



# Tinto Times

## April 2019

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## Head Teacher's Report

The final newsletter of the school year! Lots of events to report on as June has been a very busy month.

**Staffing:** At the time of writing we are still waiting to hear the names of the P1 class teacher. As soon as I know, I will email parents.

We are pleased to be keeping hold of Miss Kennedy – she has had a great year teaching P2/3 and we are looking forward to seeing her build on this with next session's P2/3.

We are saying goodbye to Miss Jenkins. Miss Jenkins took P6/7 from November-June and did a fantastic job and the P7 children are very ready for their time at high school. We look forward to meeting Jenkins Jr when he arrives!

**Nursery:** The nursery will be moving to 1140 hours from August and the children will be staying all day, including lunch. This will be an exciting time as we explore new ways to organise the learning experiences for the children.

**Nurture Base:** Tinto will also be having a Nurture Base for the Clydesdale Area. Mrs Davidson (some of you will know Mrs Davidson) is returning to Tinto as the class teacher for the Base and Mrs Baillie is the S.A. More about this once we are up and running.

**Broomlee:** The P4 and P5 pupils had the opportunity to go to Broomlee at the beginning of June. The weather was kind and we all had great fun. The children flourished in the outdoors all day and had great appetites. It was lovely to see children challenge themselves and give every activity a go. Thanks to Mrs McCammon and Mrs Kilgallon for going with the children.

**Step Up Day:** Mrs Kilgallon welcomed next year's P1 pupils and families to school for this event. The parents and pupils saw a school uniform fashion show and had lunch together. Whilst the P1 children played with their buddies Mrs Kilgallon had a chat about starting school with the parents. There has been a great transition programme put in place by Mrs Kilgallon and the Early Years team and I am sure parents have appreciated this.

**Care Inspectorate:** The nursery class had an inspection towards the end of June. The focus was "Care and Welfare of the children" and "Leadership and Management". The verbal feedback was extremely positive with the Inspector praising the ethos of the nursery in particular, the highly skilled staff and our model of distributed leadership. Congratulations to the Nursery team. A written report will be available after the summer holidays.

**P7 Social Tea:** As part of the P7 theme of researching the local community, invitations were issued to retired members of the school community to come to afternoon tea. The P7 pupils made sandwiches and cakes for their guests and entertained them with piano playing, baton twirling and singing. Everyone had a lovely time and this is definitely something we would do again.

**Shorts and shades:** Thanks to the Tinto Fund Raisers and parent helpers who made the discos possible. The children had a really enjoyable time playing the games with their friends and dancing.

**Top Table:** The children who sit on "Top Table" are selected by staff who are in the dining hall every day. The criteria is basically good manners generally and good table manners. Well done to: Mason G, Mason K, Lilly, Kayla, Blake, Kenzie, Jay, Findlay B, Cameron, Fergus, Sam, Lily, Poppy, Nico, Eve, Finn

**House results:** This term always sees the race for the House Shield hotting up! Points from the Inter House football, Inter House Quiz and Sports Day are all added to the totals.

Winners are;

Inter house Quiz: Tay  
Inter House Football: Clyde  
Sports Cup: Tay

Overall house Shield: Tay – well done!

**Cara Carvell Award:** This award is given to a child who has shown resilience and a "I'm going to keep trying" attitude to overcoming difficulties. This session the award has been given to Toby Cook. Toby has worked hard to build his confidence this year and has managed to complete tasks and activities that would have seemed almost impossible a year ago. Well done Toby!

**Achievements:** The pupils are encouraged to bring in their medals, trophies or just tell us about their achievements throughout the year and at the end of year "Tinto 's Got Talent". These are then displayed on the Wall of Fame. We have some very talented pupils at Tinto.

I also like to hear about Tinto pupils when they move onto BHS and attend their annual award ceremony each year. As usual this year, there were many "Tintonians receiving awards:

<b>S1</b>	Fiona Laing & Adele Roberts	Academic Award
	Ava White	Endeavour Award
<b>S4/5/6 Subject prizes</b>		
	Ross Wilson	National 3 Award
	Euan Laing	National 5 Award
	Eva Baillie	Higher Geography
	Rebecca Glasgow	Higher Spanish & Advanced Higher Biology
	Rachel Carrick	Higher Administration
	Emily Harvie	Higher Modern Studies and Higher Politics
	Brendan Norris	Higher German, Higher history & Higher Music
<b>Sports</b>		
	Rueben Harwood	Gold discus
	Rachel Hill	Girls Rugby Scottish Schools Cup team

**Special prizes**

Rebecca Glasgow	Probus Award for Endeavour Ryan Murphy Award
Lucas Morris	John Anderson Memorial Prize for Music Rotary Young Technologist Advanced
Coll McCail	Outstanding contribution to Debating
Brendan Norris	German Consulate Prize for Excellence in learning German
Jenny Mowat	Rotary Senior Young Musician

The Dux this year was also a Tintonian – Brendan Norris. Congratulations to all our ex pupils for their achievements.

Finally, on behalf of the staff at Tinto I would like to thank you for your support this session and wish you all a lovely, sunny summer with your families.

Regards

Ms Stark

# Tinto Parent Council

I would like to remind everyone not to forget about 'easyfundraising' as you think about booking some sunshine for later in the year or the holiday wardrobe. 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. These funds are being used to buy resources for the kids all the time so thanks to everyone that finds the time to do the double click before they buy. It is very easy to set up.

This year we are hoping to raise funds for more IT equipment such as tablets and cameras that the teachers have requested. This will enable the children to have access to a number of exciting new types of lessons. There are also plans for improvements to the garden which will provide nice projects for the kids to be included in.

I also wanted to mention the 'Parentzone Scotland' website. This is a very useful resource for parents wishing to find out more about the curriculum or how to support their child in education at any age.

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

The Parent Council are here to listen to your views and to help communicate these with 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](mailto:tintoparents@gmail.com).

The next meeting of the parent council will be the AGM and is Wednesday 11th September in the school at 7 pm. Meetings are open to all parents and we would welcome you to join us to find out more regarding on-going plans within the school and future fundraising events.

Kind regards

Lorna Christie.

Chairperson Tinto Parent Council.

# Tinto Fundraisers

**Shorts and Shades party and Disco** – The kids had a great time dancing the night away and playing games. Thanks to all who helped out and to Chris Cruise for being a great DJ once again. £138.01 was raised for the school to buy equipment.

**WANTED – New Coordinator!** We are looking for a new coordinator next year as I shall be stepping down. Thanks to everyone who has supported me over the years. If you are interested and would like to discuss the role with me then please contact me on the numbers below.

Enjoy the holidays!

Many thanks for your continued support.

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