

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

Important Dates

9th January—School reopens @ 8.45am
12th January—S5/6 Parents Night @ 4:30pm
13th January—S2 Report issued
17th January—S3 Enterprise Day
18th January—S2 Options Evening and Parents Night @ 6pm
20th January—S4 Report issued
24th January—S2 Options Day
25th January—PTA/Parent Council Meetings @ 7pm & 8pm
3rd February to 17th February - S5/6 Prelims
3rd February—Deadline for S2 Options Sheets to be returned to school
9th February — school closes @ 3:35pm for February Holiday
15th February—school reopens @ 8:45am
20th February—Deadline for S4 Options Sheets to be returned to school

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S3 Art and Design Christmas Card Competition

The S3 Art pupils were invited to design the official Eastwood High School Christmas Cards. All the entries this year showed real creativity and left us with some tough decisions to make, however our panel of judges led by Mr Maxwell selected Samantha Stewarts' festive entry as the winner! Followed closely by designs from our runners up; Holly McMahon, Natan Pelehacs and Catriona Connelly. We are very proud of all the S3 pupils that took part, very well done and Merry Christmas.



Chefs De Cuisine

BBC Scotland visited Eastwood High to film S1 French pupils making crepes and to interview them with Marie Murigneux, our French Assistant, in the Home Economics Department. The feature was on the work of Foreign Language Assistants and appeared on both **Reporting Scotland** and **Good Morning Scotland**. The pupils spoke very well about their work with Marie and were a credit to the school.

Eastwood Success at East Renfrewshire Mini -trials

11 Eastwood pupils took part in the East Renfrewshire Mini-trials at Paisley Sheriff Court on Saturday 26th Nov. They competed against Woodfarm HS and Mearns Castle HS, prosecuting a criminal case and defending the famous Paisley Snail Case in the civil trial. All pupils put in a huge amount of effort in the lead up to their day in court and all concerned performed superbly. The Sheriffs present praised the pupils for the high quality of their performances, especially the stunning victory in the snail case! The mini trials allowed the pupils to experience the realities of the Scottish legal system. The teams involved were as follows:

Team 1: Gemma Sichi, Jack Wyllie, Charlotte Dunnachie Sophia Shakoor, Junaid Malik
Team 2: Alistair Craig, Matthew Johnstone, Shagufta Bhatti, Marly Anderson, Fraser Collingham and Juanita Cabrera.
Congratulations to the teams involved!



Senior Boy's football team win first league game

The Senior Boys won their first match of the season against Woodfarm HS with a stunning 6 - 2 victory!! Goals from Stephen Wallace (S4) and Aaron Garrott (S5) helped to secure the long awaited victory.

Remembering Auschwitz

The History Department would like to say a huge thank you to S6 pupils Jack Wyllie and Gemma Sichi for taking time out of their own busy schedules to come and talk to the current S2 classes about their recent visit to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Jack and Gemma gave an incredible insight into Auschwitz's history and also what their visit entailed. The classes involved found their talk to be very informative and an excellent way to finish off their 'Democracy and Dictatorship' unit where they have learned about the rise of Hitler and the Nazis and also the Holocaust.

Cricket Club

The cricket club is again booming this year with over 30 pupils involved and we had a "winter" game against Woodfarm S1/S2 pupils which the Eastwood boys won by 30 runs. Pupils from both schools enjoyed it and a rematch will take place soon - snow/wind/rain permitting! Keep up the good work boys!

U14 Football and U16 Football

U14 Football team are halfway through their season and have had a difficult start to the season yet to get off the mark. However so far 25 boys have been involved in this and it is a very enthusiastic group. Results have been improving and they recently pushed a very strong Castlehead team close losing 7-4.

The U16 Football team have only played 4 games so far due to postponements for a number of reasons and have won 2 and lost 2 of their games including an excellent 2-1 win against Williamwood most recently. 21 boys have been involved in this squad already.

Schools Fantasy Football League - Manager of the Month Awards

The Maths Department are taking part in the online School Fantasy Football League, where pupils and teachers can select and manage a team of Premier League footballers and compete against each other for the chance to win trophies, medals and certificates. This gives pupils and teachers the opportunity to challenge each other on their football knowledge but more importantly their maths skills. November Manager of the month winners are:

S1 - Callum Otley & Jonathan Neil, S2 - Logan Walton
S3 - Umair Amin, S4 - Hamadh Zafar (current league leader)
S5 - Marc Young, S6 - Kyle Young and Staff - Mr Higgins
Capelrig are also the leading house in the league.

Modern Studies News

It has been a busy time recently for Miss Riggans' Higher Modern Studies class. On Thursday 24th November, Steven Brady, Commercial Manager with BAM Construction came into school to discuss the impact of the recent economic downturn on the construction industry. This was a very informative session which complimented the Wealth and Health unit the class has been studying. As usual, pupils came along suitably prepared with lots of well informed questions.

Then, on the 29th November, as part of the Devolved Decision Making in Scotland unit, pupils embarked on a field trip to the Scottish Parliament. The class were given lots of information on how Parliament works, a tour of the building and finally a quiz on what they had learned that day. Pupils enjoyed their day and found it very worthwhile.

Basketball

This has been a busy month for Eastwood High's basketball club with all teams competing in local and national leagues and cups.

U15 boys have made a good start to the season this year winning 2 of their Scottish cup matches against Dumfries Academy and Barrhead High School. Senior boys have made excellent progress since the start of the season, only forming as a team for the first time in August and were unlucky in their latest match, losing by only one point to Barrhead HS.

Karate Club Grading Success

Bhavna Mehta and Iain Wroughton achieved their green belts and Rehaan Aatif his yellow belt in Karate recently. This is a tremendous achievement since they are up

against students who train 8 hours a week. Rehaan even had to fight Miss. McGavigan's Dad as a warm up before his grading. Rehaan did very well to block the terrifying attacks! Samantha Blackburn-Turner couldn't make the grading but will definitely double grade in March for her red belt.



U13's Football Results

Eastwood HS 2 - 0 St. Lukes HS
Ronan Gillies scored both goals in what was an exciting game in challenging weather conditions.

S1 CSI Forensic Science Club

As part of the drive to promote Science activities at Eastwood, and to facilitate the transition of P7 pupils from Crookfur PS into S1, Mr Sergeant & Mrs McLearn have been running a CSI Forensics Club after school on Wednesdays for the past 6 weeks. Activities have included fingerprint analysis, chromatography & DNA profiling. Dr Beth Paschke from the University of Glasgow visited the club recently to carry out further forensic analysis with the pupils. The club has been a great success, and if there is sufficient demand the club will start again in the New Year. All interested S1 pupils should get in contact with their Science teachers if they are interested in joining the club.

