



Tinto Times

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Head Teacher's Report

Welcome to the round-up of news for this month. There have been many interesting learning activities taking place in the classrooms, plus preparations for the Scottish Assembly. Teachers have completed the termly overviews and are continuing to meet with myself to discuss their evaluations of last term and their plans for this term. Once these are completed, the 20/20 letters will be issued.

Staffing: Sadly I have to inform you that a former member of staff passed away at the beginning of this month. Mrs Wilson was a member of support staff, then a class teacher at Tinto. She retired due to ill health and had a long and bravely fought battle with cancer. Mrs Wilson contributed to the ethos and development of Tinto and always went the extra mile for her pupils. Our thoughts are with her family.

There is currently a vacancy in the Nursery class for a Friday. The advert is on MYjob Scotland with a closing date of 30.1.19. Interviews will take place shortly thereafter.

Improvement Plan: During this month's CAT night, staff examined the data we have concerning free school meals and our catchment indicators of deprivation. We looked at these in relation to our attainment data and found that there is no gender / free school meal or poverty related links. We noted that all pupils requiring additional support or challenge were well supported. Staff will be attending "Number Talks" and "Active Literacy" training in February. This will ensure that there is a whole school approach to mental maths & problem solving and in how we teach writing N-P7.

Head Teachers in the Learning Community attended a partnership working event this month. We met with various organisations who can support schools in delivering Health and Well Being. Tinto will be working with Police Scotland with regard to online safety; a counselling service who will support individuals and small groups; food technology service that will train staff with regard to cookery lessons.

Nursery staff are working in partnership with the Learning Community nurseries. The nursery teachers have planned a literacy activity to deliver and then moderate; Team Leaders are planning some work on H&WB indicators and EYW's are planning outdoor learning activities.

P1 enrolments: There were 12 pupils enrolled for P1 next session. This will mean a school roll of 80 and 4 classes. These figures may change over the coming months.

Biggar High School transition events:

P6 pupils had a fantastic day at the high School participating in an Enterprise event. They worked in mixed teams to create and sell a product. Some of our pupils were in the winning team and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet future peers.

P7 pupils also had a day at the high School. Again, working in mixed groups, they had a range of lessons, met some of the staff and saw round the school.

SPCA visit: All classes had the opportunity to learn about the work of the SPCA. You may have seen the photos on the school app. This was a great opportunity to learn how to be responsible for pets and wildlife. The children enjoyed this learning experience.

Scots month: This month the children have been learning about Robert Burns and also some traditional poetry and songs. The nursery children came to school in tartan on Friday 25th, had a bagpipe recital and ate Scottish foods for snack. The P1-7 pupils performed their poems and songs to the school and parents on Monday 28th January. Many came dressed with a "touch of tartan". Well done to everyone.

After School Club: Some of the sporting clubs get underway at the end of this month. Many thanks to the Committee who have been working hard behind the scenes trying to get coaches / volunteers to run an activity. Parent helpers at the clubs are also needed to help with juice/ registers. Please let Claire Thomson know via the school FB page if you can help at least once at a club your child attends. Thank you.

Pupil Voice: The P4-7 pupil committees meet about every 3 weeks. Currently there is an Eco , Health and Pupil Council committee. The Eco and Health are working towards gaining an award and the Pupil council are working on updating the school website. If you would like to help in any of the committees, please let us know. Thank you.

Upcoming events / dates;

4.2.19	Handwashing team working with all classes
6.2.19	P4-7 Netball / Benchball Festival
11-12.2.19	Half term
13.2.19	In Service
18.2.19	Linda Keith in school working with pupils / staff re maths
22.2.19	Dress Down Friday
27.2.19	Parent workshop, 7.00 – 8.00 Numeracy Nursery Fair Trade Bake Sale

Tinto Parent Council

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break. The snow has arrived – I hope the beast stays east this year!

We are excited to see the After School Club start up again next week. The committee have arranged for a great variety of activities for the kids and I want to thank them for all their hard work. It is greatly appreciated. Please contact us if you can help in the upcoming months – we always need helpers to take the register and assist or provide new activities / experiences for the club. Thank you to the numerous volunteers that have come forward already.

