

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

November 2019



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

- 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
- 17th March - EHS Dance Show
- 19th March - E Ren Dance Show
- 1st April - ASN Parents Eve.

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Dear Parent

As we move into December I would like to thank parents again for your continued support in ensuring that all pupils wear full school uniform. The wearing of our uniform is important as it sends out a powerful message that we (pupils, staff and parents) are proud to belong to Eastwood High School and believe in what we are all trying to do. It is part of our identity.

Yet again this December the school will be hosting its annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday 10th. This year the concert will be held in the Games Hall Theatre with tickets costing £5 for adults and £3 for children/concessions. The tickets are available to purchase on the Parent Pay Shop via the school website (Tickets do not have to be collected from the school office as an electronic record of purchase will be kept and checked off at entry). The doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

In addition to the concert this year the Art & Design Department have produced a 2020 calendar featuring the best of artwork and photography created by Eastwood High pupils during this year. These calendars are also now available via the Parent Pay School Shop priced £8 and once ordered can be collected from the school office..

As you will appreciate the school office is a very busy place in a school of 1100 pupils therefore any assistance that parents could give in the following areas would be greatly appreciated

- 1) All medical/dental appointments for pupils should be made in advance , and arrangements made for pupils to meet their parents at the school office at a pre-arranged time. This saves the office staff having to leave their station to collect pupils from class.
- 2) If pupils require water from the water machines they must have their own drinking bottles to fill. The school office do not have a stock of cups anymore
- 3) All monies/vouchers borrowed from the school office in lieu of lost/forgotten "lunch money" must be repaid the following day
- 4) Finally could parents dropping off forgotten PE kit, homework, packed lunches etc. at the school office please alert their children that they have done this. Again it saves the office staff having to leave their station to deliver these items.

Thank you in advance for your support

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Remembrance

On 10th November Robert Brownlie and Lucy Connolly represented the school at the Newton Mearns Remembrance Commemoration, and Rebecca Hickey and Liam Catterson represented the school at the equivalent Neilston event. For the first time this year Eastwood High also participated in the Broom Church Remembrance Event where Amelia Bain and Kieran Killen gave readings and laid a wreath. Within the school itself the tradition where a wreath is placed under the school WW2 memorial by the Head Boy took place following a short service attended by S6 Captains and Vice Captains. The service was conducted by Rev. Brian More of Newton Mearns Baptist Church. During Remembrance week the Social Subjects Department organised an interdisciplinary "Remembrance" topic between History and RMPS for S1 and S2. This was done in partnership with Newton Mearns Baptist Church. Thank you to NMBC for their assistance in setting up the exhibition.



Saltire Award

Congratulations to Ross Cathcart (S5) on being awarded an Ascent Saltire Award this month. This award is in recognition of Ross undertaking over 200 hours of volunteering at the Barnardos shop in Greenlaw Village. Ross started volunteering there as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award in S3 and has remained since - a great effort.



Euphoria

This year's Eastwood High School Young Enterprise team "Euphoria" have been selling their craft products at various school events during November in preparation for the Young Enterprise Trade Fair at Braehead to be held in early December. Euphoria have been making and selling a range of Christmas tree decorations and other craft products.



Children in Need

In a fantastic effort across the school on 15th November £1051.42 was raised for the BBC Children in Need Charity Appeal. As well as a "Wear Something Yellow Day" various well attended events took place throughout the day.



Book Worms

Well done to the Eastwood HS S6 library ambassadors who, along with school librarian Mr Panayotakis, visited Crookfur Nursery to engage in some storytelling activities on 21st November. This was part of Book Week Scotland.



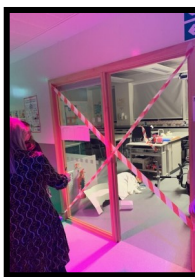
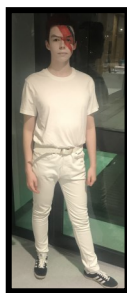
Rights Assembly

Our S2s led an assembly for their peers today. The focus was "When Rights Are Denied - A UK Case Study". Well done to Amina Khan, Alisha Gattu and Marcus Sabba for presenting on behalf of our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors.



Halloween Ball

One of the highlights of the school social calendar took place on Thursday 31st of October - the senior pupils' Charity Halloween Costume Ball. As ever the costumes were fantastic and in some cases genuinely scary! Over £500.00 was raised for this year's school charity - Glasgow City Mission. In addition there was a "Scary Eastwood" escape room event held for S6 on Tuesday 29th October.



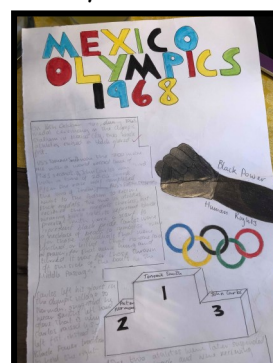
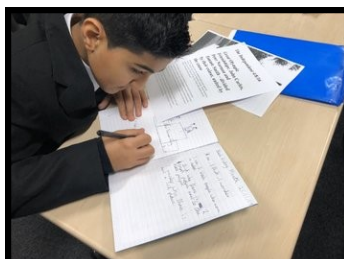
Islamic Relief

Well done to Aliyah Gondal (S6) and her team of helpers for raising £576.89 for Islamic Relief this month. Aliyah organised a number of in school events—including a delicious bake sale.



