

TYNECASTLE NEWS



Head Teacher's Update



I am very pleased to share with you a first round-up of successes and achievements since the beginning of term. Having returned to some very positive SQA results, and our best ever attainment at National 5 and Higher level, we continue to offer very rich and rewarding learning experiences to all students. Having met a large number of our prospective parents and carers at our Open Evening I look forward to meeting with all of our current S1 parents and carers later this month. *Hazel Kinnear*

Upcoming Dates

October 16	Half Term Break
October 23	Staff Resume
October 24	Students Resume
October 26	S1 Parent/Carer Consultation
October 27-29	Pipe Band Weekend
November 3	Parent Council Race Night

*Wednesday lunch time now
12:45pm-1.30pm and finish at 3.30pm*

Clothing Awards

The council is changing the way we pay clothing grants. If you qualify and have applied for a clothing grant you will receive a payment directly in to your bank account. You should receive your payment sometime after Monday 17 July and it will appear on your bank statement as 'clothing grant'. Please look out for updates on the [council website here](#). If you need any help or have any questions please call or you can also email Yvonne McGregor yvonne.mcgregor@tynecastle.edin.sch.uk

Lost Property

We have a number of items of lost property in the office and in PE. Please call in at the office if you have lost something recently. All remaining items heading off to charity for Christmas...

Wilfred Owen Centenary

On Monday the 25th of September the school marked the 100th anniversary of the famous war poet Wilfred Owen coming to teach at Tynecastle High School. Ali Yousif, Jack Stewart, Kenzie Foy (former pupil), Alex Prentice, Ellie Green and Yanie Geraldez all made brilliant contributions to this event. Thank you also to the Tynecastle Pipe Band who opened and closed the ceremony with their atmospheric playing.



Breakfast Club



We are absolutely delighted with the popularity of our new Breakfast Club offering a free breakfast for all students, ensuring a healthy and welcoming start to the day. We have between 50 and 60 students attending each day! The club is financed by our Pupil Equity Fund. Mrs McGregor and Mrs Rodgers are there every day along with a merry band of staff and student volunteers!

Partnership Working

We are excited to be building a partnership with the Financial Conduct Authority who are mentoring a group of our S2 students. This fabulous opportunity will support students to achieve their potential as well as giving them real life experiences in the world of work.



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ParentPay

ParentPay **activation letters** were sent out to students in S2-S6 in June 2017. If you haven't activated your account yet please do so. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any issues activating your account. Activation letters for students in S1 will be sent home in the next few weeks. Please look out for these.

ParentPay enables you to pay for trips and other items; gives you a history of all the payments you have made; shows you all items available for payment relevant to each of your children; emails a receipt of your payment to the email address you register; offers you the ability to set automated email/SMS payment reminders.

If you have more than one child at a ParentPay school/s you can add them to a single account, providing one login for all children at ParentPay schools.

Parent Council

We have an active Parent Council who meet every month. You can find out more about the work of the [Parent Council on our website](#). You can also contact our Parent Council directly at tyneastlepc@gmail.com

Fresh on the website

Check our website for the latest news www.tynecastle.edin.sch.uk

Contact Details

Please let the school office know straight away if you change your details. You can contact us by 'phone, email or in person at the school office.

Telephone: 0131 337 3488

Absence Line: 0131 337 0336

Email: admin@tynecastle.edin.sch.uk

Open Evening

We had our biggest attendance to date at our Open Evening this year. Designed especially for students in P5-7 and their families, the Open Evening is a great opportunity to find out more about our school, meet our staff and have a look around our wonderful facilities. It was great to meet so many of our prospective families and I look forward to welcoming our new S1 students to Tynecastle next year.

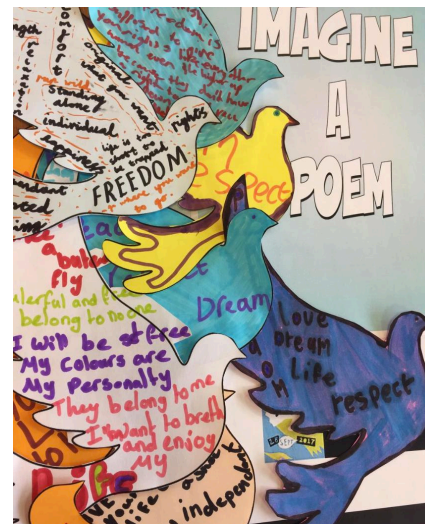


S1 JASS Cycle Trips

All of our S1 students have enjoyed cycle trips to Cramond as part of their Junior Award Scheme Scotland activities and our commitment to outdoor learning. Great weather for being out and about!

Dr Kim Crosbie

We were incredibly proud to have Dr Kim Crosbie speak to our S1 and S3 students all about life among penguins! Dr Crosbie is an Antarctic environmental scientist and conservationist who was born and grew up in Edinburgh, and was awarded the Polar Medal in 2016 for outstanding achievement and service in the field of polar research.



National Poetry Day

We were inspired by the lyrics of the song Imagine by John Lennon and created a series of poetry doves for National Poetry Day, the 28th of September. The 'Birds of Freedom' are on display in the Library.

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