

# TYNECASTLE NEWS



## Upcoming Dates

October 24 Staff In-Service Day

October 25 All Resume 8.30am

October 27 S1 Parents'/Carers'  
Consultation - new  
online appointment  
booking system

November 8 Parent Council 6.30pm



**Save the Date: Burns Supper will  
be on 20th January 2017**

## Fresh on the website

You will find our school website at  
[www.tynecastle.edin.sch.uk](http://www.tynecastle.edin.sch.uk)

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please tap on the links below for  
more information...

[New Parent Evening Booking System](#)

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## Office News

We are introducing a new online  
booking system for our parent/carer  
consultations. Further details on how  
to register and use the system are  
[available on our website](#).

*Welcome to the second edition of Tynecastle News!*

### Head Teacher's Update



Thank you so much for all your positive feedback on our new format and please do keep in touch with suggestions. We have had another very busy and productive month here. A real highlight for me was our Open Day for p5-7 parents, which is being followed up with Parent Council 'Cake and Coffee Conversations' to answer any further questions. I was also really proud of our students who were presenting at Dynamic Earth's 'Tales of Polar Exploration' and really hope that you enjoyed this event if you made it along. Another highlight was the visit last Friday from playwright, Simon Stephens, who talked to our students about his adaptation of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*. We are very much looking forward to seeing the play in January. I hope you have a great October holiday and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

### Visit from Gold Medal Olympian Katie Archibald

It was a huge honour to have [Katie Archibald](#), Rio 2016 Women's Team Pursuit Gold Medal Winner and current World and European Champion, visit the school and talk to our students and staff at assemblies last week. Katie spoke about how anyone can become Olympic medallist through hard work, determination and passion. She passed round her gold medal for everyone to see and hopefully inspired a future generation of Olympians!



### MacMillan Coffee Morning



Our S3 Personal Development Award (PDA) group held a Macmillan Coffee Morning for staff on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Together with support from family, friends and teachers, they raised £615.48 for Macmillan. A huge, big thanks to all teachers from Jamie, Demi, Kai, Tasnia, Natasha, Jordan, Eilidh and Sean. 😊☕

# T Y N E C A S T L E N E W S

## S1-3 News

All S1-3 students will now have received a Target Setting report. Students have had one-to-one conversations with their teachers, and together they have identified strengths and next steps for you to discuss at home. On the last page of the report is a box for you to write in your comments and return to school. Comments are then used to inform conversations between students and Pupil Support teachers.

## S4-6 News

Parents' Consultations take place for Senior Phase students on Wednesday 16 and Tuesday 22 November. More information will be issued after the October Break.

## Parent Council

We have an active Parent Council who meet every month. The next meeting is on Tuesday the 8th of November at 7pm in the school. You can find out more about the work of the Parent Council on our website. You can also contact our Parent Council directly at [tynecastlepc@gmail.com](mailto:tynecastlepc@gmail.com)

## Contact Details

In the case of emergency situations/ school closures text messaging will be used to update parents. Please let the school office know straight away if you change your number. 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](mailto:admin@tynecastle.edin.sch.uk)

## Mark Scott Leadership Award

Four of our S6 students, Leonna Flett, Nazifa Khatun, Lauren Renton and Vasare Valiunaite, have this year been accepted as participants in The Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award which brings together over 220 S6 pupils from 77 schools across the central belt of Scotland. The participants are drawn from different social, economic, religious and cultural backgrounds, to work together to deliver projects to benefit their local communities.



The innovative combination of an [outdoor learning residential](#) and urban [community-based project](#) helps to break down barriers that exist within our communities, supports young people to develop their confidence and provides them with the skills and attributes needed in transition to further education, training and employment. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their residential experience at Loch Eil. Well done and good luck!

## Basketball Success

The senior boys basketball team played their first cup game on the 5th of October away versus Stewart's Melville and won. Final score 46:49. Fantastic news that the girls team also won their first cup game of the season on the 11th of October against Mary Erskine, holding on to win 46:38. Well done teams!



## P7 Curricular Visit to Science and English

We were delighted to welcome the P7 pupils from Craiglockhart Primary School for a curricular visit on Tuesday 12th October. They attended a science lesson looking at the subject of obesity, and then took part in a debate in the English faculty around this topic. We look forward to welcoming P7 pupils from Balgreen, Dalry and Stenhouse Primary Schools next term.

## Staff v Student Football Match

We are looking forward to our first staff v student competition of the season with a football match on Friday 14 October. The focus is staff and student health as well as fundraising to improve student opportunities. Basketball coming up in December...