



# Tinto Times

## November 2018

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## Head Teacher's Report

November has been an extremely busy month for the school community. Find out what we have been doing below.

**Christmas Fayre:** Thank you so much for your support of this event. The fantastic sum of £1600 was raised. The children and staff worked hard to make items to sell on the day; the donations of home baking raised a further £76. Thanks to the parent helpers from the Tinto Fund Raisers for managing the refreshment stall. The contributions from the Biggar community were extremely generous and we had over twenty donations for the raffle prizes. There was a great turnout and the atmosphere was very Christmassy!

Special thanks to Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Kilgallon for organising the event – Mrs Gilbert visited and wrote to the many businesses for the raffle prizes, organised the children's games (with the support of her family) and provided the contents of the children's hamper and treasure map chest.

**Parent Literacy workshop:** There was a good response to this event and the feedback was very positive. The families who attended worked together completing phonic / spelling activities and a reading activity led by the class teachers. They also listened to an overview of the curriculum outcomes and assessment by Ms Stark and a presentation about Active literacy from Mrs Kilgallon. The evening was rounded off by a plenary session on supporting your child at home and leaflets were given to attendees.

We will be holding a similar session next term based on numeracy.

**Termly planning:** All teachers met with Ms Stark to discuss the evaluations of Term 1's teaching and learning, including pupil evaluations. Next steps and plans for Term 2 were agreed and these were fed into the termly overviews sent home to parents. The professional dialogue also included the 20/20 pupils and their learning journeys. These were also sent home to parents as appropriate.

**Peer visits:** All teaching staff have visited another class to observe teaching at a different stage. The curriculum focus was Active Literacy and how it progressed through the school. Staff have then discussed their observations with each other and given constructive feedback.

Whilst the staff were doing this, Mrs Kilgallon took the opportunity to have learning conversations with the children about their learning. We have still to discuss their views as a staff and will let parents know about these in the next newsletter.

**In-Service:** The staff used the How Good Is Our School audit tool to evaluate our practice in regard to self evaluation and partnerships. The results will inform the Improvement Plan for next session. Staff also worked together to plan the Parent Literacy workshop.

**Bikeability:** The P7 pupils have all passed Level 1 and are now working towards Level 2. Mrs Kilgallon and Mrs Baillie have ensured training has gone ahead every week – despite the weather! Thank you to those parents who have brought the bikes to school each week.

**Parent Council:** The council met this month and discussed staffing, the Improvement Plan and the draft positive behaviour policy. The Parent Council have recently bought five tablets, one per class, with the money raised by parents over the year. The staff and pupils are enjoying using these to enhance learning.

**Dance Festival:** Tinto pupils participated in the Clydesdale Dance Festival at Lanark Memorial Hall. The children had worked hard choreographing their dance and rehearsing at lunchtimes. They also designed their own dance tops. The children were supported by Mrs Andrews throughout. The children performed brilliantly and enjoyed watching the other schools. Well done everyone!

**Skipping Festival:** The P1-3 pupils participated in a skipping festival at Biggar High, along with P1-3 pupils from schools in the Learning Community. The children enjoyed the activities and spending time with their peers. Thanks to Active Schools for organising the event.

**Food Bank:** A representative from the Clydesdale Food Bank came along to a whole school assembly to talk to the children and collect the food donations handed in at the Harvest Festival. The children heard about families who have little and the importance of sharing what we have.

**Rotary Quiz:** The Tinto Team (Sam Mitchel, Ellie Garret, Laura Lyon and Madeline Forgie) took part in the Biggar L.C Rotary Quiz. They had spent their lunchtimes preparing for the event and their hard work showed on the day. There were eight rounds, including literacy, numeracy, history, general knowledge and politics. Tinto came joint third out of the twelve schools. Well done!

**Future events:**

4 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-3 Nativity 1.30 p.m
5 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-3 Nativity 10.00 a.m.
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Bubblegum & Fluff (P5)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Nativity a.m
	P4/5/6 Titanic assembly 2.00 p.m
	After School club meeting 8.00 p.m
19 <sup>th</sup> December	P4-7 party p.m
20 <sup>th</sup> December	nursery party a..m / P1-3 party p.m
21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closes 2.30 p.m

## Tinto Fundraisers

Thanks to everyone who donated baking for the Christmas Fair, the cakes looked delicious! In addition to the huge amount raised by the ticket sales at the door, we made an extra £76 selling 'takeaway' cakes. Thank you for your generosity.

### Attention all Christmas shoppers!

For those of you who will be doing your Christmas shopping online please sign-up for free with *easyfundraising* and raise money for Tinto Primary with no extra cost to you. It's very simple and with a combined effort can raise a considerable amount of money for doing nothing other than shopping! There are over 2000 retailers who give a donation every time you buy something.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tinto-fundraisers](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tinto-fundraisers)

Have a wonderful Christmas! Our next meeting will be in the New Year.

Diane Laing Tinto Fundraisers co-ordinator

## Tinto After School Club

Thank you to all those who have returned the forms to register their child/children for the after-school club. So far, we have 36 children registered for the club. If you want your child to come to club activities, please ensure the initial registration form is return and your donation made (P2-P7).

The donations the club receives are essential to allow the club to pay for coaches to put in different activities for the children.

The first After School Club activity is Christmas Crafts on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 3-4 and so far we have 21 children registered to come along. Registration is via the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/claire-t-18202297369>

We have a meeting planned on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the Crown in Biggar at 7pm. At this meeting we will be discussing and planning activities for next term. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**Claire Thomson**  
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