

TYNECASTLE NEWS



Head Teacher's Update



Another busy and very productive month here at Tynecastle, with a well-earned rest for most during the October break and two very exciting opportunities for students and staff who were on the Science Florida Trip and the Performance Football Trip to Madrid. While focusing very much on Parents' Nights, reporting and ensuring

that our students are working to potential, we are also very much looking forward to our Place2Be Event, Book Week and the Locality Dance Show over the coming weeks. I hope to see you at these and other events. *Hazel Kinnear*

Upcoming Dates

22 November	Senior Phase Parents' Evening Surnames M-Z
27 November - 1 December	Book Week
4-8 December	Education Scotland Inspection Visit
6 December	Locality Dance Show

Literacy Calendar

THIS Literacy Calendar				
November				
Non Fiction Month				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Authors Day & Family Literacy Day	2 Young readers club	3
6 Non Fiction Day	7	8	9 Young readers club	10
13 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK	14	15 I Love To Write Day!	16 Young readers club	17
20	21	22	23 Young readers club	24
27 Book Bar Launch (Book Week Scotland)	28 Stand-up Literature Event (Book Week Scotland)	29 Incredibly Digitally Day (Book Week Scotland)	30 Don't Drop The Book! (Book Week Scotland)	

Science in Florida!

In the October break 20 students from S3 - S5 along spent a week studying various aspects of Science in Florida - meeting two astronauts and getting their views on travelling in space; talking to the chief engineer on the Spiderman ride at Universal and learning how it all comes together - the special effects, engineering, physics to work as one AND the cost...; to marine biology workshops - dissecting squid, searching for and identifying wild dolphins, learning how Clearwater Aquarium rescue, rehab and release wild animals: swimming with manatees (& dolphins) in the wild. The students were brilliant and many thanks to Miss Clarke and Mr McDonald as well.

Louise Moyes, Science Faculty



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Panto 2017

This year's School Pantomime, '**Alice in Cuckoo Land**', will be performed in school on the evenings of Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 December.



Keep an eye on the school website for ticket details.

U15 Girls Basketball

The U15 girls team remain undefeated after a convincing 72 : 14 win against St Augustines this week! They have their final game in this round on Monday 20th November and if they win they progress to the next stage of the competition. Well done to all of those who played and to Tom their coach.

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 tynecastlepc@gmail.com

Fresh on the website

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

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Football in Madrid!



Another trip in the October break as 22 Tynecastle students along with Mr Connel from the Performance Faculty and Mrs West from the Modern Languages Faculty travelled to Madrid with Transworld soccer. Over the four days the students had the opportunities to use Real Madrid's training facilities, play a game against Spanish opposition, visit all Madrid's football stadiums and watched the Real Madrid v Getafe game. We even squeezed in some sightseeing and rollercoasters

S3 Geographers - Urban Regeneration Project



S3-S6 Geographers took part in a fantastic Urban Regeneration project. They showed brilliant skills in creativity, problem-solving, teamwork and determination. After building their towns they presented their projects to real Industry Experts and answered tough questions. Congratulations to Mark, Lewis, Reese and Jianna for their winning project.

Get Energised Physics Trip

Miss Frater's National Physics classes attended an event by Scottish Power at the National Museum of Scotland called **Get Energised**. The students competed in a range of challenges developing their creativity and employability skills as well as learning more about renewable energies. At the end of the day students were able to chat with industry experts and ask them questions about their jobs.



Lessons from Auschwitz

Along with 200 other Scottish students and special guests including the Deputy First Minister John Swinney, Robyn and Alex, two of our senior students, took part in a one day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau to gain a better understanding of the Holocaust. They will now use the knowledge they gained to plan a 'next steps' project for Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2018.