

Chairperson's Report

This is the end of my fourth year as Chairperson. It has been a tremendously difficult and challenging year for both the school and families. The Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdowns are an unprecedented situation in modern times. It is hard to gauge the full impact that this will have in terms of education of our young people or mental health and well being in general; over the next few years it will be more important than ever for parents to work with the school to help everyone come together to recover. I would like to thank all the staff at Tinto Primary for all their extra efforts in guiding us through this time. There were huge amounts of extra work undertaken to ensure that the children had the best distance learning experience that could be provided and that they still felt connected to the school. Thank you so much for the stories, video clips, competitions, activities and letters that brought so much joy to the children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Parent Council for their help and input over the past year. Particular thanks go to Jean Lyon and Rebecca Lyon for taking on fundraising activities and Alasdair Reid for keeping the accounts up to date and the money flowing smoothly.

Thanks also to Claire Thompson and Laura Garrett for running the After School Club which provided great activities at the start of the year. The opportunities these bring for the children are greatly appreciated and a lot of effort is undertaken to ensure it runs well.

Pamela Duncan has been on the council for many years and has taken on the role last year of Vice Chairperson. Also serving on the council this past year is Ailsa Forgie (our community representative), Debbie White, Sarah Cooke and Lynsey Miller. Thank you all for giving your time and help.

The Parent Council would not operate properly without the guidance and support of Alex Stark and all the staff within the school and for that I am very grateful. We are particularly lucky to have had the help of Lorna Kilgallon who has kindly given her spare time as a staff representative.

Last year the Parent Council provided the school with 5 tablets and SD cards to help improve I.T facilities for the pupils. It helped with resources for the nursery and printing of the Year Books. The funding of the School App was also repeated after the success and easy communication of the initial trial year. The School App for parent-school communication is likely to continue and be funded through the Parent Council for years to come.

This term the school requested learning resources that should assist with revision and consolidation of important baseline concepts, as they return to school, after this extended period of time away. These should be arriving shortly to help with the recovery programme.

We will endeavour to provide updates to parents and carers through the school newsletter and will ensure up to date minutes appear on the school website.

The Parent Council will help to address any issues raised by the parent forum, within the boundaries of its remit.

Lorna Christie

Chairperson
14/09/20