



Turnbull Times

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2024

LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this edition of the Turnbull Times. I hope you enjoying reading about some of the key happenings across our school community.

Option Choices Programme

Options Information Evenings have taken place for parents of pupils in S2 to S5. Information has also been posted on our website for parents who were unable to join these events.

Options interviews for pupils in S2 to S5 will take place throughout January and February. Work on the timetable for 2024/25 will then begin.

Uniform

We are very grateful for the support we have received from parents for our school dress code. Uniform plays an important role in setting the tone for learning and also promotes equity within our school community.

However, we have noticed a recent decline in the standard of certain items of uniform. Can I please ask for your support in regards to the following:

- School blazers should be worn
- School shoes should be plain black
- Only school jumpers should be worn - cropped jumpers / tank tops are not acceptable items within our school dress code.

Lenten Activities

During Lent pupils will be asked to reflect on 'A Time for Prayer', 'A Time for Fasting' and 'A Time for Almsgiving' through our weekly themes.

Our 'Daily Decade' continues to takes place in the Oratory every morning with a range of different types of prayer taking place in our school Oratory every Friday. Holy Mass is celebrated each Wednesday morning at 8.30am.

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Our Lenten Charities Campaign will be launched on Ash Wednesday. All monies raised will support our continuing sponsorship of Vonzua Public School in Liberia. Food and Easter Egg donations will be used to support local foodbanks, Chesters Nursery Drumchapel and St Aloysius Parish Springburn.

Disabled Parking Bays

Parents and staff are politely reminded that the disabled bays at the entrance to the school should only be used for blue badge holders or for persons who are temporarily incapacitated.

Mid Term Holiday

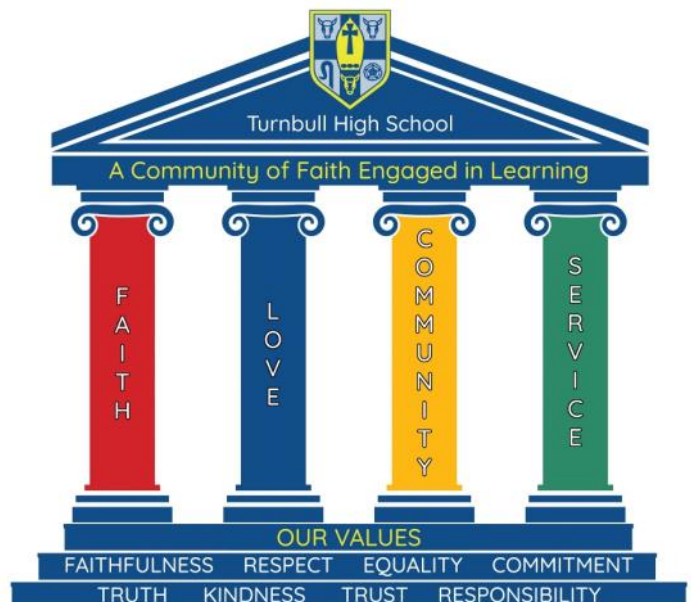
School will close for the mid-term break on Friday 9th February at 2.55pm and will reopen to pupils on Thursday 15th February at 9am.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any issues or concerns or if I can be of any assistance to you.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Kennedy
Head Teacher





TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL

HMIe INSPECTION REPORT

5 DECEMBER 2023



HMIe Inspectors published a glowing report about our school following visits last year and this has given everyone at Turnbull High the best possible start to 2024.

Here is what the inspection found:

Indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality & inclusion	very good
Raising attainment & achievement	very good

Some of the many key strengths highlighted in the report were:

- The headteacher's strong and caring leadership, supported by the senior management team, is highly valued across the school community.
- Teachers have very strong approaches to checking how well learners are progressing and attaining. As a result, young people can confidently discuss their strengths and next steps in learning.
- Young people's attainment and achievements are very strong across the school.
- Staff use targeted approaches to supporting specific young people who require additional support. Care experienced young people are very well supported to achieve and attain.
- The school's strong, faith-based ethos and Catholic identity ensure young people feel valued and included across the school community.



Absence Procedures

Thank you for your continued partnership with us in ensuring that your child's attendance is maximised and that the reason for any absence is recorded promptly and accurately.

Please find below a reminder of the procedures for advising the school of your child's absence.

As you will be aware, if you do not inform us that your child is going to be absent, we will take action to find your child.

