

Head Teacher's Report

Staffing: We had to say good bye to Mrs Davidson this month as she leaves to take up a new teaching post in an ASN base. Staff and pupils have thoroughly enjoyed working with Mrs Davidson over the past fifteen months; her classroom is always a busy, cheerful place to be in. Mrs Davidson contributed to ongoing school development work and has ensured that each pupil in her care has experienced challenging and enjoyable learning experiences. We wish her all the very best in her new post.

Mrs Rodger also left us rather more quickly than planned! After a routine visit to her consultant the decision was made to keep Mrs Rodger in hospital and deliver the baby on the 28th March. Mr and Mrs Rodger are now parents of a lovely daughter and sister for Eddie – named Verity and weighing in at a healthy 6lb 3. We wish them lots of joy.

Cross country: The P6 and P7 pupils participated in the Clydesdale cross country event and the weeks of training beforehand proved to be advantageous. Three of the Tinto pupils finished in the top ten and went onto the South Lanarkshire finals on the 28th March. Congratulations to Molly and Sam Mitchell and Jasmine Glasgow. The course was long and hilly but all three performed very well. Molly was pipped at the post and came 3rd; Sam came 17th. In the P7 race Jasmine finished in the middle of the competitors. Thanks to Ms Aldridge for taking the children to and from the event.



Knex challenge: Tinto, Biggar and Carnwath took part in the Knex challenge, organised by the Glasgow Science Centre, which took place at Biggar High. Toby Cook and Aiden White won the school heat which was to build a bridge but unfortunately Aiden could not take part in the Learning Community heat. Ava Tweedie was reserve and worked with Toby on the challenge of building a Ferris wheel. Two teachers from Biggar High were the judges and the children were marked against various criteria including planning, communication and team work. Ava and Toby were praised for their communication skills and Toby for offering advice to the other teams. Biggar were the winners of this heat and will go onto the South Lanarkshire heat. Well done Ava and Toby!

Sun dial update: Tim Chalk visited the P5-7 pupils this month and presented a powerpoint about sundials and how they work. He also explained how he will make our sundial and what he would like the pupils to do. Mrs Andrews will be working with the children after the Spring break to create clay reliefs of insects and plants that will then be cast onto the sundial. The teachers will also be planning mini topics for the first three weeks back (as we will be packing much of the resources) and sundials will be one of these.

Open Day: This was a lovely event as not only did the pupils make £476 selling bandanas and their bakes for The Brain Tumour Charity but Ava and Aiden White presented the cheque of £10,000 to The Brain Tumour Charity. The children enjoyed showing you their jotters and pupil profile folders too. It's great to think that our next Open Day will be in the new school.



P6 Enterprise: The P6 pupils joined other P6 pupils from the Learning community to participate in an Enterprise Challenge. This developed their team working skills and their understanding of how businesses work. It also gave the children the opportunity to meet pupils that they will be with in S1. Mrs Bowden said that the children worked really hard and that they were a credit to the school. The children told me that they had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

P7 STEM: The P7 pupils had a similar experience with their P7 counterparts from the Learning community. They had a day at the High School and took part in various maths and science activities throughout the day. This is also a valuable opportunity to meet their future classmates and teachers.

Another transition activity took place when Mr Stewart (B.H.S. H.T) came to spend an hour with the P7 pupils. He delivered a lesson on skills for the workforce and all the pupils have been logged on to a site used by the High School. The pupils enjoyed their time with Mr Stewart and were very impressed that he remembered their names!

Parents Evening: This was a successful evening and almost all parents were able to attend. Those who could not have met with staff at the end of the school day. Thank you for ensuring that the appointments were kept to time – this is appreciated by the teaching staff.

Farm visit: The P1/2, P2/3 and P4/5 classes visited a farm on the 28th March as part of the RHET scheme. This was the culmination of their farming topic and it the children had the opportunity to see the new born calves; how the cows were fed; a cow back scratcher; new born lambs and Ben had his name sprayed on two; a climb in a tractor and finally the milking sheds and cows being milked – Quote "Which teat does the strawberry milk come out of?". It was a very educational experience and we are grateful to RHET and the class teachers for organising the visit.



Dates:

- 16.4.18 Return to school/ Student teacher in P2/3
- 19.4.18 P6 & P7 pupils "Bridges to Schools" Engineering Day at Biggar P.S
P4 & P5 evening talk re Broomlee (Nursery decant)
- 24.4.18 P7 pupils Residential visit to Liverpool
- 2.5.18 P5 visit to Broomlee
- 3.5.18 P4 visit to Broomlee
- 7.5.18 School closed for the week – school move
- 14.5.18 Pupils into new school
- 25/28.5.18 School holiday
- 29-31.5.18 P7 transition visits to BHS

I hope everyone has a lovely, relaxing and hopefully snow free(!) Easter week-end and Spring Break. I look forward to seeing the pupils on the 16th April and preparing to move back to Symington.

Regards

Ms Stark

Tinto Parent Council

The Easter Holidays are finally here after a busy Spring term! Hopefully we will get some warmer weather to enjoy as the kids all go on the hunt for eggs.

I would like to remind everyone not to forget about 'easyfundraising' as you book a wee last minute break for the holidays/ or order your new summer wardrobe online (or for the kids again)! 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).

Currently the funds raised from the parent council are being used to purchase more resources called '5 minute boxes' (following on from the 5 minute boxes we purchased last year). These are proving very useful in the classroom and the teachers have said they have seen a big difference in literacy skills from using them.

The Tile project grant from the wind farm which the parent council helped apply for has seen great success and hopefully we will see the results shortly in the New Build.

The google calendar is regularly updated and is really useful 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 Tuesday the 15th May (EXACT LOCATION TBC – DEPENDANT ON NEW BUILD). 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.

Tinto Fundraisers

Dates for your Diary

Tinto Village Day - Saturday 2nd June

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help man our stall. We shall be selling hotdogs, tea/coffee and home baking so we will require lots of helping hands. If we get plenty of volunteers then I can make a rota and that way everyone gets time to enjoy the activities on the day. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received.

Shorts and Shades Parties – Thursday 21st June

Nursery-P3 party 4.30pm to 6pm and P4-P7 disco 7-9pm

At the moment there is only one helper at the nursery-P3 party so we desperately need more. Please contact me if you are able to help.

Next meeting – Wednesday 16th May at 2pm

Our next meeting will be in the new school building! Please come along to discuss future fund raising events.

Diane Laing

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