Seanna Davidson (S2) who competed in her first national trampolining competition this month after qualifying for the Scottish National Championships in Perth on the 5th and 6th of October. In the nationals Seanna placed a very creditable 11th in the (NDP 1) category.