This will involve:

- contacting you and, where necessary, your emergency contact person(s).
- If we are not able to contact you:
 - ◇ we will ask the school's Home Link Officer (Attendance Officer) to visit your home.
 - ◇ we may also contact the Police and/or Social Work where a child's whereabouts are unknown and where we cannot establish the reason for absence.

We require parents and carers to let us know of any absence before the start of the school day using the Parents Portal.

If an absence is planned, you can tell us of this in advance using the Portal. We encourage all parents and carers to report absences through the Parents Portal (parentsportal.scot) rather than by email or telephone.

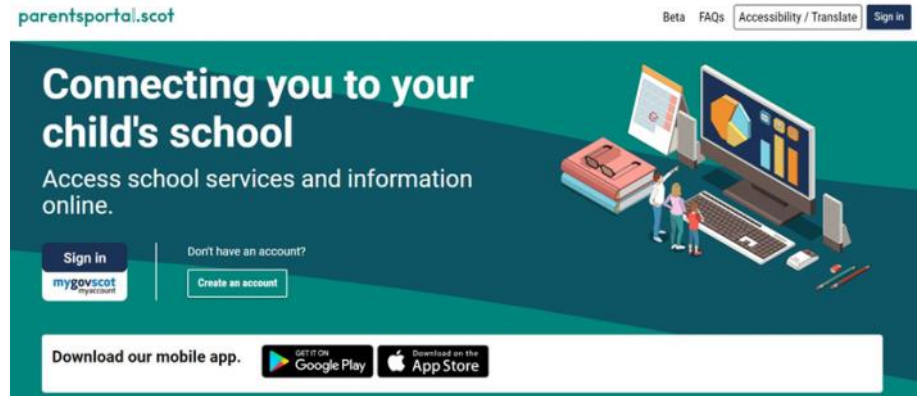
Register for myaccount

If not you have not already registered, the Parents Portal can be accessed via the Scottish Government online account called **myaccount**. This is a secure method of accessing parentsportal.scot which will allow you to link to your child and carry out a range of tasks, including reporting absence, using a single sign-on approach.

Parents and carers need to register for a **myaccount** in order to access the Parent Portal. Help is available at: www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/parents-portal

Thank you for your help with this important matter.

Parents Portal: what is it and how do I access it?



Last year, East Dunbartonshire Council changed the way schools and families communicate with each other through the introduction of a new online service called **parentsportal.scot**.

This is an online portal designed to be a one-stop shop for a number of school-related activities and will create a new digital relationship between home and school. Through time, it is hoped this portal will replace the traditional 'schoolbag run' and make communicating with one another easier and more efficient.

At the heart of the system is an online account created by the Scottish Government called **myaccount**. This is a secure method of accessing **parentsportal.scot** which will allow you to link to your child and carry out the following tasks using a single sign-on approach:

- Make online payments (cashless catering)
- Report an absence
- View pupils' attendance
- View pupils' timetable
- View trips and events
- View school holidays
- View school twitter feed
- Book appointments for Parents' Evenings
- Update contact details
- Receive notices from the school
- Apply for Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme (for 5-10 year olds)
- Complete the annual data check (that's when we check emergency contacts etc).

Before you can access the many features **parentsportal.scot** has to offer, you **must** first have a **myaccount**. If you do not already have an account, there are instructions in the frequently asked questions (FAQs) below on how to set one up. Once you have done this you can then **register** for **parentsportal.scot**. Please follow the instructions in the FAQs to do this.

Once you have successfully registered on **parentsportal.scot** you will be able to link to your child(ren) and gain access to the services listed above. Please note that in order to link to your child(ren), the data you provide during registration must match the most up-to-date data that we hold for them. Parents of children who have moved schools or those transitioning to secondary school must link with their child at their new school on Parents Portal.



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[Watch a short video for a useful guide to registering \[opens in a new window\] \(link is external\)](#) or if you do not have a MyAccount, please click on the FAQs below to get started.

The FAQs should give you all the information you need to register. However, should you need any further assistance, please contact the school office.

