That old adage “Time flies when you are having fun" certainly seems to have been the case this term! It's hard to believe this is the final newsletter of the Spring Term.

It has been another busy month at Tinto Primary and Nursery as you can see below...

**Nursery Parent Group:** The group met earlier this month and items on the agenda included - the summer trip and Five Sisters Zoo was chosen; the end of term service will be discussed with the children; the group looked at John Wilson photographers and agreed to have the class photo taken by the company; the attendance at coffee mornings was also discussed and it was agreed that better advertising was needed. An Easter Raffle was also suggested to raise money towards the summer outing. This was won by Mrs Lamond. Many thanks to all supported this mini fundraiser.

The nursery class had their open mornings on 28/2 and 1/3 and parents reported that they enjoyed looking at their children's work and playing with them in the class.

**Cross Country:** The P5-7 pupils have focused on cross-country training this term as part of their P.E. curriculum. The pupils were assisted by Jim Paton and Mrs Simpson each week and their support and encouragement was very much appreciated. The children progressed well and their stamina increased over the weeks. The P6 and P7 pupils competed in the large schools Clydesdale cross country event on the 15 March. They all ran their best and were proud of themselves when they returned to school - staff and accompanying parents were proud too! Thanks to Mrs Allison, Mrs Harvie and Mrs Rogers for accompanying the pupils to the event. A special well done to Ella Cowan and Keiran Findlay as they qualified for the South Lanarkshire finals held on 27th March.

Both children enjoyed the event and competed well against the other schools.

**Swimming Gala:** P5-7 pupils participated in the swimming gala at Lanark Leisure on Friday 22nd March. There were a variety of races which included individual 25m and 50m breaststroke, front and back crawl and the butterfly. There were also relay events. All of the pupils swam brilliantly and supported each other by shouting words of encouragement. Special commendations to Ewan Laing and Kai McAlroy who both won a silver and bronze medal and congratulations to Brendan Norris who won a gold and a cup for the 50m front crawl. Thanks to Mrs McAllister and Mrs Sneddon for accompanying the pupils - hopefully they have both got their voices back by now!

**C.E.O.P. Workshop:** The CEOP information evening took place on the 7 March and was led by Lorna Kinsman, SLC Development Officer. The evening was extremely enlightening and parents and pupils were left in no doubt as to the dangers online and the prevalence of bullying via social media. There was also valuable advice given about how to keep safe when using social media, how to avoid giving personal information when on online and most importantly, how to report bullying and abuse that has taken place through social media and online. Please check out the Parent Council page to access websites that will give further information and advice.
Parents Evening: There was a super turn out at both Parents Evenings. Everyone seemed happy with their child's progress. Thanks to the P7 pupils who managed the events by ensuring folders were issued and returned and did their best to ensure appointments were on time. Thanks also to the representatives of the Parent Council and ASC for being available to talk to parents.

Liverpool trip: there was a sideshow and information table on both Parents Evenings about the P7 residential to Liverpool. This was in place of an additional parents’ information evening. The residential takes place on the 15th April and 14 P7 pupils will be participating accompanied by Mrs Struthers and Ms Stark.

ASC Fun Day: The race night in February raised funds for an ASC fun day which will take place on the 26th April. The event allows all pupils to participate in an ASC activity. If the weather is kind the event will take place on the Symington playing fields. If not, then activities will be set up in school decant and school halls. Please contact Mrs Simpson if you are able to help on the day. Thanks to Mrs Simpson and the ASC committee for organising the event.

Bag Packing: P5-7 pupils bag packed at the Co-Op in Biggar to raise funds for their residentials. The P5-6 pupils raised £284 and received £19 each towards their residential. The P7 trip needed an additional £300 to meet the overall costs and the pupils managed to raise £274 bag packing. The balance will come from the raffles organised by the P7 pupils.

Easter Raffle: This was organised by the P7 pupils for their Liverpool residential and their P7 night out. The pupils made £248! The lucky winners were Scott Boyd and Mrs Baillie. Thank you very much for supporting the pupils in their fund raising endeavours,

Open Afternoon: The Open Afternoon took place on Tuesday 26 March. Feedback from parents and extended families was very positive. There were a variety of activities throughout the school ranging from an Oscar ceremony in P6/7; weather stations in P5/6; Titanic related activities in P3/4; P2/3 pupils showed their work from The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch and P1 parents kept a wary lookout for the Gruffalo! Thanks to the teachers and support staff for their hard work this term and for organising an enjoyable afternoon to celebrate the pupils achievements.

Easter Competition: There was a fantastic response to the annual Easter Egg and Bonnet competition. We have some very talented families in our school community. Poor Jim Paton had a very challenging task in deciding the winners but he managed in the end!

