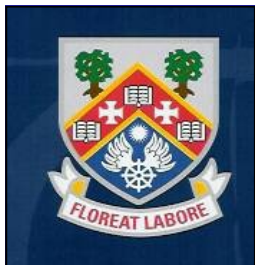


EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

December 2019



Important Dates.

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.
 3rd April - School closes 2.30
 6th - 17th April - Holidays
 20th April - School returns 8.45
 27th April - SQA exams begin
 7th May - Inservice Day
 8th May - Holiday

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Dear Parent

We have again reached the end of a very busy year for the school and, as ever, the pace seems to quicken through December with a wide range of activities taking place in the school. This newsletter is a great example of this and I'm sure you will agree a fantastic way to celebrate the wider achievement of our pupils and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the S5/6 Parents Evening on Thursday 9th of January and alert all senior pupils to the fact that the S5/6 prelims start on Monday the 20th of January—a mere 10 school days after we return from the holidays!

Finally, the school will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th of December at 2.30pm and resume at 8.45am on Monday 6th of January. It only remains for me to wish all parents, pupils and everyone associated with Eastwood High School a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

S Maxwell

SSPCA Christmas Collection

Well done to Dr Lowe, Mrs Taylor-Mackenzie and the ECO Group who, as you can see from the photograph below, handed over a large collection of toys, blankets and food to the SSPCA on Wednesday 18th December. This followed the group's annual Christmas collection in the school throughout the month.



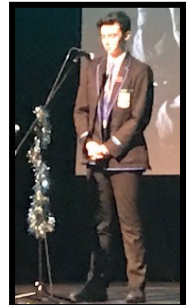
Trussell Trust Christmas Foodbank Collection

During December the house captains have been leading a food drive in aid of the Trussell Trust Food Bank in Barrhead. As an incentive they issued "house points" for each donation which then contributed to the overall House Cup totals. Staff and pupils donated lots for the collection to help those less fortunate than themselves over the festive period.



Christmas Concert

On 10th December the annual Eastwood High School Christmas Concert was held in the Games Hall Theatre for the first time due to increasing demand for tickets. The event was a huge success with performers from S1 - S6 entertaining everyone with a mix of musical items interspersed with some festive favourites.



Making History

The History Department in Eastwood High has embarked on an exciting new partnership with Heritage Scotland. Heritage Scotland rewards pupils' work (in a Scottish context) with Gold, Silver and Bronze awards depending on the number of hours devoted to a project. Mrs Bell's Higher History class volunteered to be the "guinea pigs" by researching the battle of Stirling

Bridge as part of their course supplementing their studies with the creation of models depicting the actual conflict.



"An Afternoon with Santa"

On 12th December Eastwood S6 pupils organised a Christmas party for over 140 senior citizens from the local community. There was lots of festive entertainment with pupils putting on a great show. Special thanks go to Miss Boyle (DHT) and Mrs Mori from Pupil Support for helping the S5/6 to organise the event. Thanks also go to the Music Dept, and all the musicians and singers for the entertainment, Home Economics for the ca-

tering and of course Santa who also made a guest appearance.



Well Being Evening Poster Winner

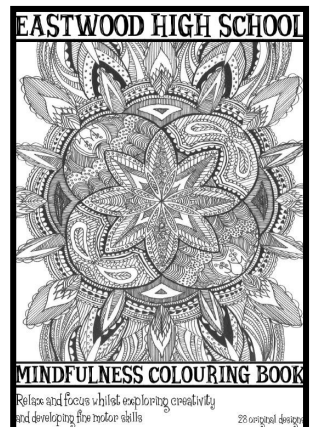
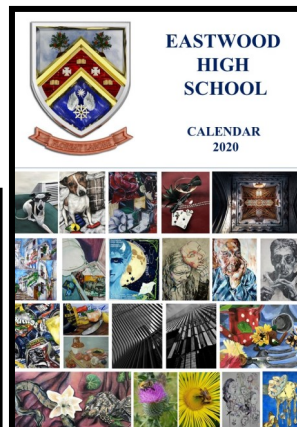
Congratulations to Matthew Tait (S3) who has won the graphic design competition to create the poster to advertise the school's Health and Well Being evening for parents. This event will be held in the school on Tuesday the 10th of March 2020.