FAQS

Please select **one** of the following options below to take you to FAQs that contain the sign-up instructions that you will need:

I have both an iPayimpact account and MyAccount

- [View FAQs on having both an iPayimpact account and MyAccount](#)

I don't have an iPayimpact account or MyAccount

- [View FAQs on not having an iPayimpact account or MyAccount](#)

I have an iPayimpact account but no MyAccount

- [View FAQs on having an iPayimpact account but no MyAccount](#)

I have MyAccount but no iPayimpact account

- [View FAQs on having a MyAccount but no iPayimpact account](#)

You can also [watch this watch this introductory video which will help you get started \[opens in a new window\] \(link is external\)](#)

Other useful videos are included below:

- [Cashless Catering registration \[opens in a new window\]\(link is external\)](#)
- [Reporting absence \[opens in a new window\]\(link is external\)](#)
- [Video for parents with MyAccount \[opens in a new window\]\(link is external\)](#)
- [Completing the Annual Data Check \[opens in a new window\]\(link is external\)](#) *(please note this is only done once per year and when advised by the school)*

We are delighted to announce that Turnbull High School is now officially recognised as a **Unicef UK Silver: Rights Aware School**



Please find below an excerpt from each of the strands:

STRAND A: TEACHING AND LEARNING ABOUT RIGHTS

Pupils shared a wide selection of rights and were confident in discussing concepts, also sharing their belief that , *“...all children should learn about rights.”*

Staff spoke of rights *“shining though”* in their classes, sharing a view that *“the rights of the child are intrinsic to all that we do.”*

Parents voiced that they found the Turnbull Times helpful in keeping them up to date on the school’s rights journey.

STRAND B: TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGH RIGHTS – ETHOS AND RELATIONSHIPS

Pupils were clear that they felt safe and supported in school, equality certain that there was a trusted adult in school with whom they could speak to about any concerns.

The head teacher commented, *“All children have a right to an education. “It’s about inclusivity and putting the child first.”*

Parents noted that the school’s work on supporting positive relationships, *“Speaking as a parent, the overwhelming feeling I get is that children are very cared for, known as an individual and are being celebrated.”*

STRAND C: TEACHING AND LEARNING FOR RIGHTS – PARTICIPATION, EMPOWERMENT AND ACTION

Pupils spoke of the work to support causes through fund raising and donations, including their support for a school in Liberia through Mary’s Meals.

Senior leaders spoke of the voice of all learners being valued: *“The proof of the pudding, it’s the impact... We want to get more and more young people involved...bringing those harder to reach on board.”*

The use of How Good is Our School evaluation processes ensures that pupils voices are heard on a wide range of significant issues.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK IN TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL

Catholic Education Week takes place every year between the feast of St Margaret of Scotland on 16th November and St Andrew's Day on 30th November.



During Catholic Education week in 2023, we visited Sunday Masses at our associated parishes and shared our newsletter about activities taking place in the Turnbull High School Cluster.

We also celebrated our Patronal Feast Day on 21st November with a day packed full of activities focussed on the Life and Catholic Ethos in Turnbull High School. This included a full School Catholic Education Week Assembly, as well as a whole school Rosary led by Caritas pupils. There were also Inter-House activities too, led by the PE Department.

Patronal Feast Day 2023

Tuesday 21st November 2023



8.30 am	Canteen	Turnbull High School Community Breakfast
9.00 am	Period 1	Catholic Education Week Assembly (Teams)/normal timetabled class
9.50 am	Period 2	Interhouse Activities S5 and S6—PE S1—S4 go to normal timetabled class
10.55 am	Period 3	Holy Rosary (Teams - led by Caritas pupils)/ normal timetabled class for all pupils
11.45 am	Period 4	Normal timetabled class for all pupils
12.35 am	Period 5	Values in Action Conference in house groups—go to your designated area
2.05 pm	Period 6	Inter House Activities S3 and S4—PE S1/S2 go to timetabled class for quiz.
2.55 pm	Period 7	Inter House Activities in S1 and S2—PE S3/S4 go to timetabled class for quiz.

Pupils should come in PE kit (house colours) for the full day.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK IN TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL

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OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY BREAKFAST



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK IN TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MASS



On the evening of 27th November, Turnbull High School was represented at the annual Glasgow Archdiocesan Mass with pupils from all year groups in attendance. This Mass took place in the Cathedral in Glasgow's city centre and was celebrated by our Archbishop William Nolan. It was a real honour for our pupils to be part of this special celebration of Mass attended by learners and teachers from Catholic schools from around the Archdiocese.



ART DEPARTMENT

Annual Christmas Card Competition



Cara



Niamh



Eva

For the past few years at Turnbull High School, the Art Department has been running a Christmas Card Competition to celebrate the talent of our new and upcoming First Years.

This year, the winners from each Art Class were selected by our Art Department. Well done to Niamh, Eva, Cara, Maria and Cynthia. Our overall winner is Layla chosen by our Head Teacher, Mrs Kennedy.

Congratulations to all winners, and thank you to those who participated. The money raised from this competition will contribute to funds for future school trips and exciting events for our school community!

