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## Head Teacher's Report

As the song says – that's another year over.....and we're already preparing for the new one! Tinto pupils and staff have had a very enjoyable year, full of achievements and proud moments. Hopefully our parents and the local community also agree that 2011-12 has been a super school year. Events in June were:

**P1-7 Sports Day:** This was a great success and pupils, parents and staff all enjoyed the fact that the event consisted of races and field events. It was a more traditional sports day than in the past and hopefully inspired some budding Olympians! Thank you very much to all those who were able to come along and support the event. It was lovely to see such a good turnout.

**Nursery sports:** Even though we had to host the event in the decant hall due to the weather, it was another resounding success. The children participated in lots of races, cheering on their friends and then their parents in the parent race! Some of the P6 buddies were on hand to help and give out stickers.

**P5:** The P5 pupils enjoyed a half day sports event at Carluke Sports Centre. The event was very well organised and the children completed a number of activities during their session. They thoroughly enjoyed the event. Thanks to Mrs Harvie for accompanying the class.

**P5-7 trip:** The two classes had an interesting day at the People's Palace, learning about Glasgow in the 50's and 60's. The children found the visit interesting and the time in the park over lunch equally as enjoyable! Many thanks to all the parents who came along to support the trip. Thanks also to Tinto Fundraisers for contributing towards the cost of transport – the funds raised by this group make trips like these possible.

**P7 transition:** The P7 pupils had workshops this month with the P7 pupils from Coulter and Lamington. Mr Stewart ( H.T. at Biggar High) completed some literacy work with the children during one workshop and a member of staff from the art department spent two mornings with the pupils designing portraits for a high school mural. Their work will be on display when they go up to Biggar High in August.

**P1:** The P1 class had an open afternoon where parents were greatly entertained by various puppet shows ( hand made puppets and original scripts!) and looked at all the exciting work generated by the dragon's visit. Their topic was nicely rounded off with a trip to the Puppet Theatre. Once again, Tinto Fund Raisers contributed towards the cost of the transport.

**Leavers Assemblies:** The nursery and P7 pupils hosted their Leavers Assemblies on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The nursery children celebrated their last day as nursery pupils with a magician and were presented with a certificate and presents by the nursery staff. The children (and parents) thoroughly

enjoyed the show. We look forward to seeing the children in P1 in August and wish those going to other schools all the best.

The P7 pupils hosted an Oscar style Leavers Assembly. Pupils were nominated and presented with various awards during the afternoon. There were photos from past and present on the slide-show and it was lovely to see how the children had all developed over the years into the young people they are today. The pupils have been a great P7, carrying out their various responsibilities really well and we wish them all the very best at Biggar High.

**Stars in their eyes:** As has become a Tinto tradition, we finished the term with a “Stars in their eyes” show on Thursday. Each class held auditions and sent three acts forward to the show. P7 pupils organised the programme and ensured music and equipment was ready. It was fantastic to see and hear the range of talents that we have at Tinto – and the confidence of the pupils to share their talent with us.

**Staff:** As is usual at this time of the year, we are having to say goodbye to a couple of members of staff. Mrs Bruce will be moving onto pastures new in South Lanarkshire Council- she has been a great asset to our nursery team and contributed to the continuing development of the nursery. We wish Mrs Bruce all the very best.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Henderson, one of our P7 teachers this session. Miss Henderson has given the P7 pupils a memorable year with her energetic and active teaching approach and of course, her sheep dogs! We wish her all the very best for the future.

**Summer activities:** The Biggar Library are hosting various summer events. There is a reading event – Story Lab. Children are invited to read six books over the holidays – and will receive a small prize for each two books read. As they progress through the six books, bronze/silver/gold awards are awarded. The library are also hosting the following events: making a mini toy ice cream shop / mission impossible scavenger hunt/ creating a holiday diary/ making decorative picture frames / bracelet making / recycled robot sculpture and a hunger games tribute trial. Plenty to keep the children busy! To book any of these events please contact Biggar Library on 01899 222060 South Lanarkshire Leisure are also hosting events in the summer and these can be found at [www.slleisureandculture.co.uk](http://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk)

**End of term:** School finished at 1.00 pm on 28.6.12. On behalf of all the staff at Tinto Primary and Nursery I would like to wish all our families a relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone on WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.

