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Head Teacher's Report

Welcome to the September newsletter. The children have now settled into the school routines with their new classmates and teacher. As usual, there has been lots going on in and out of school for the pupils and staff.

Improvement Plan update:



A summary of this session's I.P and the Standard & Quality Report can be found on the school website. Paper copies are on display in the entrance area of the school and a working display is available in the open area – where parents, staff and pupils are invited to comment.

A Development Priority is digital learning – all staff have completed a questionnaire regarding their knowledge in this area and identifying training needs. All staff have had training on Google Classroom and apps available through R.M.

Our second D.P concerns writing. Staff met with teachers from Abington, Crawford and Leadhills to moderate writing pieces. Teachers will next meet to plan a writing lesson together for their class. This will be delivered by end of term and then discussed next term. This allows teachers to engage in professional dialogue and gain a shared understanding of curriculum milestones across our Learning community.

Parent Council AGM: This took place on 11.9.19. Disappointingly only **one** parent attended who was not already on the Council or one of the parent groups. We have 61 families at present – so to have only one person attend not on a group did not leave the parent groups feeling supported or appreciated.

The three groups meet between 3-6 times a year and represent the parents of Tinto P.S. & N.C. It was very apparent at the AGM that for the first time we came very close to not having any of these groups running – so no fund raising, no events for the children and no parent voice when it comes to staffing, classes, curriculum development, Education Scotland and HMle initiatives, budgets etc.

Please do consider if you can offer your time to be on one of these groups to ensure the sustainability for the next few years. The remits of the Tinto Fund Raisers and After School Club are self evident; the Parent Council role is to be the representative voice for the parents/ carers of the pupils at Tinto. They are also involved in staffing interviews; discussing budgets; contributing to policy writing and evaluations. Please contact Lorna Christie (P.C Chair) Mrs Thomson (ASC Chair) or Mrs R Lyon / Mrs J Lyon (Fund Raiser joint Chair) if you can support any of the parent groups.

Thank you to all the parents who have now resigned from these groups as their child has either left Tinto or is now P7. Mrs Laing has stepped down after chairing the Tinto Fund Raisers for many years and we are very grateful for her constant support during this time organising Village Day, Race Nights and discos. Mrs Minnie has stepped down from the ASC, she too had been Chair of this group for over five years and we are very appreciative of the time spent organising activities for the children. Mr Conn was a Parent Representative on the P.C for many years too – but both children are now at BHS. We thank him for his commitment and wish him all the best as he moves on to the P.C of the high school. Mrs Turner has been on the P.C and managed the school website for many years and will step down from this role once our new website is launched. We are very appreciative of the support given for the website – it is an important communication tool for the school. Mrs Forgie is no longer a parent representative but has kindly agreed to stay on the Parent Council as a community representative. Mrs Forgie also puts the monthly newsletter together and posts this onto Facebook and the school website and has agreed to continue to do so. We are very grateful for this support.

Open Day: Thank you for coming along to the Open Day. This was an opportunity to meet the class teacher and look at the learning targets identified by your child and teacher. It also gave the opportunity to look at the results of the annual parental questionnaire and the actions identified as a result.

Nurture Base: This has now been completely furnished and looks a very welcoming, relaxing space for the children who will be accessing it. Well done to Mrs Davidson and Mrs Baillie for their hard work in making the room so attractive. Thanks also to parents who have donated furniture and toys to the Base, we are very grateful.

Tinto children have heard all about the Base and how it will work in assembly and were also shown around the room by Mrs Davidson.



Children from Tinto P.S will be accessing the Base after the September weekend and children from other schools in Clydesdale will begin to attend in January 2020. Initial work with the Clydesdale children and their parents will take place in their own school between October – December.

Professional Development & Review: All nursery, primary and support staff have undertaken their annual review. This process allows staff to evaluate the targets set last session and to identify targets for the forthcoming year. These targets are linked to the Improvement Plan, National initiatives and personal development needs.

P7 Responsibilities: The P7 pupils have put themselves forward for a variety of roles this session. Those that wanted to be considered for House Captains had to give a presentation in assembly and then be interviewed by the Pupil Council. The pupils were outstanding and we were very proud of their mature attitude to the process. The successful candidates were:

Clyde: Scarlett Cowan & Kirsten Laing

Tay: Ava Tweedie & Daniel Turner

Forth: Lauren Johnstone & Aiden White

Other pupils have taken on roles of JRSO (Connor Brown, Jack Morris & Toby Cook). The boys attended a training event at Chatelershault Park and returned with JRSO waistcoats and bags of prizes. Thanks to Ms Milton for taking the boys to this event. The JRSO's will organise road safety competitions throughout the year and deliver assemblies.

The Wall of Fame organisers (Ella Lamond & Paige Ribek)) are responsible for taking photos of pupil achievements and putting these on display. The Fund Raisers (Maddison Lyon & Hannah Grierson) are organising events throughout the year for the P7 night out.

Events: The P4-7 pupils had a workshop and information session about mining. They thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as miners and have told me that "they learned loads!"

P1-5 have now completed their block of touch rugby. Again, this was a very enjoyable set of lessons and some of the children have gone onto join the Biggar rugby club.