**S Rooney and E Brown,
Art and Design Captains**



Cynthia



Maria



**Overall Winner
Layla**

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

COOK WITH TURNBULL

Family Learning Cookery Programme



Working together, good things happen!

The Home Economics Department are delighted to announce our “Cook with Turnbull” initiative. A fun family learning initiative that encourages learning together as a family. We invited parents/carers of S1 to cook with us, follow a recipe provided in the “shopping bag” and via the school website showing a video demonstrating the steps involved in making the recipe of the month. December’s “Cook with Turnbull” recipe was our seasonal Christmas Shortbread.

We were delighted when S1 parents/carers signed up to join us in this fun family activity, receive a complimentary shopping bag of ingredients for their family to make the shortbread recipe together and share in the experiences that this opportunity brought, whilst developing positive interactions and strengthening the relationship between family members, learning and tasting food together. At the centre of this initiative is the parent/carer supporting their child’s learning.

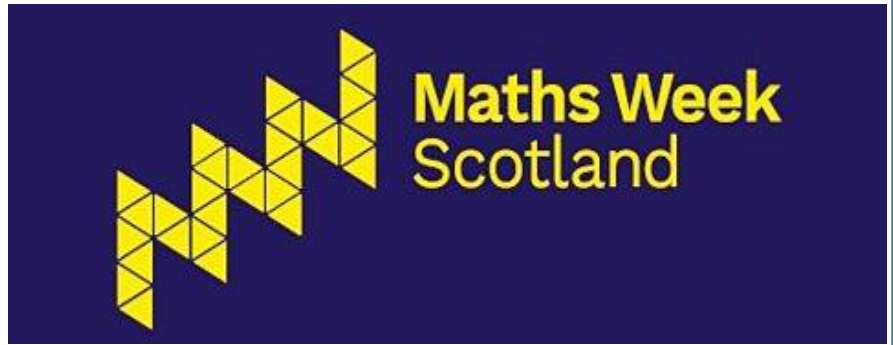


If you would like to be considered for future participation in our Family Learning Cookery Programme, please ask your child to come to the Home Economics Department to collect a letter for taking part in this initiative. Please complete the tear-off slip at the bottom of the letter and ask your child to return it to the School Office.

We look forward to hearing from you.

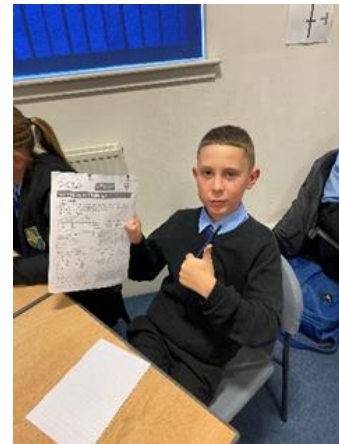
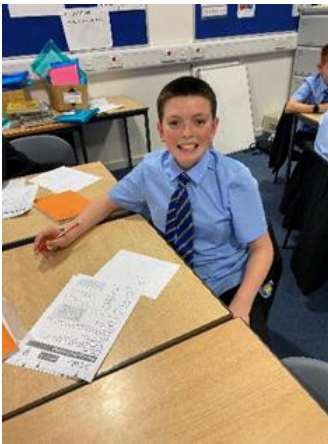
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Maths Week Scotland was celebrated from 25th September to 1st October and Turnbull's Maths Department celebrated with a variety of events:



S1 Cryptography Challenge

The S1 pupils learned to send secret messages in cyphers and codes in their cryptography challenge. They looked at Atbash Cypher, Pigpen Cypher, Polybius Square, Digraph Cypher and Rail-Fence Cypher. We warned them that they were not allowed to teach their siblings so they could keep secrets from their parents!



Our S1 classes also took part in a jigsaw puzzle. They were asked to answer questions on measurement and find the answers on the squares then cover the questions with the answers. When all the answers were completed, they turned the squares over to find a hilarious joke.



MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

S2 Learned about Magic Squares

Magic squares are created with boxes filled with digits so that every row, column and diagonal all add to the same number.



9			10
2			1
	3	0	13
	8		6

Magic Number =



Planning journeys to London with S3

Our S3 pupils completed a variety of challenges including 'Saving the Planet', whereby pupils investigated the journey to London with the lowest carbon footprint, and 'Return of the Crystal', which involved pupils finding the quickest route to London by train.

