

TYNECASTLE NEWS



Head Teacher's Update



Dear all, it has been a fabulous end of term with so many opportunities to share the talent of our young people and to think of others. I hope that you enjoy reading about what we have been up to. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very restful holiday when it comes.

Merry Christmas- *Hazel Kinnear,
Head Teacher*

Upcoming Dates

9 January	Term begins
13 January	Preliminary exams begin
14 January	S3 iPad Launch Night
23 January	S3 Parent's Consultation
24 January	Preliminary exams end
24 January	Burns Supper

Winter 2019/20 Respiratory Illness

Key advice for parents and carers

In the home the risk of catching or spreading flu/cold like illness can be reduced by:

- Regular hand washing with liquid soap and running water
- Covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Using a disposable paper tissue, disposed of immediately after use.
- You can teach your child to sneeze into the 'crook' of their arm rather than their hands, if they don't have a tissue.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQINuSTP1jl>
- Good general cleaning of surface that everyone touches often e.g. TV remote, light switches, door handles, toilet flushes and tap heads.
- <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/common-cold>

The Wizard of Oz comes to Tynecastle



Tynecastle's eighth annual Panto, 'The Wizard of Oz', was another resounding success! With over fifty S1 to S6 students involved in the production (Cast, Crew, backstage helpers), three large audiences thoroughly enjoyed the acting, singing, dancing and general 'daft

carry-on'. Special mention to the wonderful Student Panto Committee, who led brilliantly from choice of Panto in August right through to the backstage clear-up at the end of term. Those Committee members are Katie Kendrick, Chloe McLean, Jade McCowatt, Lauren McKinven, Molly Lloyd and Mhairi Robertson. More Panto fun in 2020!

Creative Industry Careers

In December, our S4 Art & Design students visited Edinburgh Printmakers at Fountainbridge. They met with some inspiring artists and designers who work there. They took part in workshops with illustrator Catherine Rayner, High Tide Media, The Keep Tattoo Designers, Georgia Victoria Interior design and printmaker Alison Westwater-Johnston. This was an excellent opportunity for our students who are interested in a career in the creative industry.



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Free School Meals and School Wear

Does your child qualify for Free School Meals and School Wear? To find out more visit the [Edinburgh Council website](#) for further information and an application form, or contact the school office on 0131 337 3488 or email us at admin@tynecastle.edin.sch.uk. Awards are only valid for one school year – renewals are not automatically done so please return application forms asap.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club open to everyone Monday - Friday, 7.30am-8.20am. Free. In the community wing. Come along and enjoy hot toast, cereal, juices, pastries, fresh fruit and yoghurts.

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

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.

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Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert was held in December featuring a fantastic performance from our String, Guitar and Percussion ensembles, Wind and Pipe Band, vocal group and soloists. Over 100 students attended lunchtime rehearsals and worked together to produce an excellent festive celebration showcasing their talents. Students were rewarded for their considerable efforts with a trip to the Cinema for a private screening of their chosen film Jumanji: The Next Level. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for your continued support in the development of our musicians.



Christmas Food Parcels

This month, our S3 PDA students have been working very hard gathering food for this year's Christmas Food Parcels. They successfully delivered over 40 parcels to elderly in the community. A huge thank you to everyone to donated to this year's collection.



Art & Design Success

A Big Congratulations to Nida Patel in S1 whose design was chosen by Alistair Gaw, Executive Director for Communities and Families for his Christmas card this year. Her winning design will be displayed on the rolling electronic display, located on the bus stop located opposite the Balmoral Hotel at the East End of Princes Street.



Christmas Carols

At the end of November, Tynecastle Nursery celebrated its 90th birthday. Tynecastle students from our Pipe Band, Vocal Group and soloists from our senior classes were honored to be invited to provide entertainment for the event.