Busy Times in Art & Design

December has been an incredibly busy month in Art & Design. Pupils have created two items for sale that are available to buy via the school shop and "Parent Pay". The first is an excellent 2020 calendar highlighting the best of pupils' artwork created during 2019 priced £8 and the second is a "Mindfulness" colouring book designed for use by teenagers and adults priced £10.

Finally congratulations go to Addison Linden, Nicole Harkins and Katie Harvey on winning the competition to design this year's Eastwood High School Christmas cards. These cards will be sent out by the school in the run up to Christmas.



Social Subjects Quiz

On 28 November, four S1 pupils competed against teams from across East Renfrewshire, in a Social Subjects quiz hosted at St. Luke's HS. The pupils - Ethan Bell, Vyom Joshi, Lewis Lawrie, and Jack Scoular - answered questions on History, Geography, Modern Studies, and General Knowledge. While they did not ultimately win, they performed very well, and were able to take home a prize in the bonus game. They won themselves the box of Quality Street held aloft in the photograph. Most impressively, the four then kindly offered sweets to members of the other teams.. They should be very proud! Thanks go to Mr Learoyd for stepping up to be team coach.



Young Enterprise

The Eastwood High Young Enterprise team, Euphoria, took part in the Young Enterprise trade fair held at the Braehead Shopping Centre on 4th December selling their bespoke Christmas tree decorations.. The boys even managed to make it onto the official Young Enterprise Scotland twitter feed being praised for their enthusiastic sales pitch



Merit Winners

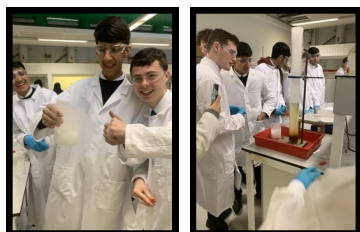
Well done to the following pupils who topped the first term merits points in their respective years.

- S1 : Kyrrah Pugh, Sara Aatif, Honey Knights, Thomas Lappin and Rosalin Ferns
S2 : Amina Khan, Evan Howie, Carys Matheson, Hibbah Aslam & Katelyn Beattie
S3 : Beth Allan, Keira Ratter, Andrew Crombie, Carly Richmond & Caitlin Smillie
S4 : Toby Provan, Jessica Anderson, Kennedy Mitchellson, Aliyyah Waheed and Maryam Khan



Chemistry on the Road

Higher and Advanced Higher Chemistry pupils have been experiencing university level study this month. The Advanced Highers experienced a lecture on "How Chemical Reactions Go" from Heriot-Watt University and the Higher pupils visited the University of Strathclyde Chemistry labs.



Dynamic Earth Visit

As part of their ongoing studies into Earth Forces the S2 geography students followed up their classroom work by visiting Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh on 11th December. There were some fantastic activities that enhanced the pupils' learning including the "magic globe" featured in the picture opposite. Thank you to Miss Kelly and Dr Moran for organising the trip.



Toon Army

On 30th November Mr Mackison and 15 Eastwood pupils travelled to Newcastle, braving the arctic conditions to watch the thrilling 2-2 draw between Newcastle United and Manchester City at St James' Park.



