

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

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*Special points of interest:*

### Important Dates

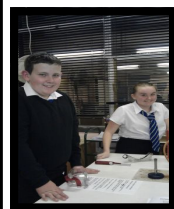
1st November - S1 Parents Evening  
13th November— Matalan Fashion Show 7pm @ Darnley  
16th November - PTA and Parent Council Meetings  
17th & 18th November - S5 Mock Interviews  
2nd December - S2 Challenge for the Future day  
6th December - S4 Prelims begin  
15th December - Junior Dance  
20th December - Senior Dance  
22nd December—School Closes for Christmas Holiday at 2.45  
9th January—School reopens @ 8.45

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### Biology Activities

Former Eastwood High School students Rachel Norman and Emma Staniforth, now in fourth year at University studying Forensics and Zoology came to talk to the Advanced Higher Biology students about their University courses and experiences of University life. Both students were able to answer lots of interesting and challenging questions. Thank you to both girls for coming back to us and sharing their experiences.



S1 pupils Jonothan Neil and Becky Reid are demonstrating how to light a Bunsen Burner to visiting P6/7 pupils and their parents at the Open Evening in September. They also gave a talk about the importance of 'Safety in the Lab' and assisted the visitors as they tried out some science experiments. Thanks also to Rebekah Hemmingsley for helping out.

### Hidden Art

Eastwood High School has 2 very interesting Murals. The Stewart Mural has pride of place in the school situated just outside the Dining Hall and the other, which has been in storage for over 20 years, pictured here on the right, is by Glasgow Artist James Gorman . Dr Jeremy Howard of St. Andrew's University and Dr Catherine Burke of Cambridge University



requested that the mural by Mr Gorman be unveiled as they are undertaking a research project on murals in schools. They came to Eastwood to view the Stewart Mural but were blown away by this other, lesser known, Gorman Mural. Art teachers and pupils took advantage of the good weather to view the Gorman Mural which had to be displayed outside because of its size and weight. Thanks to all members of staff who helped unveil this iconic piece of art.

### Young Engineers Club

Mr Murray and Miss Ballantyne along with the Senior Practical Craft Skills class are here on the left identifying which trees, that are being felled by BAM, should be recycled and used in the Technical Department. Pupils will make Bird and Bat boxes from the wood as well as storing the wood to use in later years. The trees included an oak, a beech, a sycamore and 2 pines. When the new school is finished a greater number of trees will be planted than have been felled and the appearance of the woodland will be little affected.



### Readathon



During September all S2 pupils participated in a sponsored read for CLIC Sargent. This was organised by Miss De'Ath our Librarian. The aims of this event were firstly to encourage S2 to follow on

from their Read to Succeed in S1 and to also raise money for charity. The pupils managed to raise £400 with Kirstie Noble, pictured above, raising £40 herself. Kirstie received a reward for her outstanding work for charity. A big thank you to all pupils and to the English department for their support with this event.

### Geography Fieldtrip

Prior to the October Holidays Mrs Williamson's S4 Geography class set off on a fieldtrip to Loch Lomond. In class pupils were studying glaciation, land use, conflicts and tourism but were able to discover more first hand information for themselves.



Pupils completed a traffic survey, land use maps, filed sketches a questionnaire and much more.

### A Credit to Eastwood

As part of the Social and Vocational Course, students have to organise and take part in a work experience placement. All students enjoyed their experience and received excellent reports from their employers with a few students Malcolm Hinson, Martin Rowe and Graeme Rutherford receiving the headline quote—WELL DONE!

### Glasgow Museums Art Competition Winners—Prizegiving

Kyra Walker and Rebecca Rae both S4 pupils were invited along to the Burrell collection for the Prizegiving Ceremony. This is a very prestigious event and out of over 3000 entries, with only 45 winners across Scottish schools, both Kyra and Rebecca were awarded Bronze and Silver Medals for their drawings. Their work will be displayed in the Burrell Collection until January 2012.



Several other pupils were also awarded commendations for their work: Firdous Mir, Rachel Hughson Gill, Ramandeep Gill, Murray Marrant, Alastair Stables, Holly Rogan and Maham Ibrar. A hugely successful event for Eastwood High School.

### Another Recycling Project

As Eastwood High School endeavours to become more environmentally friendly and obtain our Green Flag Status, we are appealing to parents, pupils and staff for some assistance. Please do not throw away your PRINTER CARTRIDGES. Bring them into school and put them in one of our recycling bins. The main bin is situated in the School Library. Thank you.

### Data Check and Appendix 4/4A Forms

If you have not already done so can you please return your son/daughter's Appendix 4/4A and Data Check. Thank you.

### Singers Wanted for a Community Choir

Neilston Development Trust is preparing to reopen its community-owned facility called The Bank on Saturday 3rd December 2011 in the afternoon. To mark this momentous occasion, they are organising a number of creative events which will involve the people of Neilston and friends in making and sharing in the fun through arts, music and food.

The Trust are looking for all ages and abilities to join with them in these celebrations and in particular, helping them to celebrate through song and a community choir is being put together for the opening of the event. Please contact Laura Carswell at [info@neilstontrust.com](mailto:info@neilstontrust.com) or call 0141 561 1201. Rehearsals will take place at the Bank throughout November.

### Let's Grow Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has been handing in the Let's Grow Vouchers from Morrisons to the Biology Department. We are still collecting them so please keep sending them in.

### Parent Council News

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be at 8pm on Wednesday 16th November.

The next PCTA meeting is scheduled for 7pm on the same night. Discussions will centre around the organisation of next year's Easter Raffle and the Matalan Fashion Show which will have just taken place.