



# Tinto Times

## March 2017

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## Head Teacher's Report

This is the last newsletter for Term 3 – what an exciting and busy term the children have had.

**Literacy Week:** This was a great success. Each class contributed to a book they have called “It Wasnae Me” and each part of the story was displayed along the corridor for the Open Day. The book will be published next term and will be available to buy. Some of the pupils will travel to Hamilton to visit the print room whilst their book is being published.

The children also had a workshop with a local author, Janis Mackay, and I understand that there was a bit of a run on her books at the Biggar bookshop!

We finished the week with a visit to the Lanark library, which was very enjoyable. The children developed so many skills during this week and had a lot of fun at the same time. Thanks to Mrs Kilgallon for organising such an exciting event.

The nursery class have been visiting the bookshop in Biggar for a story and to select new books for the nursery.

**DYWF event:** The P6 pupils joined other P6 classes from the Biggar Learning community to participate in a “Developing the Young Workforce” event. The children worked in mixed teams to complete a number of activities. Lucy McCutcheon was in the winning team and came back to school with a certificate and £10 book voucher. Well done to all P6 pupils.

**Open Day:** This was a very well attended event and it was lovely seeing the children showing their families the displays and their work.

**Cross country:** The P6 and P7 pupils took part in the Clydesdale cross country event this month. The children had been training hard with their teachers throughout this term. Everyone completed their race and we had some fast finishers. Well done!

**Zoo Lab:** We had the opportunity for Zoo Lab to visit us for a morning. This was paid for with the money raised by Mrs Gilbert at Christmas when she hosted her “Meet Santa” event. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the insects and reptiles. Thank to Mrs Gilbert for her generosity in providing this experience for the pupils,

**Race Night:** We had a fantastic family evening at the Race Night and raised £291.22 from the event. Thank you for attending and supporting the Tinto Fund Raisers in this way. Thanks to all those on the committee who helped organise the event, set up and tidy up and provide prizes. Thanks also to Gus Mackay for the use of the hall.

The P7 pupils raised an additional £175 from the raffle and this is a welcome addition to their P7 Leavers Night Out. Coinneach Thompson was the lucky winner of the Easter Hamper.

**Pupil power:** The pupils at Tinto are a very talented bunch and often take it upon themselves to organise an assembly, lunch club or fund raising event. This month we had a rugby club, a skip-ping club and a dance club running at lunchtimes. The dance club was organised by Scarlett Cow-an, Ella Lamond, Ava Tweedie, Theo Ritchie and Cameron Borthwick - they taught two groups of P1-3 a dance and performed in front of the school. Everyone enjoyed watching the P1-3 pupils per-form. The P4/5 girls did tell me that it was quite hard to teach as the children didn't always listen...! Aiden White and Melissa Brown prepared a powerpoint presentation about looking after the bird nests that are in the bushes. This was also presented to the whole school assembly. Well done – a good example of being a responsible citizen.

**Rotary photography competition:** The Rotary Club organised a competition for all the primaries in the Learning Community and one of our pupils has won a prize. Congratulations to Grace John-stone who will receive a certificate and £10 next term.

**Easter Egg and Bonnet:** As most of our families will know, Tinto P.S & N.C has an annual Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet competition. As Easter is quite late this year it has been decided that the competition will take place the first week back at school. All entries need to be in school on Tues-day 18<sup>th</sup> April. This means that the children have the holidays to decorate their egg and/or bonnet. Please remember that all items will travel on a bus so they need to be able to be packaged in a small box / bag.

*Theme for the egg:* A book character

*Theme for the bonnet:* Spring



**New Build:** The build is still scheduled to be completed in December 2017 and we will hopefully be moving into our new school by February 2018. There were some complications this month due to a high water table causing some issues with the foundations but an aqua geologist has apparently provided a solution! (no pun intended) Next term the Pupil Council are looking at colours for the toilet walls and cubicles and cloakrooms whilst staff will look at carpet and wall colours.

**Dates for next term:** 18.4.17 Term 4 begins/ Student teacher Mrs Maxfield in P2/3  
24.4.17 Student teacher in the nursery  
25.4.17 P7 Liverpool residential with Ms Stark & Mrs Struthers  
1.5.17: Holiday  
3.5.17: NSPCC talk to pupils on internet safety  
4.5.17: In-Service  
9.5.17: Parent Council meeting  
12.5.17: P6 pupils visit nursery class  
19.5.17: P6 & P7 athletics festival

24.5.17: P4-7 tri-athalon  
26/29.5.17: Holiday  
30.5.17: P7 three day visit to BHS  
2.6.17: Nursery Sports  
7.6.17: P5 Broomlee / School to Science Centre  
8.6.17: P4 Broomlee  
14.6.17: Step Up  
15.6.17: Sports Day  
16.6.17: Reports out  
21.6.17: Nursery Leavers Assembly  
23.6.17: P7 Leavers Assembly  
26.6.17: P7 Night Out  
27.6.17: Term ends 12.00

I hope that all our families have a lovely Spring Break and on behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for your support this term.

Regards

Ms Stark

## 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](mailto:tintoparents@gmail.com).

The next meeting of the parent council is Tuesday 9th May at 7pm in the Decant building. Meetings are open to all parents so, feel free to come along.

Kind regards,

Parent Council

## TINTO FUNDRAISERS

**Tinto Race Night, 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Thanks to all those who supported the event. It was a fun and successful evening, raising £291 for school funds. Special thanks to Gus for the use of the hall and keeping us hydrated, and to Gordon Rogers and Neil Laing for being excellent bookies. Well done to all the winners!

### **Future Events:**

**Tinto Village Day** - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Helpers and baking needed for our Hot dog stall!

**Shorts 'n' Shades Party and Disco** – 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Date to be confirmed)

Helpers needed!

**P7 Leavers Garden Party**

Helpers needed!

**Treasure Hunt** – September (Date to be confirmed)

If you would like to be involved on the Tinto Fundraisers committee or if you can't attend meetings but can help out at events or provide home baking please contact Diane Laing on 07814378394

Thanks for your continued support.

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