## Parent Council News

Once again the Parent Council have had a successful year in representing the views of the Parent Forum and supporting the school and its staff in their work with the pupils.

The success of the Parent Council and its Sub-Committees is reliant on parental involvement. The achievements and the relationships established would not be possible without the contribution from parents within the school. We are now looking for new members to come on board. We have a fund raising sub-committee (Tinto Fundraisers), a grant sourcing sub-committee (Tinto Fund Sourcing Group) and the Parent Council itself, so there is something for everyone to get involved in. If you are interested in becoming a member of any of the committees, or would like to offer support, please contact Andrea Harvie on 01899 308359 or email [tintoparents@btinternet.com](mailto:tintoparents@btinternet.com).

We will be holding our annual AGM on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012; further details will be given out when school returns in August.

The Parent Council is the representative body for parents within the school; if you have any issues or suggestions you wish to raise, please contact a member, e-mail [tintoparents@btinternet.com](mailto:tintoparents@btinternet.com) or use the suggestion box located outside the school office.

Previous minutes are available to view on the school website and on the notice board at the school entrance.

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 at 7.00 pm in the school. These meetings are open to all parents and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Tinto Fundraisers News

We have had a busy month since the last newsletter, we held our usual stall at Village Day, hosted the Summer Party and Disco, and provided refreshments at the Jubilee Street Party and the P7 leavers assembly.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events, to all who made donations (home baking / lucky dip prizes / books for the second hand book stall), and last, but by no means least, those who volunteered to help at all the above events.

We made £260 profit on Village Day, the social events are non-profit making activities.

### Future events:

A Family Car Treasure Hunt is being planned for the new school year.

### Purchases / Spending:

We have donated £600 towards the bus hire costs for the class outings.

The purchase of new reading books is currently in progress.

For further information and to get involved, please contact Donna Allison (309049).

## After School Club News

We wish everyone a very enjoyable and safe holiday and look forward to seeing all the children after the holidays again.

**VILLAGE DAY** — I would like to thank Ailsa Forgie and Elaine Reid for helping build the gazebo and set up the stall on the morning of the village day. It was set up in no time which was good, think the fact Elaine does a lot of camping helped with the gazebo!! Also a huge thank you to Jenny Baillie and Ms Stark for helping man the stall it is much appreciated. Due to all the prizes which was donated on the dress down day we managed to raise £216 pounds which was a great amount and will help pay for some outside coaching.

**CLUBS** — If your child is currently in P3 and would like to join any of the weekly clubs below then please let me know soon as possible as places are limited.

**HOCKEY CLUB (P4-7)**— We are looking to start the Hockey up after the summer holidays and we would do 4 week blocks. We could also try and arrange some friendly's with other schools.

**FOOTBALL CLUB (P4-7)** - Well we had the famous Parent/Teacher against the children game and what a game it was. It was that exciting it had cars and the local bus driver stopping to watch for a wee while. I have put in a couple of pictures and I would like to see if you can spot the difference between the 2 goalie ones! All parents/teachers had a hard game for if I have to be honest there was a lot more children than adults. The final score was 5 a piece.



Pupil Goalie



Teachers/Parents Goalie(s)



Thanks to all parents/teachers for taking part and making it an enjoyable fun game for the kids and for the many spectators watching.

I would also like to thank Jim Paton and Gordon Dougall for taking the football and to Josie McMorrow for being chief juice and biscuit woman. Many thanks.

**BADMINTON CLUB (P4-7)** – The following children from the A group have worked very hard over the past term to earn the silver award: Kasper Laughtland, Ryan Thomson, Samuel Grieve, Claire Cowan, Lauren McCaffery, Andrew Simpson and Robert Boyd. Well done boys and for the P6 boys keep working and you may earn your Gold award. I would like to thank Elaine Reid for taking the badminton every week and bringing on the children so well at badminton.

**SHORT TENNIS/VOLLEYBALL** – We had Dave Fairholm come in and take a group of 15 children for some short tennis to start with. They learned how to control the ball whilst in front hand and in back hand. It was really hard for some to start with but they all worked hard and made a huge improvement. We then finished the session with volleyball. This was a great opportunity for some before they go to the high school and for others just the chance to play a new sport. They all had a great time and I think Andrea Harvie enjoyed having a go at volleyball again!! Dave Fairholm commented on how well behaved the children were and how well they all listened. So well done kids.