- **Nursery-P3 egg**
  - 1st: Aiden White
  - 2nd: Finn McCail
  - 3rd: Ava White

- **P4-7 egg**
  - 1st: Farah Conn
  - 2nd: Rachel Hill
  - 3rd: Julia Morris

- **Nursery-P3 bonnet**
  - 1st: Maddison Lyon
  - 2nd: Ava Brown
  - 3rd: Connor Brown

- **P4-7 bonnet**
  - 1st: Mathew Gilbert
  - 2nd: Molly Sneddon
  - 3rd: Melissa Gilbert

Red Nose Day: Mrs Wilson and her fund raising committee organised a fantastic range of events to raise money for Red Nose Day. The overall total raised in school was £521.46, of which £350 was raised through the sponsored bike ride. In addition, Emily Harvie, Rachel Carrick, Ella and Claire Cowan raised £254.18 with their sponsored run. Well done to everyone involved – we certainly are a school of responsible citizens and effective contributors!

World Book Day: This was a great fun event and most pupils participated. Visitors to the school would have seen a couple of Pippi Longstockings, Red Riding Hood and the wolf, Winnie Witch, Willie Wonka and Mary Poppins to name but a few of the characters seen that day! Thanks to all the parents who took the time to support the event.
Dance Festival: Four of our P6/7 pupils participated in the Clydesdale Dance Festival on Wednesday 27th March. Rebecca Glasgow, Rachel Hill, Eilidh McCaffery and Lauren Thorburn have practised for weeks at break and lunch time, devised their own choreography and selected costumes. They enjoyed the event and danced themselves proud! Well done girls!

Easter Service: This year the service was led by P5/6. The rap was a modern take on a traditional service and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Miss Inness and the pupils for their hard work. Thanks also to the parents who escorted the pupils to and from the church and to the families who attended.

Dates:

- Spring break school finishes at 2.30 on the 28th March. School reopens 15th April
- P7 residential 15-19th April
- ASC Fun Day 26th April
- P5/6 library visit 26th April
- In-service 3rd May, May Bank holiday 6th May
- Class photos for P1, P7 and nursery 10th May
- TFR Sponsored hill climb 11.5.13
- P5-6 residential 13th-17th May
- May weekend 24th - 27th May
- P7 visits to Biggar High 28-30th May
- Pupils vs Adults football match 4.6.13
- P4 residential 13-14th June
- Limelight concert evening of the 17th June
- P7 night out 24th June
- Nursery and P7 leavers Assemblies 25th June
- School closes for summer Wednesday 26th June at 1.00 p.m

Yours sincerely,

Alex Stark
Parent Council News

The Parent Council successfully held a Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) presentation for parents/carers, P6 and P7 pupils. Our Children are growing up in a rapidly changing digital environment and by attending events such as this; we can help to ensure that they have the knowledge and understanding to make safe choices while online. We will endeavour to provide more information events in the future.

Further information can be found regarding ‘keeping our children safe’ at the following websites:

www.respectme.org.uk
www.ceop.gov.uk
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.teachingideas.co.uk
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.teachingideas.co.uk
www.cybersmartcurriculum.org/
www.bizzikid.co.uk

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 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 23rd April 2013 at 7.00 pm in the school hall. These meetings are open to all parents and we look forward to seeing you there.

Tinto Fundraisers News

Sponsored Tinto Hill Climb
We are planning a sponsored walk up Tinto Hill on Sunday 12th May. All children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult, with the older children going to the top and the younger children going half way (however you can choose to go to the top if you feel up to it). You will receive more information after the holidays.

New Maths Books
We are donating funds to purchase new Maths books suitable for the Curriculum for Excellence curriculum.

School Web Shop
We have received £40 in the last year and are close to receiving another payment soon. This is a really easy way for you to raise funds for the school.

Don't forget to use the web shop every time you shop online. Retailers give us a percentage of their sales, at no extra cost to you, 100's of online shops, many well known and high street brands, you can even get your supermarket shopping, go on... have a look and give it a go!

www.spendandraise.com/tintoprimarypta

or use the quick link on the school website home page.

We need your help and support, and would love to hear your fundraising ideas / suggestions. Contact Donna on 309049 for more information.
After School Club News

**CO-ORDINATORS POSITION** - Having done this position for over 4 years I have decided to stand down. My only problem is I have not got anyone to take this position on as yet. If we do not get someone to take this position on the club will just not function. If someone was interested I would be willing to assist them until they go the hang of it all.

**IT Club** - Mr Gardner has been into the school and consulted with the children what they would like to do and learn at an IT club. So Mr Gardner has given me a list of equipment we would require. So myself, Andrea Harvie and Ms Stark has completed the Windfarm Grant application so we are hoping to be able to lodge the application before the end of January. If you are very knowledgeable on the IT front and would be interested in taking this club please let me know.

**NEW ACTIVITIES** - I have really struggled this term to put activities on for the children due to a lack of children interested. I have said many times before I cannot book a coach to come in @ £100 for 12 children. So to keep the club going please try and encourage your children to try the activities. I have arranged to do Karate (P1-4) and Gardening (P1-7). I have advertised a few other activities for the P4-7 but not had many names so I am unable to book any.

**RACE NIGHT** - I would like to thank all the families and teachers who came along to our annual race night, also some families who could not manage very kindly handed in a donation. We managed to raise £385 which is outstanding and this will go towards funding the fun day which is on Friday 26th of April.

**PARENT HELPERS** - I have had a couple of new parents offer there help so as soon as we have the disclosures through your help will be greatly used.

**CLUBS**

**Football** - This will start back up on Tuesday 16th April. So please make sure your kids have both outdoor and indoor clothing/shoes.

**Badminton** - The children have been working hard this term and the following children have gained the next level of grading, getting there Silver is Ella Cowan, Eva Baillie, Eilidh McCaffery, Emily Harvie, Callum Dougall, Jack Rogers, Ross McMorrow, and the children getting there bronze are Ben McInnes, Scott Boyd, Rory Hill, Alistair Rogers, Victoria Lyon, Fraser Harvie, Kai McAlroy, Molly Sneddon. They will all now work towards there next grading.

**Chess P4-7** - We have now finished the 7 weeks of the Chess Challenge, so I can now announce our overall winner was Robert Boyd P7 and our P4/5 winner is Rory Hill. So huge congratulations to the both of you. They will now go to Airdrie for the next part of the challenge and the following children also managed to qualify to go : Callum Dougall, Jack Rogers, Euan Laing, Josh Davidson, Elizabeth Simpson, Melissa Gilbert, Lisa Campbell, Ross McMorrow, Andrew Simpson, Mathew Gilbert. So good luck to you all. The winners of our Chess Ladder are P6/7 Callum Dougall and P4/5 Euan Laing.
Cross Country P5-7 - All the children who went to Biggar Rugby Club to take part in the Clydesdale cross country competition done themselves and the school very proud. Two of the children got placed in the top 10 so can now take part in the Lanarkshire competition down at Hamilton. These were Kieran Findlay and Ella Cowan so good luck.

Sewing P4-7 - We had Susan Morgan-Jones in taking the children for sewing. All the children managed to make a puppet and they were looking very good. All the children seemed to enjoy learning something new so I will be looking to have Susan in to take them again.

French (P1-3) - Mrs Kilgallon & Mrs Weir took this activity, due to a shortage of days available we only had 2 sessions. In these 2 sessions they made a Mothers Day Card in French and got to taste some of the French delicacies. All the children enjoyed it so we will definitely have this next year.

NEW ACTIVITIES - Some I will arrange for after the Easter Holidays if I get enough names.

Athletics - We have Jim Paton coming in on a Tuesday afternoon to help prepare the kids for the competition. They have to learn the Long Jump, Javelin as well as train for the 100m, 600m and the relay. This will be done as part of the children’s PE.

Karate (P1-4) - I have booked Lara Boyd to come in and take this for 4 weeks on Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd May. There is still space so if your child would be interested in a wee taster of Karate then please let me know.

Gardening Club (P1-7) - Mrs Govan & Mrs Sinclair are in charge of gardening club now. They have plans to get some seeds planted and growing in the greenhouse, tidy up the ASC Garden and also the school garden. So there is lots of work to be done ready for the summer. I have the list of the previous children who done the gardening who will automatically get a consent form but if you have not done gardening club before and interested then please let me know.

Hockey Club (P4-7) - I will be taking this on Monday 22nd & 29th April. I will send out consent forms to the children who previously showed interest in this, if you have not notified me previously of your childs interest then please do so before we are back at school.
I have not got enough names to organise any of the activities below so please get your
child’s name down.

**Rugby (P1-7)** - 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!!

**Dance (P1-3)** - I would book Alison Sinclair again to do some Hip Hop/Street dance. This is
suitable for boys as well. We have had many boys take part in this over the years and thor-
oughly enjoyed it.

**Gymnastic (P1-7)** - I would get the girls from Biggar sports centre to come out to the school
to do some gymnastics.

**Decopatch (P1-7)** - This is the decopatch that you can get from hobbycraft. It entails the
club purchasing various figures & various paper which the children would then glue onto the fig-
ures to create a glossy model.

**Photography (P1-7)** - I am just looking for numbers just now as I am not sure what age cate-
gory we could run this for. I am also looking for someone who is good at photography and has
all the equipment to process the pictures for us. Please let me know.

**Cupcake Decorating (P5-7)** - I now have enough names for this I now just need to find a slot in
the calendar! I have a lady who would come in for 1 day and show the children how to decorate
a cupcake using icing, glitter and many other decorations (if you were at the Xmas Fayre you
would have seen the lovely cakes being sold). The lady would bring in 4 cupcakes for them to
decorate then they would get to bring them home in a specially made cardboard cupcake box.
My only problem is it is quite expensive. So I was thinking of asking the children to pay £2.50
towards it. I would only be able to have 10 children take part so if you would really like to do
this please let me know and also your thoughts on the £2.50 towards covering the cost.

I am looking for new activities to have at the ASC so if you have any please put your ideas on
the form below or txt me on 07788 256 292 or email me on 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 or 01899 308 937 or 07788 256 292

Name……………………………….…..Class…….. (please circle relevant activity) IT(P1-7), Rugby (P1-7), Karate (P1-4), Dance (P1-3), Gymnastics (P1-7), Cupcake Decorating (P5-7), Decopatch (P1-7), Hockey (P4-7).

New Activities ideas.............................................................................................................

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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:
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