P6 pupils joined P6 pupils from across the Learning Community for a day of science at Biggar P.S and the corn Exchange. The children had a great time and returned enthused. Thanks to the Science Festival committee for organising the event and paying for the transport.

N-P3 enjoyed a visit from a local author, Coe Clayton. They listened as she read them some of her stories and engaged in some very interactive activities.

Nursery children had a fantastic time visiting the local vet in Biggar. They saw some of the surgical tools and asked questions about the work of a vet.

"Womankind" are a group based in Biggar who support families and the wider community. Representatives have been visiting the local primary schools to gather together jokes and drawings to put into a book they are producing. The book will be issued to families who are having to live in refugee homes/ Women Aid shelters / families in hospital etc.

**Photos of these can be seen on the app

Top Table: The children were selected by the catering and support staff for their good manners over the month. Mrs Kilgallon and Mrs Davidson "waited" at the Top Table and the children enjoyed having their meal served to them and selecting a small prize from the treasure box. Congratulations to:

P1 - Kiera Mayo & Archie Miller

P2 - Cate Plenderleith & Ivy Taylor

P3 - Kian Gibson & Charly Lyon

P4 - Findlay Hope & Maisie Taylor

P5 - Aaron Turner & Charlotte Christie

P6 - Grace Johnstone & Lewis King

P7 - Lauren Johnstone & Aiden White

**Photo is available on the app

Upcoming events:

2.10.19	Parents Evening	3.30-8.30	Appointments issued
4.10.19	Harvest Assembly 1.30	Symington Church	All welcome
9.10.19	P1-3 games event	Biggar High	
10.10.19	Sponsored Scoot	Symington village	
14-18.10.19	Half Term		
25.10.19	Inter house football		
	Race Night	Football Club	
29.10.19	Halloween discos	School Hall	(4-6.00 / 7-9.00)
30.10.19	P7 Open Evening at BHS		7.00 p.m.
4.11.19	Parent Council meeting		7.00 p.m
13.11.19	Parent Workshop – Internet safety		7.00 p.m
14.11.19	Clydesdale Dance event	Lanark Memorial Hall	(evening)
18-19.11.19	In-Service Days		
22.11.19	Christmas Fayre		1.30-4.00 p.m.
26.11.19	P7 team Rotary Quiz		
27.11.19	P4-7 sports Biggar Learning Community		Biggar High

If you have any queries about items in this newsletter, please contact me.

Regards

Ms A. Stark
(H.T)

TINTO FUNDRAISERS

I am delighted to announce that Becca Lyon and Jean Lyon will be taking on the joint role as Fundraising Co-ordinator. They will do a terrific job and they are already putting me to shame with their organisation skills! I hope they continue to get great support from Tinto families at the various fundraising events.

Dates for your diary

Race night – Friday October 25th, Symington Football Club 6.30pm

Please come along. This is a fun family evening – all ages welcome! The children participate in the games. First to wind in their horse wins a prize and there's money to be won if you bet on the right horse! Entry is £5 per family and it's a £1 a bet. There's also a sweetie slide 20p a go and a gin slide at £1 a go so bring plenty of change! Gus will have the bar open for us too!

Halloween Parties

The Halloween parties will be on Tuesday 29th October. There will be a nursery to P3 party from 4.30-6pm followed by a P4-P7 disco at 7-9pm. Cost will be £3 with a maximum of £6 per family. This will include a drink and packet of crisps. There will be a prize for the best fancy dress costume.

Many thanks again to everyone for their help over the years.

Cheerio!!

Diane Laing

TINTO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

What is the After School Club?

The club is a charity registered in Scotland and was started by parents in 2004.

The club is run by parents / carers and without enough support the club it cannot exist

Activities in 18/19 term included football, netball, multi-sports, cooking, crafts, cherry dance and movie nights

It offers 1 hour sessions between 3-4pm on the school premises during term time

Some activities are run by SLC coaches, external companies and many have been run by parents / carers and High School pupils

We charge each child £15 (P1 go free) at the start of the school year which allows them to attend any club.....no limits except age limits. Sessions are divided into P1-3 or P4-7.

Additional funds are raised through grants and the Village Day Tombola.

Purpose of the clubs is to help provide new experiences in various activities to encourage social and recreational development.

HELP REQUIRED

Do you have a skill you can use to run a club?

Are you able to be a parent helper?

Can you join the committee to help co-ordinate the activities?

WITHOUT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM PARENTS THE CLUB WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FUNCTION

After School Club Resources

Over the years the club has built up a wide range of equipment including:

Gardening Shed and equipment (see below)

Net Balls

Hockey sticks and balls

Folding scoreboards

Velcro dart board

Basket Balls

Rugby Balls

Golf set

Cones

Velcro ball game

Gardening shed:

15 Rakes

10 shovels

5 hand forks

17 hand shovels

5 hoes

100+pots

50+ seed trays

40+ canes

Netting

Please get in touch

A club meeting will be announced soon on the app and school facebook page

If you can offer help please get in touch: Email: asctinto@gmail.com

Current committee.

Chairperson:

Claire Thomson

Treasurer:

Laura Garret

Secretary:

Kimberly Richmond

Co-ordinator(s):

Vacant (clubs, parent helpers, funding/grants)