

# TYNECASTLE NEWS



## Upcoming Dates

November 28 S3 Exam Experience Begins

December 20/21 Panto Performances

December 22 S1/2 Ceilidh

December 22 End of term 12 noon



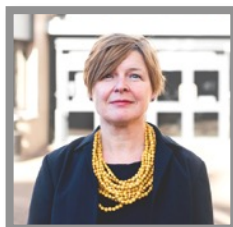
**Save the Date: Burns Supper will be on 20th January 2017**

## Panto News!

This year's Pantomime is '**Once Upon a Time**', a fun tale involving lots of your favourite characters! Performances are on the evenings of Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 December & tickets will be on sale from the beginning of the month. Panto Cast and Crew are working hard towards their goal, and look forward to entertaining you.



## Head Teacher's Update



Another busy and exciting month with visits from other schools and a special award for Tynecastle – more on this soon. I would like to thank P5-7 parents and carers who attended our new Cake & Coffee Conversations. These will be repeated in the summer term so do let us know your thoughts. We are also keen for feedback regarding our new online Parents' Evening booking system. This seems to be really positive but do let us know if we can improve it further. I look forward to seeing many of you at our pantomime, which is always a fantastic event for the school community.

## Performance Faculty News

### Girls Rugby...

Girls from S2 and S3 took part in a touch rugby festival at Leith Academy on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The girls showed great enthusiasm and finished as runners up in their group. The girls were all delighted with their medal and are now motivated to start a more regular girls rugby club at Tynecastle.



### ...and our School of Rugby



In collaboration with Murrayfield Wanderers and Edinburgh Rugby, Tynecastle High School has started a School of Rugby programme for students in S1-3. The group have already visited Murrayfield to watch Edinburgh Rugby beat Ulster and will be going back in December for the match against Stade Francais.

### Living for Sport

20 S2 & 3 students have been chosen to work with athlete mentor Sarah Clark through the Sky Sports Living for Sport Project. Sarah is a Commonwealth Games Gold medal winner from Glasgow



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## Fresh on the website

You will find our school website at

[www.tynecastle.edin.sch.uk](http://www.tynecastle.edin.sch.uk)

If you're reading this on a screen, please tap on the links below for more information...

[News & Events](#)

[Parent Council Information](#)

[School Calendar](#)

## 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](#).

## Parent Council

We have an active Parent Council who meet every month. The next meeting is on Tuesday the 10th of January at 6.30pm 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)

in 2014. The students were introduced to the 6 Keys to success - Mental Toughness, Hunger to Achieve, People Skills, Sports and Life Knowledge, Breaking Barriers and Planning for Success. The students loved the day and are already looking forward to Sarah's next visit.

## Junior Award Scheme Scotland (JASS)



Recently our S1s have been busy doing sunny cycle rides to Cramond as part of their JASS adventure program. Plenty of scenic cycling, ice creams and smiles all round!

## Genius Bar Digital Leaders

On the 9th of November some of our S4 Genius Bar students attended a city-wide Digital Leaders' Event. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to teach primary pupils the skills required to become Digital Leaders for their own school.



## Social Subjects Faculty News

### Geography



Our geographers were out collecting data for their National Added Value Unit Assignment. They recorded land use, traffic counts and environmental quality in the inner city. It was great to get outdoors and put our learning into practice.

Congratulations to Greg Thomson whose photograph depicting 'Strategies of Managing Climate Change' made it to the national final of the Scottish Association of Geography Teachers awards.



### Modern Studies



Higher and National 5 Modern Studies students had an inspiring day at the Scotland Malawi Youth Congress. We took part in a day of debates, workshops and action with hundreds of other students from all over Scotland. Highlights included a drama lesson about life in a Malawian village and a workshop which taught us all about the UN Sustainable Development Goals.