



Academy News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we are now into the month of April, which means it is now officially spring. However, you would be forgiven for thinking that we are still in the midst of winter thanks to the most unfavourable weather we continue to experience. People might make Glasgow, but the weather certainly does not!

Thirteen weeks have elapsed since we returned to school in January for the start of the new term, and they have flown by in the blinking of an eye – a reflection of how busy school has been since then. Naturally, learning, teaching and academic concerns have dominated the life of the school this term – that is our core purpose, after all. However, there have also been a range of enrichment activities available for our young people. We have had lawyers and a professional footballer visit the school (not together). We have had S1 pupils complete their John Muir trips. We have had trips to ice skating, Tui, and Interior Designers, as well as staff v pupils football and netball matches, and so much more. As always, Eastbank remains a vibrant and busy school where young people engage in a wide range of activities. I am grateful to the staff for providing these additional opportunities for our pupils, and I am grateful to our youngsters for conducting themselves so well and being great ambassadors for the school and their families. They do us, and you, proud.

It would be remiss of me not to return to academic matters at this time of year. March has been incredibly intense as we have worked hard to ensure that our Senior Phase pupils have their course work complete and are fully prepared to tackle their exams next month. Since the February half-term holiday, we have been running a programme of after school supported study sessions, which have been well-attended, and will be offering revision classes over the Easter holiday. Our young people have been working incredibly hard, and I have no doubt they will continue with their ambitious mind-set and work very hard at home in the coming weeks, doing everything they can to achieve their very best and do themselves justice. We wish our seniors the very best of luck! We are holding a diet of S3 exams immediately after the Easter holiday – we wish our third-year pupils the very best as they have their first taste of the big exam hall!

Our school values – Ambition, Respect, Responsibility, and Kindness – continue to be central to who we are as a community, and to guide our work and conduct. I continually reinforce this with our pupils, as do all staff, and I have no doubt that these values will support us in turning out skilled and qualified young people, with the right attributes and characteristics to succeed in learning, life, and work.

As always, many thanks for your on-going support and for working in partnership with us. I wish everyone a restful holiday and look forward to a successful and productive summer term.

With best wishes,
Jonathan Graham

School Term Key Dates

April 2026

Schools close at 2.30pm

Thursday 2 April

Friday 3 April (Good Friday)

Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April
(Spring Break)

Schools return on

Monday 20 April

May 2026

Monday 4 May

(May holiday)

Monday 7 May

(In-service day to coincide with
Scottish Parliamentary election.

May be subject to change)

Friday 22 May and Monday 25

May

(May Weekend)

June 2026

Schools close at 1.00pm on

Thursday 25 June



Travel & Tourism

Miss McGee's S3 Travel & Tourism class recently visited the TUI Superstore at the Glasgow Fort and learned all about various roles within the industry. They worked a 'day in the life' with the staff as they took on the role of travel agents in the retail store. They also used the TUI booking systems to meet customer needs and develop their knowledge on employability skills. The group were tasked with filming a social media campaign to share holiday deals which will be shared soon! All young people involved impressed the TUI staff with their behaviour and they showed respect and responsibility throughout.



Spring Cup

S1 boys' football team built on their Winter Cup performance by finishing second in the Spring Cup. The boys represented themselves extremely well and can be proud of their commitment and performance. The boys will have one more opportunity at the Secondary School World Cup Festival on Tuesday 2nd June 2026.



Great work!

John Muir Award

Pupils have been working towards achieving their John Muir Award. They have recently showed responsibility while clearing paths at Tollcross Park as well as a number of other activities.



Dance Show

Our annual Dance Show took place on Tuesday 10th March and was a fantastic celebration of talent across the school community. Pupils from S1, S2, S5 and S6 performed alongside dancers from Eastbank Primary, Wellshot Primary, Riverbank Primary and Thorntree Primary. Every group showcased impressive skill, teamwork and enthusiasm. It was clear how much the pupils enjoyed preparing for the event and performing on stage. We were delighted to welcome an audience of over 300 people, creating a brilliant atmosphere and showing strong support for all of our young performers. A huge well done to everyone involved for making the evening such a success.



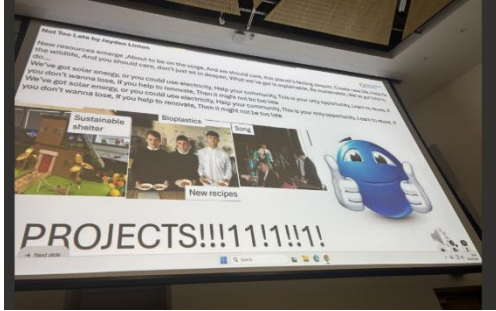
Visit from Lennon Miller

On Friday we had the pleasure of welcoming Udinese and Scotland midfielder Lennon Miller to the school. A group of our PE pupils were given a presentation on Lennon's career and journey to becoming a professional footballer, before engaging in a Q&A session for our pupils. The event ended with Lennon happily agreeing to selfies from staff and pupils. Many thanks to Lennon for giving up his time, and to the PE staff for prepping our youngsters.



