



# Tinto Times

## September 2017

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## Head Teacher's Report

**New build update:** The new school is coming on well. The walls are going up and some windows are in! There is a meeting with the graphic artist on the 28<sup>th</sup> September to discuss which quotes will be going on the walls and what graphics we want in the hall. Staff may be able to have a site visit at the beginning of October. If all goes to plan, we are hoping to be in the new building at the start of the summer term. You will be able to see the progress for yourself when you come along to Parents Evening- if it's not too dark!

**Open Day:** Thank you for attending the open day this month. It is always lovely to see the families being shown around the school by their children. It is also a way of maintaining the school:home partnership with the school being based in Lanark.

**P.C AGM:** Thank you to the committee members and teachers who were able to attend the AGM. It was very disappointing that no one from the parent forum was able to attend. This was an opportunity to show appreciation of the additional work the members of the Parent Council do for the benefit of the pupils. The minutes and AGM report will be on the website.

**P1 curriculum meeting:** This was organised by Mrs Kilgallon and Mrs Rodger and time was spent updating leaflets and gathering resources. Unfortunately no one was able to attend due to work commitments etc. We have asked for suggestions for alternative times to meet with parents.

One of the very few negative areas noted on the annual questionnaires to parents was a lack of knowledge about what your child was learning and how to support learning at home. Curriculum meetings are one way of sharing this information but are poorly attended. Please do send in suggestions of alternative ways of sharing this information with you. The termly targets are in the pupil diaries and individual targets are in the Pupil Portfolios that will be available during Open Days. We also put information on the class pages on the website.

**Parents evening:** All appointments have been issued and we are looking forward to discussing your child's progress so far. In response to the parental questionnaires the teachers will also be sharing your child's personal curriculum targets with you and discussing how you can support these at home.

*Parents Evening will take place in the Nursery Decant building, Symington*

**Football Festival:** Pupils in P5-7 had the opportunity to participate in a football festival at Lanark Racecourse this month. Tinto took three teams and everyone played very well. There were some wins, losses and draws! The teachers were delighted with the pupils behaviour at the event.

**Rugby Festival:** The P4-7 pupils have participated in Tag rugby this term and will have the opportunity to put their skills into practice at the upcoming rugby Festival in October. This will take place at the Biggar Rugby Club. Further information for those pupils who wish to participate will be issued shortly.

**P7 officer roles:** The P7 pupils have now applied for, been interviewed and been successful for the following posts:

<u>Clyde House Captains:</u>	Franklyn Cowan & Fiona Laing
<u>Forth House Captains:</u>	Lucy McCutcheon & Ava White
<u>Tay House Captains:</u>	Samantha Brown & Jasmine Glasgow
<u>JRSO's:</u>	Ryan Baxter & Kristian Milbourn (P4-7)
	Benjamin Cook & Joseph Robertson (P1-3)
<u>Walls of Fame:</u>	Allison, Ava Brown, Emily Duncan & Adele Roberts,
<u>Fund Raisers:</u>	Neil Cooper, Abbie McKay & Lexi Storey
<u>Press officers:</u>	Ace Pijper & Alex Watson

**P5 swimming:** The P5 pupils continue to attend swimming lessons each week. They are all making great progress and the pool staff have commented on what lovely pupils they are to teach. Well done P5!

**Library van:** The library van will visit the school regularly. We are encouraging the children to make use of this valuable resource. To do so they need to have their library card with them. We will issue email reminders of when the van is due to visit. Dates for your diary are:

2017: 2.11.17/ 14.12/17

2018: 15.2.18/ 19.4.18/31.5.18

**Fund Raising event:** An email was issued regarding the upcoming fund raising event for The Brain Tumour Charity in recognition of the contribution Mrs Struthers has made to Tinto P.S & N.C. This will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 4-6.00 pm and will start at the Symington football club. The pupils know all about it and are keen to take part.

**P7 fund raising:** The P7 pupils have already raised money towards their Leavers Night Out! A very successful "Guess the Teddy's birthday" raised £41.10. Freya Brown was the lucky winner!

**Science Festival:** a variety of events will take place over the weekend of the 8-9 October in Biggar. All families will have received a leaflet through the post. There will be additional leaflets available at Parents Evening. This is a new event and, all going well, one that will be repeated every year from now on. If you have the time to go I would recommend it. The activities sound amazing and great fun.

<b>Dates:</b>	Parents Evening	4.10.17	4.00-8.30	Nursery decant
	Rugby Festival	12.10.17	10-12.00	Biggar Rugby Club
	Half term	School closes 3.00 p.m 13.10.17 School reopens Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		

## Parent Council News

As we start the new school year we say goodbye to the soggy summer holidays of 2017. Hopefully we will get some nice clear weather for autumn activities and days out before the nights get dark!

I would like to remind everyone not to forget about 'easyfundraising' as you think about starting some early Christmas shopping (sorry!), booking a winter break or order your new warmer 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). We had great success with the Christmas shopping last year – it would be great to break through the £1000 total mark in the upcoming months. Several exciting extra learning resources were ordered last year using these funds so thank you all very much.

The google calendar is regularly updated and is really useful for parents to check what is happening in the school, e.g. parents evenings, school photos, dress down days, etc.

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](mailto:tintoparents@gmail.com).

The next meeting of the parent council is the 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Symington nursery. Meetings are open to all parents and we are hoping this year we will have more parents join the parent council in supportive roles and in particular to help with the running of the after school club as it resumes later in the year when the new school opens. We welcome you to join us to find out more regarding ongoing plans within the school and future fundraising events. If you think you could help at all please contact the council on the above email – we would be very appreciative of extra help.

I will also be available at the next parents evening if there is anything you would like to discuss and the parent council will help to provide activities to occupy the children as we learn how they are progressing this year.

Best wishes

Lorna Christie.

Chairperson Parent Council

## TINTO FUNDRAISERS

### Halloween Parties

The Halloween party and disco will be held on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. Nursery to P3 party from 4.30-6pm followed by the P4 to P7 disco at 7pm until 9pm. Cost will be £2.50 per child. Payment for a maximum of 2 children per family, 3<sup>rd</sup> plus get in free. All children will get a drink and a packet of crisps and there will be a tuck shop at the evening disco for additional goodies. Fancy dress is optional but there will be a prize for the best costume! Please contact me if you are able to help out at either the party or disco.

### Twilight Walk

Tinto Primary are organising a Twilight walk to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October between 4-6pm, starting and finishing at Symington Football club. Children are encouraged to dress up and get the most out of their Halloween costumes! There will be t-shirts available for those that do not. At the end of the walk there will be soup and hotdogs to warm everyone up and the children will have the opportunity to take part in Halloween games.

Donations of home baking will be gratefully received. We are also looking for items or vouchers to raffle. If you or your work would be willing to donate an item or voucher it would be very much appreciated.

We hope as many families as possible can support this worthy event.

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](mailto:dianelaing74@gmail.com).

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