



Tinto Times

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Head Teacher's Report

Our first school year at Ridgepark has now come to an end and what a successful year it has been. There have been many achievements, academic, sporting and cultural, new experiences and opportunities whilst being here in Lanark. This time next year, all being well, we should be in our brand new school building. Something we are all looking forward to.

It Wasnae Me: The children had a fantastic time at their book launch on the 6th June. There was singing led by Limelight, the book was read by local author, Allison Galbraith and the SLC photographer was here for press coverage. The children also signed their books! Head of Education, Carol McKenzie, thoroughly enjoyed reading the book and was shown the display by a group of pupils when she visited. There was also an article in last week's Lanark Gazette. Congratulations to all the children and a special thank you to Mrs Kilgallon for organising the project.

Biggar Trip: P1-7 enjoyed a day in Biggar in the 9th June. This was organised so we could avoid being caught up in Lanimer celebrations. The children saw a show at the Puppet Theatre and in the afternoon participated in workshops at the museum and library. The children were complimented on their lovely manners and behaviour at all three venues.

Residential: The P5 and P4 residential at Broomlee was a fantastic experience for us all – despite the rain! The children participated and excelled in many activities and were an absolute pleasure to be with. I was particularly impressed with their appetites! Thanks to the parents who were able to collect the children at the end, this helped enormously in keeping costs down.

Step Up: The children have all had the opportunity to meet their class teacher for next session and the children who will be in their class. The nursery children have also been to visit P1 at Ridgepark on a couple of occasions and we look forward to welcoming them in August.

Sports Day: The rain stayed away for most of the day and the children participated in a variety of races. The P4-7 sports ran onto the next day when the field events were completed. Congratulations to Clyde for winning the Sports Cup.

Questionnaires: Thank you for the prompt response to these, I have had over 65 returns. The responses will be collated over the summer and a summary issued with actions. One point I will address just now is that of the 10 House Points for each return. Some parents felt that this was inappropriate as it was parental responsibility to complete the questionnaires. However last year I only had 15 returns and this is not enough to be able to evidence a generalised parental view of our strengths and development needs. The year before I issued the questionnaire by email and again had very few responses.

We have a similar situation in regard to workshops. We have historically had a very poor response to these (despite parents indicating on the questionnaire that they would like more information regarding the curriculum) but if we involve the children in the workshops we have a higher response and attendance rate. Involving the children in returning the questionnaires has resulted in a 90% return rate this time and as a result I have a better evidence base for improvements that we can make and feedback on what we already do well.

Shorts and Shades: The end of term disco was a huge success, the children thoroughly enjoyed the dancing and games. Thanks to all the parent helpers – these events could not happen without them – and to Tinto Fund Raisers for organising the event.

Biggar High School Prize Giving: It is always a pleasure to attend this event and to see former Tinto pupils receiving prizes. The following pupils were awarded for their endeavours and achievements. Congratulations to everyone.

S1 Academic Awards: Scott Boyd & Alistair Rogers

S1 Endeavour Awards: Scott Boyd & Fraser Harvie

S2 Academic Awards: Euan Laing & Coll McCail

S2 Endeavour Awards: Molly Seneddon & Samantha Wainhouse

S3 Academic Awards: Eva Baillie & Brendan Norris

S3 Endeavour Awards: Kieran Baxter

S4 Subject Prizes: N5 Health & Food Technology Rebecca Glasgow

N5 RMPS Jessica Gardner

N5 Business Management Rachel Hill

N5 Practical woodworking Lucas Morris

N5 Practical Metalwork Andrew Simpson

N4 Prize: Emily McLean

S5/6 Subject Prizes: Higher Design & Manufacture Kaspar Laughtland

Higher Chemistry Kaspar Laughtland

Higher Physics Kaspar Laughtland

Higher French Lauren McCafferey

Under 18's Rugby

Rachel Hill, Abbie Bailey & Lauren Findlay

Junior Young Musician:

Brendan Norris

Alex Gardner Award:

Coll McCail

Business Challenge Scottish Champions:

Callum Shanks (member of the winning team)

Young Technologist Tournament Winners:

Lucas Morris (member of winning team)

Debate Prize/Public Speaking:

Coll McCail & Brendan Norris

Proxime Accesit:

Lauren McCafferey

Nursery Leavers: The pre-schoolers led a lovely show to celebrate their years at nursery. Their dancing was fabulous! All children were presented with a certificate and a gym bag with their primary school name printed on the front. Thanks to the nursery staff for making the children's time in nursery such an enjoyable experience. The children are obviously ready for P1 as a result.

P7 Leavers: The P7 pupils also celebrated their time at primary with a fantastic show. Their school memories were shared and their singing literally brought tears to the eyes. Thanks to the Tinto Fund Raisers for providing refreshment and to Ms Clarke for baking the fantastic cake.

On Monday the P7 have their Leavers Night Out. They will be at Laser Quest, Sky Walk/Crazy golf and having a pizza. The pupils have raised the money for this throughout the year with their bakes and competitions. Thank you for supporting them in their enterprise. Thanks also to Mrs McKillop and Mrs Kilgallon for accompanying them on their trip.

End of year finish: School finishes for Session 2016-17 at 1.00 p.m on Tuesday 27th June.

Start of session 2017-18: Pupils return August 17th 2017.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your on-going support this year and to wish all Tinto families a lovely, relaxing summer holiday. I hope the sun shines for us all!



Parent Council News

The Google calendar on the website is regularly updated and is a useful tool for parents to check what's happening in school.

Previous minutes are available to view on the school website.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions that you wish to raise, please contact tintoparents@gmail.com.

Kind regards,

Parent Council

TINTO FUNDRAISERS

Tinto Village Day – We had another successful day this year thanks to the many donations of home baking. Thanks to all those who manned the stall throughout the day. We managed to raise over £300 for school funds. Many thanks to Sainsbury's for donating the hotdog rolls and to B&M for contributing to the hotdogs.

Shorts and Shades Party and Disco – A fun night was had by all! Going by the heat generated in the hall by the end of the evening and the number of rosy cheeks leaving the hall there must have been lots of dancing and energetic games! It was a lovely send off for the Primary 7s and we wish them well for their future at High School. Thanks to those who helped at the party and many thanks to Gus for letting us use the football club.

P7 Leavers Assembly – We were pleased, once again, to be able to provide refreshments for the pupils and their families. Thanks to Phoebe for making a delicious cake with the sponge in the Tinto Primary school house colours!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Treasure Hunt and BBQ – We are having a treasure hunt and BBQ in Symington on **Sunday 3rd September**. Families must register at the Football Club between 11.30am and 12pm. BBQ will follow at 2pm. Keep an eye out for more information in the August newsletter.

Thanks for all the support over the year. Have a wonderful summer break.

Diane Laing
Tinto Fundraisers Coordinator