



# Tinto Times

## September 2016

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## Head Teacher's Report

A busy month, as always, for staff and children alike. Please see below for news updates, information and notices.

**New build:** My understanding is that no demolition work has yet taken place as SLC are waiting for a certificate from Scottish Power confirming that the electricity has been turned off. There is a meeting with the School Modernisation Team on the 12.10.16 and I will share further information after that.

**Staffing:** There is still a vacancy at P4/5. SLC are interviewing for class teachers at the moment and a f.t teacher will hopefully be allocated shortly.

**Open Day:** This was very well attended and everyone appeared to enjoy their tour of the building and grounds. The feedback comments were very positive and praised the staff for making the building look so inviting and retaining a "Tinto" feel.

**House Captains:** The P7 candidates gave excellent speeches to the school community, stating why they would be a good choice for house captain. The children voted and the following pupils were successful:

Clyde: Cameron McAlroy and Caitlin Reid

Forth: Cameron Bruce and Morven Dougall

Tay: Amy Thomson and Coinneach Thompson

Congratulations to everyone who took part. I notice work has already begun on the House displays – well done!

**P5-7 Football Festival:** Pupils in P5-7 were offered the opportunity of participating in the Clydesdale football festival and 33 pupils asked to take part. We took three teams and everyone played really well. Thanks to Cameron Mcalroy, Cameron Bruce, Rueben Harwood, Grant Allison, Coinneach Thompson and Franklyn Cowan for giving their time to train the teams and to Mr Dougall for attending the event and encouraging the teams.

**P1:** The P1 curriculum meeting this week was well attended and parental feedback was positive. Thank you to those who could attend and to Mrs Rodger for organising the event .

**Teach Meet:** Mrs Rodger also organised a Clydesdale Teach Meet as part of the Scottish Learning festival. Teachers from around Clydesdale came to a two hour after school session to share good practice and engage in professional dialogue. There was a good turn out, very interesting presentations and we all enjoyed the cake! Hopefully there will be more sessions over the year.

**Residentials:** Due to parental concerns about the cost of transport to Belmont for the P5 residential the decision was made to do the same P5 programme but at Broomlee. The cost of buses will be very much reduced. Also as P4 pupils will be there for part of the same week, this will help with staffing. There will be 9 P4 and 16 P5 pupils attending. The Liverpool residential is also booked and there are 13 P7 pupils participating.

**Improvement Plan:** The Raising Attainment in Numeracy D.P. has been implemented well so far. All teaching and support staff have completed training with Tom Renwick and all parents in the L.C had the opportunity to attend one of his evening workshops. These were well received. Tom Renwick has taught every class in the L.C since the training and is in Tinto on the 30.9.16. He is modelling a maths lesson for each class teacher and showing the pupils different strategies to support numeracy.

Every child P2-P7 has been assessed in numeracy and the L.C are meeting next week to discuss the results, identify areas that need support and then action these. Class teachers at Tinto have the results and will be using these to target support where needed.

Support staff and teachers across the L.C have also completed "Catch Up" training over 3 days this week. This is a support programme for numeracy and a small number of pupils are given a 15 min 2x a week input on an area of numeracy requiring support. This intervention programme can last as little as six weeks up to six months, depending on the support required.

All primary and high school staff attended "Better Movers and Thinkers" training this week with Dr Andy Delzeil. This is a programme that incorporates movement to improve cognitive and executive functions, thereby improving attainment.

**Parents Evening:** This takes place on the **4.10.16** in the nursery. There is minimal parking available so please park in the football club car park or turning circle. There will not be jotters to look at on this occasion, the focus will be on discussing progress so far and planned next steps. P5-7 parents are welcome to bring their child into the meeting to hear what the teacher will be saying – if we are to encourage children to become responsible for their learning, then we should be including them in progress discussions. Please remember that each appointment is only 10 minutes long. Should you need longer please let me know and another appointment can be made at a mutually convenient time.

**Thank you:** I would like to formally thank the members of the Parent Council for their support last session. The P.C plays a very important role in the life of the school and is integral to the parent:school partnership we work hard to foster. Particular thanks to Lisa Shanks who has been an excellent Chair Person. Lisa always supported me in my role as H.T. and always had the best interest of the pupils and staff as the priority during her time as Chair. On behalf of the staff and pupils we wish her all the very best for the future.

