



Tinto Times

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Head Teacher's Report

May has been a month of 4 day weeks it seems. Nonetheless, it's still been packed full of events.

Residential: The P7 pupils had a very enjoyable residential experience in Liverpool at the beginning of the month. Many of you saw the photos on the school FB page, so will be aware of the varied educational experiences that took place. The children were complimented in every venue on their manners and behaviour. Mrs Gilbert and I enjoyed the children's company very much.

Football Festival: The P4-6 pupils attended the Clydesdale football festival and played against various schools. There were wins and losses but good fun was had by all.

In-Service Day: Staff evaluated the Improvement Plan and drafted responses to the Standard and Quality Report. There were also presentations from staff regarding I.T and Mindfulness. These will be available on the school website in August.

P7 Rugby Festival: The P7 pupils took part in the Clydesdale Rugby Festival. We had a Tinto Team plus we made a team with Libberton P.S. The mixed team came joint first and the trophy is proudly displayed in the cabinet. Taking part is the most important aspect of these events – but its nice to have a win!

Triathlon: P5-6 pupils took part in the Clydesdale Triathlon in Carluke this month. This involved swimming, running and cycling. All the pupils received a sports bag and tshirt at the event. Whilst there was some apprehension when leaving school – all pupils declared it a brilliant event upon their return.

Open Afternoon: Thank you for attending the final open afternoon for this year. There was a good turn out and the children are still enjoying showing their families around the new school.

Nursery Sports Day: The nursery children enjoyed their sports day in the mugga. There were relays and obstacle races, followed by a mummy and a daddy race. We do have some very competitive parents....! Thank you for coming along and cheering all the children on, it was a lovely morning.

P7 Transition: The P7 pupils attended Biggar High School for their three day transition event. All of the pupils returned to school buzzing with excitement and seem to be really looking forward to going in August.

Top Table: The following pupils were selected by the dining room staff for their lovely table manners this month. Well done to Eva Lyon; Cate Plenderleith; Emma Rogers; Brodie Lamond; Ben Morris; Tom Ronaldson; Lewis Mackay-White; Hamish Plenderleith; Olivia Tweedie; Ryan Adamson; Ella Lamond; Ava Tweedie; Finn McCail & Madeline Forgie.

NSPCC: The children participated in workshops that were run by the NSPCC on the last day of the month. These focussed on how to keep ourselves safe generally and with a further focus on online safety and social media for the P4-7 pupils.

P6 Bikeability: Thank you for bringing in the bikes for P6 pupils. This has enabled the first part of the scheme to be completed. Mrs Kilgallon and Mrs Baillie have been very impressed by the pupils knowledge and ability in regard to safe riding on the bikes.

Welcome film: The Pupil council have made their film with the help of Lucas Morris, AV Tech. This shows a typical day at Tinto and will hopefully be viewed by new pupils before coming to the school. This will be available on the school website with a link to view.

Village Day: Thank you very much for your contributions to the ASC of tombola and hidden jars. This raised just over £200 for the ASC and will go towards buying resources and paying for coaches next session. The Tinto Fund Raisers took in just over £500 by selling your home baking plus hot drinks and hot dogs. We are hoping to buy some I.T resources with this money.

Upcoming events:

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| P4-5 Residential | 5-7 June |
| Reports/ Classes issues | W/B 10.6.19 |
| Step Up Day | 12 th June |
| Sports Day (p.m) | 13 th June (weather permitting) |
| Parent Council | 17 th June |
| P1 Science Centre | 18 th June |
| Summer Disco | 20 th June |
| Treasure Hunt | 23 rd June |
| Nursery Celebration | 25 th June |
| P7 Leavers | 27 th June |
| End of Term | 28 th June <u>1.00 p.m</u> |

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.

The next meeting of the parent council is Monday the 17th June 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 ongoing plans within the school and future fundraising events.

Kind regards

Lorna Christie.

Chairperson Tinto Parent Council.

Tinto Fundraisers

Tinto Village Day – Thanks to everyone for their support on Saturday, to the volunteers and for the donations of home baking. We managed to raise a fantastic amount - £500.09!

Shorts and Shades party and Disco -These will be held on **Thursday 20th June** in the school hall. The Nursery-P3 party is from 4.30 to 6pm and the P4-P7 disco 7 to 9pm. Cost will be £3 per child. Payment for a maximum of 2 children per family, 3rd plus get in free. This includes a drink and crisps for each child. There is also a small tuck shop at the P4-P7 disco.

Please contact me if you are able to help at either party.

Treasure Hunt – We are organising a family treasure hunt around Symington on **Sunday 23rd June**. Registration will take place at the football club at 1.30pm. Cost is £5 per family.

We are looking for a new coordinator next year as I shall be stepping down. If you are interested and would like to discuss the role with me then please contact me on the numbers below.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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