

Head Teacher's Report



I start this newsletter with the lovely news that Mrs MacConnell and her husband are expecting their first child, due in April. Congratulations to them both.

There have been other exciting events taking place this month too.

P7 Responsibilities: As you will be aware, all the P7 pupils are buddies to the P1 pupils. This years P7's are extremely motivated in this role and look after their buddies with great care. The P7 pupils also have additional responsibilities which add to the ethos of the school and allow them to further develop skills such as organisational, managerial and time keeping. The pupils have decided which responsibilities they would like to apply for. The application process included completing an application form, being interviewed and giving a presentation. A panel of pupils assessed the candidates using agreed criteria. The presentations were of a very high standard and the pupils should be very proud of themselves.

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Clyde House Captains

Forth House Captains

Tay House Captains

Junior Road Safety Officers

Wall of Fame

Molly

Fund Raisers

Peer Mentors

Sam Mitchell & Finn McCail

Laura Lyon & Madeline Forgie

Alex Cathcart & Ellie Garrett

Jay Adamson, Finlay Baillie, Nico Foster & Lilly Ramage

Cameron Borthwick, Amelie Minnie, Eve Storie & Mitchell

Neve Leslie, Liam Gold & Murray Taylor

Fergus Conn & Poppy Ramage

Football Festival: The P4-6 pupils participated in a Clydesdale Football Festival along with eleven other schools. The pupils played football for just under two hours and were very enthusiastic throughout. All of the pupils were congratulated on their team spirit and their respect for other teams.

Parent Council AGM: It was wonderful to see such a good turnout for this event. The Parent Council, Tinto Fund Raisers and After School Club work very hard to represent the parental views and support the pupils at Tinto. Having parents attend the AGM shows that this dedication is appreciated by the school community.

It was also good to have new volunteers to support these parental groups and I look forward to working with everyone this year. There is a meeting for the Tinto Fund Raisers on the 10.10.18, 7.00 p.m. in The Crown. Please come along if you want to help at discos, fund raising etc

Race Night: Thanks to the Tinto Fund Raisers for organising this fun family event. The children enjoyed the races and it was a lovely social occasion for parents too. The money raised is going towards the purchase of new tablets for the school.

Open Afternoon: The children enjoyed showing their families the topic work on display and their targets as set out in the Pupil Portfolios. These targets will be revisited at the end of each term and new ones set. Parents are encouraged to look at the folders each Open Afternoon so that they are fully informed about the progress being made.

Harvest Assembly: The children attended this event in Symington Church. They enjoyed the Harvest Service and listened attentively to Rev Shand and myself. The donated food will be given to the Clydesdale Foodbank. Thank you very much for donating these items.

Students: We are welcoming two PGCE students (Melissa Gray and Olivia Samet) in the Nursery Class for two weeks from 1.10.18. We hope they find this a valuable learning experience

Christmas Fayre: This is being held on November 23rd as part of our Open Afternoon. There will be class stalls and some local stalls. If you know anyone who would like a stall for £10 can you ask them to contact the school. Thank you.

We will be asking for home baking to sell with tea / coffee on the day. We will also be asking that on the October Dress Down Day tombola prizes are brought in rather than money. As always, thank you for your support.

Parents Evening: We are looking forward to seeing all parents / carers on the 3rd October. Please remember that each appointment is only for 7 minutes (as agreed with the teaching unions) and if appointments run over this has a knock on effect on the following appointments. Staff are able to meet with parents after school should a longer appointment be necessary

Parents App: Leaflets and an email will be issued very shortly explaining how to access all future correspondence through the App. Mrs Kilgallon and Mrs Gilbert have spent time ensuring the initial information is all up to date so that the App is ready to launch. The cost of the app is being met by the Tinto Fund Raisers and is a direct result of feedback from the parental questionnaires last session. We will be asking for feedback on the app once it has been up and running.

Future events

28.9.18	Dress Down Friday
3.10.18	Parents Evening
11.10.18	Nursery Stay & Play
12.10.18	P1 assembly 2.00 p.m.
15.10.18	Half Term
26.10.18	Dress down Day – tombola donations please

Parent Council

The first frost has arrived! I hope all the kids enjoyed the September weekend.

The Race Night fundraiser in September was a fantastic night of fun for the kids and their grown-ups. Thank you so much to everyone involved in organising and for all those that took part on the night.

I would like to remind everyone not to forget about 'easyfundraising' as everyone starts to think about the October holidays if not an early start to Christmas preparations! 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). We had great success with the Christmas shopping last year – it would be great to see a similar result this year. The tool bar is a fab way to get reminders for any website you are on and with most it just means one click to activate your donation.

This term the funds raised by the parent council have been used to purchase the Tinto App to help make all communication to do with school easy to access for all family members. It is very user friendly and there are filters to reduce any information that is not relevant for your child (look for the funnel symbol top right on dates and messages).

This term we are hoping to purchase a tablet for every classroom. This will allow for easier access to the educational tools that are limited by the number of computers available at present to the children.

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 Monday 12th November in the Primary school. 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 Parent Council)

Tinto Fundraisers

Race night

Massive thanks to all the families that supported the race night. We managed to raise a very impressive £305. Thank you to Gus for providing the hall and bar and well done to all the kids for their enthusiastic participation!

Halloween Parties

The Halloween parties will be going ahead this year. I am just waiting for confirmation of the date and will let parents know as soon as possible. There will be a nursery to P3 party from 4.30-6pm followed by a P4-P7 disco at 7-9pm. Cost will be £2.50 with a maximum of £5 per family. This will include a drink and packet of crisps. There will be a prize for the best fancy dress costume.

Next Fundraisers meeting

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 10th October** at **7pm** in **The Crown**, Biggar. Everyone is welcome to come along. We are particularly keen for parents/carers from the younger end of the school to become involved as many of us have children that will be moving on to High School next year.

If any new parents would like to become involved with Tinto Fundraisers and would like to be included in group emails please contact me on 07814378394 or dianelaing74@gmail.com

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