Having just returned from a school holiday it does seem a bit odd to be reminding parents that there is another coming up! **Half term is 17-21st October.**

Finally, a personal thank you for the support I received from the Tinto families for my sponsored walk. I raised £500 and "Tasha's Troopers" raised just under £4000 in total. The money raised has gone to the Brain Tumour Charity, for which Tasha (my niece) was a Young Ambassador.

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or concerns.

# Parent Council News

## TINTO PARENT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

### School Modernisation

This year, as always, the Parent Council has done its best to represent the views of the parent forum whilst working in partnership with the school.

This year the main task has been to ensure that the school modernisation plans meet the needs of the children, parents and staff.

We have been involved in examining the new school plans and introducing them to the parent group and the local community at the Open Day.

Members of the Parent Council were shown around Ridgepark to allow us to see the facilities and voice any concerns about its suitability. Staff from South Lanarkshire Council accompanied us and were able to take our comments on board and look for ways to solve any issues that we raised.

This involvement in the new build and its suitability for its users will become even more important as the build progresses. The Parent Council must continue to be an active participant in protecting the parent voice and ensuring the new school will meet the needs of all those involved.

### Parents' Night

The Parent Council has been present at the parents' nights and have continued to provide colouring activities for the children. We will endeavour to continue to do this, however as the parents' nights are to be held in the nursery during the decant there may not be sufficient space to do so.

### Planning & evaluating

The Parent Council has contributed to, and reviewed, the school's Cloud 10 planning and its Improvement Plan at various meetings throughout the year. This process will be ongoing and is invaluable in the sharing of opinions between the school and the parent group.

Members of the Parent Council were also interviewed by SLC Development Officers as part of the validating self-evaluation visit in support of the school's strengths in relation to 'Pupil Voice'. This was a very successful visit and it was good to be able to promote the school in this way.

### Funding

In the run up to the decant it was decided that we would not pursue any grant funding until the school had a chance to settle into Ridgepark and any needs/wants were identified.

Rather than buying items for the school that would then need to be moved over the summer we donated £200 per class to help towards the cost of class trips to ease the congestion in the school over the last two weeks of term when the decant building at Tinto was out of use.

Previously, our intention was to apply to the wind farm for funding for staging and lighting however, the new build school will have some of these things included so we have shelved this application until we know what is needed.

There are numerous opportunities for funding out there, we just need someone to take charge of applying for them.

Over the coming months the Parent Council will be reiterating the importance of the 'Easy-fundraising' website as a quick and easy way for everyone to raise money for the school.

### Miscellaneous

As I step down from my position as Chairperson, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the Parent Council for their support over the last three years. Special mention to Diane Laing and Ian McLeod for making my life easier and keeping the fundraising activities and the accounts running smoothly. Also to Moira Struthers and Lorna Kilgallon for their time and support along with all members of staff at Tinto. Finally, to Alex Stark for her guidance and help. Each of you have contributed to the successful partnership between the school and the Parent Council and I am confident that this relationship will continue for many years to come.

Lisa Shanks  
Chairperson  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

# Tinto Fundraisers

## TINTO FUNDRAISERS ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

Tinto Fundraisers have had a good year thanks to the support from families and the local community.

### **Halloween Parties 2015**

This was a great night and there was a good turn-out as usual with lots of great costumes. Thanks to Chris Cruise for being an excellent DJ and for providing the children with lovely prizes. Just over £100 was raised for school funds once the expenses of the hall, DJ and refreshments were paid.

### **Race Night**

The spring saw the annual Race Night which was a fantastic (and loud) family event that raised just over £250. Once again many thanks go to Gus for the use of the football club.

### **Tinto Village Day**

Tinto Fundraisers had a stall at the Village Day selling hotdogs, home baking and, fortunately this year due to the great weather, ice-cream! Despite a few technical hitches with urns and electricity we successfully raised over £300! Thanks to Sainsbury's for donating the rolls and to the many helpers who did their turn on the stall.

### **Summer Parties**

Finally, to finish off the summer term and a busy time of year, the 'Shorts and Shades' summer parties managed to squeeze in a small profit. As the school hall was full of boxes ready for the big move we would like to thank Gus who let us use the football club for the night.

With money raised during the year we have once again been able to provide refreshments for the P7 leavers Garden Party. Families always comment that this is a lovely finish to the P7 assembly and celebration of the end of the Primary school years.

The school has a wish list for Tinto Fundraisers to purchase and welcomes suggestions from parents.

The Fundraising committee would like to thank everyone for their support over the year and welcome new parents to join the committee, offer new ideas and help organise and participate at events.

Diane Laing  
Tinto Fundraisers co-ordinator  
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