The next fundraising event will be in March. Bingo! Get out your daubers for an evening of chocolate prizes and giggles (dirty knee 33, young and keen 15....).

I would like to remind everyone not to forget about ‘easyfundraising’ as you think about booking some sunshine for later in the year. Lots of the large travel companies offer a percentage of your total cost which can amount to quite a good amount. It is a great way to raise funds without any cost to you (in fact there are deals and offers through this website that can also mean savings).

The Tinto app is regularly updated and is an easy way for parents to check what is happening in the school.

Previous minutes will be available to view on the school website. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions that you wish to share then please contact me on tintoparents@gmail.com.

The next meeting of the parent council is Monday the 25th of March at 7 pm in the School. Meetings are open to all parents and we would welcome you to join us to find out more regarding ongoing plans within the school and future fundraising events.

Kind regards

Lorna Christie.

Chairperson Tinto Parent Council.

Tinto Fundraisers

Date of next meeting – Thursday 28th February, The Crown Biggar, 7pm.
Please come along and help plan our up and coming events.

What's on? Pop these dates in your diary!

Wednesday 13th March - The P4-P7 Show, afternoon and evening performances. Tinto Fundraisers would like to provide refreshments at the shows so donations of home baking would be greatly received on the morning of the 13th.
Thanks.

Friday 22nd March – Family Bingo Night, 7pm in the school hall. Further details to follow.

Saturday 1st June – Tinto Village Day. Tinto Fundraisers will have their hotdog, home baking and tea/coffee stall. We will be looking for helpers to do stints on the stall and for donations of home baking. Last year was a great success so fingers crossed we can repeat it this year.

Sunday 23rd June – We would love to have a summer Family Treasure Hunt and BBQ. Further details to follow.

If any new parents would like to become involved with Tinto Fundraisers, either with the planning, helping on the day or donating baking, and would like to be included in group emails please contact me on 07814378394 or dianelaing74@gmail.com

Many thanks
Diane Laing
Tinto Fundraisers coordinator

Tinto After School Club

The After School Club is pleased to confirm that the following events are scheduled for this term:

Netball - P4-7 6 weeks starting on Thursday 31st January 3-4pm (booking live)
Multi-Games - P1-3 6 weeks starting on Friday 1st February 3-4pm (booking live)
Cherry Dance - P4-7 6 weeks starting on Tuesday 19th February 3-4pm (booking details to follow)

We also plan to have a movie club and also an easter craft club - details will follow.

We would like to offer more craft and cooking based clubs to the children, however the cost of supplies do make these expensive for the club to provide. Therefore we are thinking that we will start to ask for £1 for these clubs to go towards the supplies needed.

For term 4 after Easter the planned clubs are as follows:

P4-7 Football
P4-7 Rounders or something similar
P1-3 Cherry Dance 6 weeks

Eventbrite

We are using the eventbrite website to allow parents to register for the various clubs. It is essential the registration is done this way so all necessary details are collected regarding any special requirements and who will collect. The registration details are used to produce a register for the club which parent helpers will use on the day to sign children in and out of the club. The registers are being sent to the school the day before the club so if your child is not registered they cannot be added by the school on the day.

Parent Helpers

The club depends on parent helpers to attend the clubs to sign the children in and out and give them a drink of juice during the club. If you are able to help please can you email the school and confirm so that you can be PVG checked.

Village Day

The After School Club has for many years now had a successful tombola stall at the Village day and this has provided essential funds for the club to allow clubs to be run the following year for the children. This year we will be doing a tombola and your donations would be very much appreciated.

In addition we are going to do a new section of the tombola where we will ask for jam jars to be donated which are filled with something and wrapped up so the contents is unknown hopefully adding to the excitement. This section will really be for the kids and the jar could be filled with sweets, buttons, pasta, wool, pencils, crayons, pennies, craft materials, or anything else you can think of. If you can start collecting your jars that would be great.

Next Meeting

We have a meeting planned on 7th March at 7.30 - if anyone would like to come along please email asctinto@gmail.com and details can be provided. Everyone is welcome to come along.

If anyone has any queries, suggestions for clubs or to offer their services to run a club please get in touch - email asctinto@gmail.com.