**Activities for after the Summer Holidays** – I would like to run some of the following activities after the summer but I really need to know who and how many would be interested in taking part in them before I book the coach. I know I am looking quite a bit ahead but if you wish to do these activities you will really need to let me know before the end of the holidays if interested as after the holidays will be too late!!

**Art** – We are looking at getting Chad McCail to come in and help the kids do a design which he would then be able to paint on the tops side of one of the walls in the hall. So if your child would be interested in making a lasting impression then please let me know.

**Guitar Lessons-** I now have a coach who can take the group of children who have already gave me their names. What I require to know is if these children have a guitar or if anybody has a guitar they no longer use you could maybe donate it to the ASC. If the children do not have a guitar then we could maybe look at using some of the fundraised money to purchase some. Let me know.

**IT Course** - I am going to try and get some funding from the windfarm to get some funds to purchase some laptops, Ipads etc. I will be getting some sound advice from Mr Gardner as to what we would require so the children can get to use the best equipment to get the required knowledge on IT equipment.

**Basketball (Current P1-6)** \_ I would book Reach for the Sky basketball coaching as I have done so before and the kids thoroughly enjoyed.

**Dance/Zumba (Current P1-6, Adults & Teachers)** – I was looking at booking Alison Sinclair who normally takes the kids for street dance. The only thing this time is I would like to have the adults join in as well. Alison would incorporate some Dance with Zumba and it would be a very good fitness class!!

**Bread Making (Current P1-2)** – I am looking at bringing in someone to show the children how to make lovely home made bread. I have marked this down for P1-3 but if older children would be interested then please let me know.

**Sewing (Current P3-6)** – I would be looking to book Susan Morgan-Jones again to take the kids to do some form of sewing.

**Jewellery Making (Current P3-6)** – I would be looking at booking Linda Forrest again and could maybe do this nearer Christmas to give the kids a chance to make some Xmas Pressies.



**Football (Current P1-2)** – I would be looking at getting Ewan McInnes to take the children for some football skills/training.

**Gardening (Current P1-6)** – I am hoping Alison Rogers will come in and take some more gardening. So if you would be interested in digging the potatoes you have already planted then let me know.

**Rugby (Current P1-6)** – I would get Callum the new Development Officer from Biggar rugby club to come in and take this. It would be touch rugby for the wee ones but if we got enough of the older one’s interested he would gradually build it up to full contact!!

**Xmas Choir (Current P1-6)** – I am hoping Fiona Mathers will manage to take a few sessions of Choir singing and if she can manage a Panto again this year it would be great but no promises as she is very busy. I will keep you posted.

**Chess (Current P3-6)** – I am hoping someone from Lanark Chess club will come out and show the new players the basics and then Ms Starks son Fergus is going to come in at golden time on a Friday and take them and further their knowledge of chess.

If you have any ideas/suggestions you would like to see the After School Club run. Please put your ideas on the form below or txt me on 07788 256 292 or email me on [aileenjsimpson@btinternet.com](mailto:aileenjsimpson@btinternet.com)

**We will let you know as soon as other activities are booked.**

## After School Club Response slip

Tinto After School Club - please Circle , detach and return to Aileen Simpson at Tinto Primary School or contact on [aileenjsimpson@btinternet.com](mailto:aileenjsimpson@btinternet.com) or 01899 308 937 or 07788 256 292

Name.....Class..... (please circle relevant activity) Art (P1-7), IT(P1-6), Guitar Lessons (P1-6), Dance/Zumba(P1-6 Parents, Teachers), Basketball (P1-6), Bread Making (P1-2), Sewing (P3-6), Jewellery (P3-6), Football (P1-2), Gardening (P1-2), Rugby (P1-6), Xmas Choir (P1-6), Chess (CurrentP3-6).

New Activities ideas.....

## School Response slip

Should you have any queries, comments or suggestions to make about any of the articles in this month’s newsletter then please note them on this slip and return to the school marked “F.A.O. Ms. Stark”. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child’s name & class: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: