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Turnbull High School
St Mary's Road, Bishopbriggs G64 2EF

Head Teacher Report

May 2023

School Matters

- We are now fully immersed in the SQA Exam Timetable for 2023. Parents are reminded that SQA have procedures in place for Exam Exceptional Circumstances and Appeals. Full details are available on the SQA website.
- Our Wellbeing teacher, Mrs Wallace, continues to be available to offer support with exam stress. Pupils and parents can request a referral via their Pastoral Care teacher.
- Reports for S3 and S1 pupils will be issued in May. The HT will then conduct BGE Review meetings with all departments.
- The new timetable commenced on Monday 15th May 2023.
- BGE award assemblies will take place in June.
- P7 Induction Days will take place on 31st May & 1st June. The P7 Parent Information Evening will be held on 31st May.
- Following stakeholder consultation, the School Improvement Plan for session 2023/24 has been developed. This has also been informed by EDC and national priorities.
- Departmental improvement planning meetings will take place in June. These will be followed by PRD interviews for all staff, incorporating the Professional Standards and Professional Update requirements.

Staff

- After many years of outstanding service to Turnbull High School, Mrs Benassi, Mrs Brown and Mrs Doherty will be retiring at the end of this academic session. On behalf of the pupils, parents and staff, I would like to thank them for their significant contribution to our school community and wish them a long and happy retirement.
- Mr McArthur has been appointed to the post of PT of Physical Education here in Turnbull High School – we wish him every success and happiness in his new post.
- Mr Simpson will be reducing his work pattern to 2 days and Miss Murray will take up the position of 0.6FTE PT Technical (acting).
- We look forward to welcoming back Miss Henry and Ms McDonald from maternity leave.
- Miss Henry and Mrs Britton will each be reducing their work pattern to 0.5FTE. They will combine to take charge of Marian House.

- Mrs Scally has taken up a 1 year seconded post with the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- Interviews for the following posts are pending:
 - Acting PT Chemistry
 - Acting PT Pastoral Care
 - 1FTE Teacher of Physical Education
 - 1FTE Teacher of Modern Language
 - 1FTE Teacher of Chemistry
 - 0.6FTE Teacher of Technical

Spiritual

- Our SQA Mass took place on Thursday 20th April.
- On Tuesday 25th of April, 30 first year pupils participated in our Venerable Margaret Sinclair pilgrimage.
- On the 11th & 12th May our S3 students participated in our NET Retreat.
- Ascension Thursday (18 May): A group of pupil representatives from across the BGE celebrated Holy Mass with Fr Monaghan in our school oratory. Holy Mass was streamed live from our school Oratory to all other BGE pupils and staff.
- Our May Altar has been set up dedicated to honoring Our Blessed Mother. Flower donations from pupils, parents and staff throughout this month of May are welcomed.



School Events

- On Wednesday 29th March, senior phase pupils attended a Multilingual Debate in Heriot Watt University. The debate involves students from all over Scotland and it provides an excellent forum for our students to practice their foreign languages and meet other like-minded young people.
- On the 29th March we also celebrated our inaugural Expressive Arts Show: Art work from Photography and the collated paintings and design work was displayed as a gallery walk round for all parents to see on the way in and during the intermission. Music was expertly performed by Ruby H and her guitar. Dance/Gymnastics was covered via our Dance and Gymnastics clubs. Cluster Primaries of St Matthews and St Helens brought a dance performance, doing very well in front of a big crowd!
- On Friday 21st April we bid a very fond farewell to 'The Class of 2023'. Parents, staff and pupils were able to join together in a day of celebration and fun, thanks to the impeccable behaviour of our S6 students. We wish them all well as they embark on the next stage of their life journey.
- On 19th May S3 Computing Science pupils visited the SAE Institute in Glasgow.
- Our P5 Spanish IDL visit also took place on this date. The primary pupils enjoyed developing their Spanish language acquisition and had the opportunity to visit some other departments for mini lessons.
- The S5/6 Prom is booked for Thursday, 1 June at the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld.

School/Individual Achievements

- EDC DanceFest: As anticipated, Turnbull girls were excellent finishing 2nd place overall. Entered into 8 categories every single performance was placed (no other school did this!) with 1x 1st place, 6x 2nd place and 1x 3rd place.
- Kaitlin W was selected to participate in the Scottish Young Musicians Solo Performer Competition 2023. The standard was really high and Kaitlyn performed well in talented company.
- 20 third year pupils have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition.
- Winners of regional STEM Challenge: A team of S2 pupils (Orla B, Keith C, Patrick D, Lennin D, Amy H, Abel S) represented Turnbull HS at the West of Scotland heat of the Global Underwater STEM Challenge and won it in style! The pupils had to design, build and program a robot to move autonomously along a line and complete a number of challenges. They also had to pitch their product in a dragon's den style competition. They are now looking forward to competing in the Scottish final in Aberdeen in June
- The Scottish final of the Micro Tyco challenge took place on 16th May with two groups from Turnbull High School selected to present at the final. Each group selected a United Nations Sustainable Development goal and developed an idea to help tackle the issue. Sean M and Jack W came in the top 6 and Lucy O'C and Cerys M took second place. Lucy and Cerys were asked to film their story to be showcased on the Wildhearts website. This is a superb achievement for both sets of pupils to do so well at this stage of the competition – well done!

- Catherine Sand Joseph S have attained the Level 6 Young Stem Leader Award.
- A group of BGE pupils have been selected to represent Turnbull High School at the EDC Track and Field Competition on Tuesday 23rd May at Huntershill Sports Hub.
- Turnbull High School has now successfully achieved three elements of the STEM Nation Award.
 - Leadership in STEM
 - Employability and STEM partnership working
 - Equity and equality in STEM

A huge thank you to Miss O'Kane for collating and submitting this evidence and to all the staff and pupils who have contributed to this achievement.