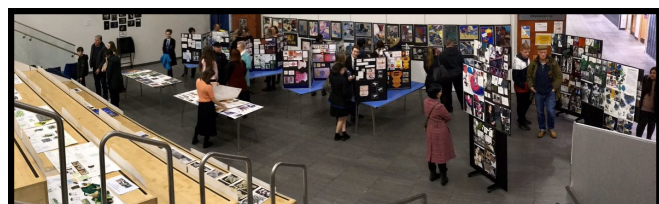
Black History Month

October was "Black History Month" across the world. To recognise and respect this Mrs Bell and her S1 historians produced excellent projects around the story of the 1968 200m medal ceremony. Their work looked at the roles played by John Carlos, Tommie Smith and Australian Peter Norman, and how they were treated after the podium protest. S4 historians undertook a creative competition with the winners being Jessica Anderson, Holland Bogan, Eva Chong, Isabel Jardine and Cameron Rae.



Eastwood Art Exhibition

Thursday 14th of November saw the Eastwood High School Art Exhibition taking place in the Atrium. Thank you to everyone who attended, and those who did were rewarded with some truly outstanding pieces of work on show.



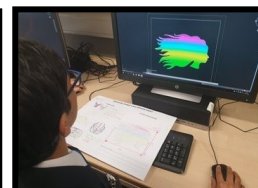
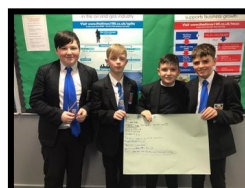
Dragons Roar

Congratulations to Carly Richmond, Craig McIntyre and Beth Allan (All S3) who won 'Best Presentation' at the Silverburn Dragons' Den Competition for local schools. The event was held at the Silverburn Shopping Centre on 6th November and was judged by senior managers from Silverburn.



Digital Day

12th of November saw various activities taking place to mark UK wide BIMA Digital Day. Thanks go to Rob Catterson and Rachel McCallion from "Brand Scotland" who set the S2 pupils numerous challenges. Thanks also go to Ms Dallas for organising the day. In addition Miss Mears' S3 pupils have been undertaking a real life digital assignment to create a new logo for a Barrhead based charity.



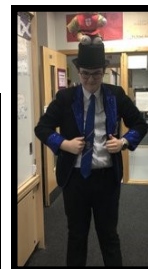
Youth Services Awards

Well done to the many Eastwood HS pupils who attended the recent East Renfrewshire Youth Services Awards Ceremony to pick up awards. The event took place at Carmichael Hall to honour young people for their service to various community organisations and was run by our Community Learning Development partners.



P7 Open Evening

A very successful open evening for P7 pupils and their parents was held on Thursday 7th November. This was the best attended open evening we have staged. Thank you to everyone who came along.



Sports News

As ever November has been a very busy month for Eastwood sports. Firstly at the World Junior Tae Kwon Do Championships held in Motherwell on 2nd November Ross Campbell (S5) won 3 Gold and a Bronze in various competitions and categories, whilst brother and sister Tony (S3) and Pinky (S2) Li won 2 golds and a Bronze in their age and categories.

The Eastwood Swim Team had a very successful meet at the recent Renfrewshire Swimming heats for entry to the Scottish Schools Championships on 25th January 2020. Clare Wallace (S6) won Gold in the O17 200m and 400m Freestyle; Lauren Chalmers (S4) Gold in 15/16 400m IM and 15/16 200m Freestyle; Esther Jamieson (S4) Silver 15/16 100m Freestyle and Bronze 15/16 200m Freestyle; Holly Millar (S2) Bronze in both the 13/14 200m and 100m Backstroke; Hazel King (S1) Silver in the 13/14 100m Freestyle and Carys Mooney (S1) Bronze in the 13/14 400m Freestyle. Ruby Sanders (S1) and Lauren Carragher (S2) also took part but just missed out on medals.

It has been a mixed month for the Eastwood High's football teams however there have been some notable achievements for individual players. Niamh Gorman (S5) won the Glasgow City U17 "Most Improved Player" award at the end of their season. Niamh, along with Maja Paszenda (S5) was part of the Glasgow City U17 league and cup winning double team. Well done to Greig Allen (S3) who continues to represent Heart of Midlothian at U15 (as captain), U16 and even U18 level - remarkable as he is still 14! On the pitch our U14s won their first game of the season 3-0 against Barrhead HS in the league (an Oliver McKendrick hat-trick) and our senior girls performed well in the 2nd round of the East Renfrewshire league defeating Williamwood HS before losing out narrowly 1-3 against St Ninians HS. Both our S1 boys and senior boys were knocked out of their Scottish Cups against Bocclair Ac. And St Lukes HS respectively. Well done to the boys Junior Basketball team who defeated St Ninians HS 44-30, Stewarton Academy 52-20 and Gryffe HS 48-28 to progress to the next round of the Scottish Cup - qualifying as runners-up to Park Mains HS in the group stage.

In rugby all of the Eastwood teams have been in action this month. On 6th November Eastwood hosted 3 teams from Oban HS. The games were tight (well two of them were!) the S1s losing 38-42, the S2s 14-60 and the U16s 17-27 in the pool stage of the Scottish Quaich. On 13th November Shawlands Academy were the visitors to Whitecraigs. The S1 girls lost their fixture by 2 tries but played some good rugby. The S2 girls however scored a terrific win in an exciting end to end game whilst the S1 boys lost out narrowly 34-40 again in an exciting match. In addition to this the S1 boys, S2 boys and U16 boys all won their fixtures against St Andrews HS at Whitecraigs on 21st November. It was an important win for the U16s 41-25 as that game was in the pool stages of the Scottish Quaich.

Finally, in netball, congratulations to Ava Thorpe (S3) on being awarded coach's player of the match award in the St Cadocs Hawks Netball U15 win against Maryhill earlier this month.