Keep Scotland Beautiful Conference

10 Pupils from S3 attended a Keep Scotland Beautiful conference at the University of Strathclyde. They presented to the group different ways that we as a school incorporate Learning for Sustainability (LfS). These pupils are going on to host a city wide conference of their own around LfS and Glasgow's target 2030 in May.



Young STEM Leaders

Well done to the 8 Young STEM Leaders who presented 2 stalls at Eastbank Primary School's STEM Fair teaching families how to code using BBC micro: bits and how to test solutions with red cabbage indicator. They were one of the most popular stations on the day and were a credit to the school.



Leidos SSERC

S1 pupils taking part in the Leidos SSERC education industry partnership visited Leidos headquarters on the 3rd of March. The pupils had the opportunity to share their progression in the project as well as hear from different Leidos employees on their jobs and career pathways. The pupils enjoyed hearing from people in the STEM industry, playing pool and Sonic the Hedgehog.



The Trials at Tron Theatre

Oskar Waring S6 and Victoria Mamvuto S4 were cast in a professional production of The Trials at The Tron Theatre in Glasgow after two rounds of auditions. With our two exceptional actors it was a pleasure to see Eastbank Academy represented so successfully on the stage and all of the staff and pupils who came to see the performance were blown away by the production and by the talents of our young people.

Speaking of the production our pupils reflected "working with a skilled & established crew for the first time was a shock as well as a joy - I have learned the demands of creating theatre and how challenging the process is, which the audience never tends to see. This was two weeks of my life that I will never forget. Thank you absolutely everyone involved and those who came to watch".

We are so proud of you both Victoria and Oskar!



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Up in the Air and on the Ground

3 of our Senior Phase college students, Tyra Hanratty, Binta Saho and Darci Williamson took an aeroplane full of passengers on a trip of a lifetime to New York on Thursday 26 March. This was to showcase work done on their "Up in the Air and on the Ground" college course which they have been undertaking as part of their school timetable this session.

We were very ably guided through the airport, had our luggage checked-in, went through security where hand luggage was X-rayed and bodies scanned for illegal objects, then relaxed in the waiting area before being guided to our seats on board the extremely life-like training aircraft with our very own boarding passes!

From there we were shown all the safety instructions and served some lovely sweet treats before relaxing into our flight and finally landing smoothly at JFK airport!

Upon arrival we were served some delicious home-made mocktails, tea, coffee and cake. All-in-all a wonderful experience!



Well done girls! We look forward to flying with you for real in the future!



FUNSTEM

On Wednesday 18 March, we hosted our annual FUNSTEM event for Primary 7 pupils from the Eastbank Learning Community. It was a fantastic day, with pupils showcasing an impressive range of projects.

A huge thank you to all staff and our S3 pupils for their support. Our S3s played a key role in setting up, leading activities and encouraging participation throughout the day, their enthusiasm and positive attitude really stood out.

This is an important transition event, and it was great to see everyone working together to make it such a success.



S2 Ice Skating Trip

Some of our S2 pupils attended an ice-skating trip to East Kilbride on Tuesday 31 March. This was a reward trip for all their fantastic efforts in S2.



Staff V Pupil Netball Match

We held a staff v pupils netball match on Thursday 2 April which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Staff V Pupils Football Match

We held our annual staff v pupils football match on 1 April. Staff won 4-2. Well done to everyone involved!



Young Writer's Poem

Congratulations to Chika, who entered the Young Writers *I Have a Dream* competition and had her poem *My Silent Dialect* selected for publication. Her work now appears in the official Young Writers anthology — a fantastic achievement and a moment of real pride for our school community.

My silent dialect

*The glide of my bullet point pen against my journal tames me,
It calms the scarred soul struggling to trust inside of me,
It lays my racing thoughts to rest and summons peace in a noisy crowd,
I enjoy this silence.*

*The presence of anxiety brushes by me in every room,
My coat of many discouraging thoughts weighs me down as I struggle to crawl,
Once my hands have met with ink and paper the coat hurry's to hide as its aware it no longer
contains me,
I enjoy this power.*

*My mind is a race track,
A place where thoughts speed free and out of control,
Each competing to see which one can lap around my mind the most,
My journal is the speed limit,
It stops the eternal race and fuels my exhausted mind,
I enjoy this peace.*



*Silence is a language am severely fluent in,
It's both a blessing and a illness am yet to cure,
It impresses and disappoints,
it both gold and bronze,
My journal is the tie breaker,
It's silver lining reflects equality among all competitive standards,
I enjoy this balance.*



*My social skills are non existent when it comes to communicating,
The negative thoughts hurry to whisper all sorts of pain into my ears,
My aching body struggles to stand with the pressure of these rumours,
My mouth is unavailable but my hands are free,
Free to write all I want to say but can't because sometimes a pen is easier to reach than a person,
I enjoy this freedom.*

*Maybe one day I'll write for someone,
Maybe For you or for others,
Maybe For the country or the world,
Maybe then my language will be known.
And I enjoy this.*