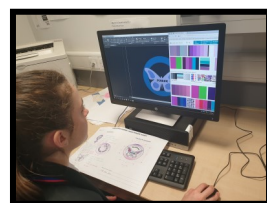
Fashionistas

December has been a very busy month for the pupils studying Fashion and Textile Technology. Firstly the pupils visited Mandors Fabric Store in Glasgow to choose fabric from which they will make their designs into garments. Then the S3-S6 FTT pupils attended workshops at Glasgow Kelvin College related to dyeing of fabric. The highlight of the month however was to be in the front row for the Glasgow Kelvin College Students' Fashion Show



Logo Design Winners

Mrs Mears S3 Graphic Communication class completed their logo design challenge this month. The co-founders of local charity "Freedom's Power" presented the class with a specification and the class had to come up with design ideas. One design from each pupil was chosen to develop electronically and consolidate pupils' 2D CAD skills. The winners were selected. 1st Caitlin, Smillie, 2nd Bilal Shabbir, 3rd Adam Habib.



Health Sector Class

On Friday 29th November our health sector pupils were visited by Dr Rutherford who is an obstetrician/gynaecologist at the Princess Royal Hospital. They got to learn all about his work, his role in the workplace and even got to try on some scrubs.



Christmas Dances

This year's Junior and Senior Dances were a great success with the school's own ceilidh band even performing for part of the Junior Dance. A big thank you as ever to Mr Gibson and the PE staff for organising the events



Oh No Its Not, Oh Yes It Is

Carly Duncan (S1) and Melody Nemhe (S3) have been starring in pantomime in the run up to Christmas. Melody has been in PACE Theatre's production of The Snow Queen whilst Carly has been in GAMTA's Cinderella.



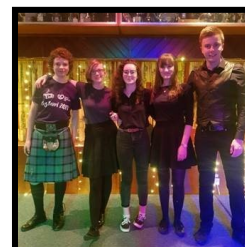
Landscapes in a Box

During this month S1 pupils studying Geography have been producing some really exceptional "landscapes in a box". The brief was that pupils had to build a model of a miniature landscape that they had been studying in class. Models ranged from the Sahara Desert, to rainforests and glaciated mountain ranges.



Ceilidh Band Gigs

It has been a busy month for the Eastwood Ceilidh Band playing at the Cluster Community Ceilidh, the Eastwood HS Junior Dance and helping raise £1000 for the local Pegasus Explorer Scouts' trip to Canada



Sports News

November and December have been very busy for the school football teams. The U13s played two thrilling games against St Ninians HS one in the league and one in the Paisley and District Cup. The boys scored a great 3-2 win in the league (scorers Kayden Jones, Sam McGrory and Harry Brennan), but unfortunately went out of the cup on penalties after a 1-1 draw (Sam McGrory scoring). The S3 Football Team came out 3-1 winners against St Lukes HS after a thrilling league match (Goals: Kacper Kielban x2 and Max Bannerman). This qualifies the boys for the league playoffs. Also in football congratulations to the senior girls team who had a comfortable win in the first round of the Paisley & District Cup against St Andrews HS. Chloe Colquhoun from that team has been selected for the Glasgow City Development Squad and has been training and playing with the 1st team squad.

The Eastwood Gymnastics squad did the school proud at the Scottish Regional Gymnastics heats at Barrhead Foundry on 3rd December. In the team competitions the Level 2 team won Gold, qualifying them for the Scottish Finals in Perth in March, whilst the Level 1 team won bronze. In the individuals Eilidh Robertson (S4) won Gold with Eva Jenks (S4) collecting a bronze in the Level 2 competition.

In Karate congratulations to Humza Ul Haq (S6) on gaining his senior Black Belt. Humza has been taking part in Karate since he was seven and this accolade has taken Humza months in preparation. Congratulations to Mac Thompson (S4) who has been training with Glasgow Warriors Rugby this month after being selected for the Glasgow Thistles (Warriors U16 Development Squad) trip to Perpignan in June.

Finally our netball squads have been engaging in a bit of fundraising as they approach Scottish Cup ties in the new year. These ties can involve a lot of travel with the seniors drawn to play Mackie Academy, Stonehaven in early January. The girls raised a fantastic £236 by organising a bake sale. Mustafa Younis (S2) won the hamper.

