



# Tinto Times

## January 2020

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## Head Teacher's Report

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2020. We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term of learning.

**Validated Self Evaluation process:** Tinto Primary and Nursery class welcomed the VSE team into our establishment this month. The team consisted of the H.T's from Leadhills and Abington/Crawford; QIO Lisa Quinn/ Head of Pupil Support, Alan Russell; Early Years Development Officers Donna Quaile and Alan Russell. The focus of the two day process was to validate our performance in terms of pupil support. The report was extremely positive. Our 20/20 process was highly commended and seen as unique to Tinto. The welcoming and positive ethos, friendly and polite children and inclusivity was also praised. The amount of work that went into the Pupil Portfolios by pupils and staff was also recognised.

Our next steps are:

- to ensure stronger links with the termly targets and day to day learning experiences for the children
- to revise termly targets for P1-3 ( making them smaller and perhaps 3-4 times a term)
- to ensure that the children can not only talk knowledgeably about **WHAT** they are learning (which was an evident skill) but also the **WHY**, linking this to other contexts including work.

The Nursery Class had an equally positive report with pupil:staff interactions being recognised as highly positive and nurturing and parents working in partnership. Again, the ethos was welcoming and it was obvious that the children enjoyed their nursery experiences. The staff also evidenced a strong knowledge of the children's developmental strengths and next steps with appropriate additional supports being put in place. The staff working well with outside agencies to ensure support was also recognised by the team.

Our next steps are:

- to moderate observations as a staff
- to revisit planning and to ensure the workload of planning is shared equally so all have a leadership role

**Official Opening:** Tinto P.S & N.C will be officially opened on 11.3.20. The children will be performing their Scots poetry / songs at the event. As the hall is too small to accommodate the guests and parents we will be having a dress rehearsal on the 10.3.20 at 2.00 p.m. More information will be issued nearer the time.

**Attendance / Lates:** The revised guidance from SLC has been issued in relation to attendance. The guidance continues to emphasise the impact of poor attendance on pupil attainment. The guidance also reiterates that holidays taken in term time are to be unauthorised unless a letter is produced from a place of work stating that it has not been possible, due to work commitments, to use designated school holidays. Please remember that should pupils go on holiday during term time that school work will not be issued to take. H.T's can authorise time for occasions such as family weddings.

Children will be marked as "Late" if they arrive after 9.00 a.m. / 1.00 p.m. Being late also impacts on the pupil learning experience as they often miss the actual teaching / instructional aspect of a lesson.

An interesting statistic was issued with the guidance:

95% or less = 9 days missed / 90% or less = 19 days missed / 85% or less = 27 days missed/ 80% or less = 36 days missed.

Any child missing 85% or less will then have their details passed to Education Resources Intervention team; 80% or less is passed to a Multi-Agency Intervention team. These teams are to provide support to families who require it.

Letters will be issued should a pupil fall into any of the above categories and if required, meetings with the H.T to discuss support.

**Top Table:** This month's Top Table pupils are : Koben and Luna / Eva & Izzy / Charly & Wallace / Finlay R & Tom / Hamish & Lannon/ Stene & Lewis K/ Scarlett & Ava. Well done everyone.

**Bus Behaviour:** There have been a few incidents on the buses this term where children have made poor choices regarding behaviour. Could you please remind your child about their responsibility to behave appropriately and not to distract the bus driver. All parents have signed the agreement regarding this and it is within the right of the bus company to refuse to transport a child if their behaviour is unacceptable. I have had this discussion with the children in school.

**Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenthood Information Evening:** A reminder that this is taking place on the 19.2.20 at 7.00 p.m. All pupils (N-P7) will be engaging in the lessons on this subject. Jude Irwin was one of the team who wrote the materials for Education Scotland and we are very lucky to have her presenting the evening session. Materials detailing the content were sent to all parents by email. Please do come along and learn about what your child will be learning – it will be good preparation for those awkward questions!

**Enrolments:** The P1 enrolments for next session took place during January. Twenty one pupils were enrolled. We look forward to working with the families over the rest of this session as we begin our transition programme. P6 pupils have begun spending time in the nursery class, building relationships in preparation for being P7 buddies.

### Dates for the diary

7.2.20	In-Service
10-11.2.20	Half Term
12.2.20	In-Service
13.2.20	Valentine Day card making ( P7 fund raiser event in school time)
14.2.20	Valentine Bake Sale (P7 fund raiser)
19.2.20	RSHP parent information evening 7.00 p.m
26.2.20	World of Work week
26.2.20	P4-7 Benchball / Basketball Festival at BHS
6.3.20	P6/7 Cross Country, Lanark
12.3.20	P1 & P7 Dental checks
24.3.20	Open Afternoon
25.3.20	Lion King
27.3.20	Bingo night
2.4.20	Parents Evening
3.4.20	Easter Service 1.30 p.m. at the Church
	End of Term

Please do contact me should you require any further information about any items in this newsletter.

Regards  
Ms Stark

## Tinto Parent Council

I would like to remind everyone not to forget about 'easyfundraising'. 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). 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.

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](mailto:tintoparents@gmail.com).

The next meeting of the parent council is Monday 16th March 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

SAVE THE DATE!

Bingo Night - Friday 27th March.

More details to follow.

If you would like to be involved with the Tinto Fundraisers give us a wee text and we will add you onto the WhatsApp group - would be great to have any new faces and fundraising ideas!

Thanks for all your help

Jean Lyon - 07841713253 and Rebecca Lyon - 07880882571

## 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)	Basket Balls
Net Balls	Rugby Balls
Hockey sticks and balls	Golf set
Folding scoreboards	Cones
Velcro dart board	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](mailto:asctinto@gmail.com)

Current committee.

Chairperson:	Claire Thomson
Treasurer:	Laura Garret
Secretary:	Kimberly Richmond
Co-ordinator(s):	Vacant (clubs, parent helpers, funding/grants)