The Institution of Engineering and Technology
Secondary Education

Saving the Planet

One Journey at a Time

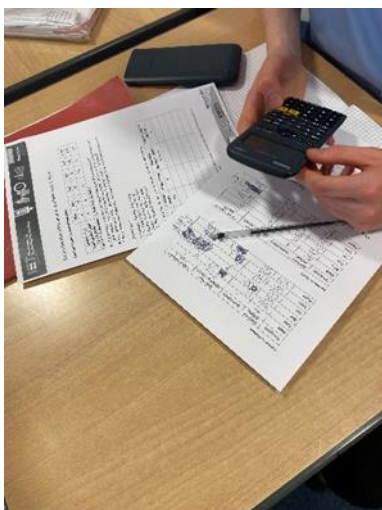
A maths-based challenge to calculate the journey times and carbon footprint of different methods of travel

theiet.org/education
NetworkRail

RETURN OF THE CRYSTAL

Background

The Science Museum in London sent its crystal, from their high-powered laser, to Arbroath to be calibrated. The crystal is urgently needed back in London and the Science Museum has asked you to return it to them as quickly as possible.



MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Inter-School Maths Challenge for S3

For the first time, a Maths challenge was organised between all the secondary schools in East Dunbartonshire. Four pupils from S3 were chosen based on their excellent problem solving skills and fantastic understanding of Maths.



Our competitors: Katie M, Katie H, Zihan Y, Orla B

Unfortunately they weren't successful this time around but they competed extremely well and we were very proud of them.

Magic Maths with Algebra in S4

Some of our S4 pupils completed 'Maths Magic' activity, completing number tricks using algebra. Others completed a 'Shopping Trip' challenge which involved solving equations through a series of puzzles. The puzzles were so fun they didn't even realise they were algebraic!

So how does this work – we can prove it works using Algebra


1 st	3	x
2 nd	5	y
3 rd	8	$x+y$
4 th	13	$x+2y$
5 th	21	$2x+3y$
6 th	34	$3x+5y$
7 th	55	$5x+8y$
8 th	89	$8x+13y$
9 th	144	$13x+21y$
10 th	233	$21x+34y$
Total	605	$55x+89y$

$55x+89y=11(5x+8y)$

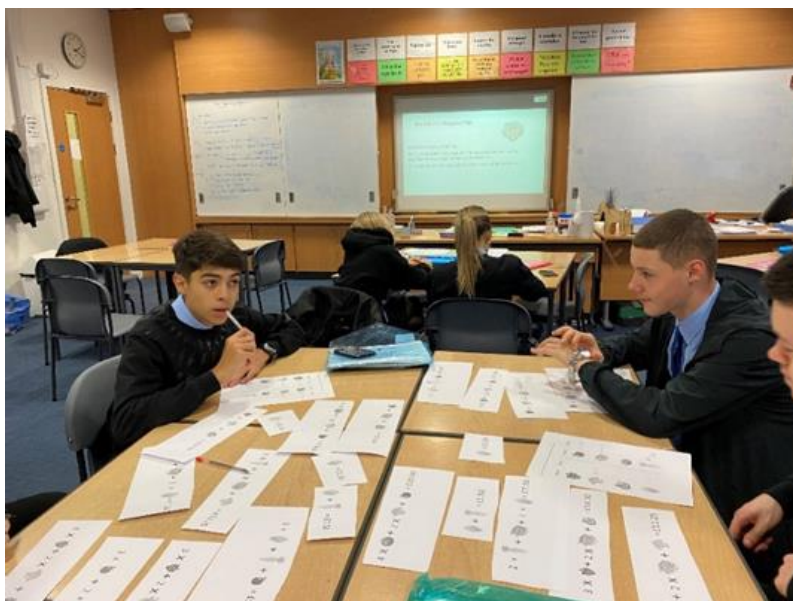
Multiply the 7th number by 11

L.I.
 • Gain a better understanding of Algebra through Algebraic modelling of number patterns

Mrs Wilson's Shopping Trip



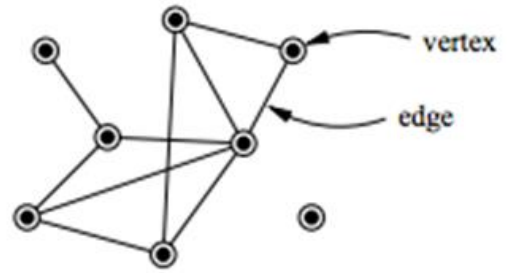
Mrs Wilson is going shopping.
 She can't remember the prices of all her groceries but she has the list of her last few shopping trips and the total cost.
 She wants your help to work out the cost of each of the food items.



MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Strathclyde University Visited our S6 Advanced Higher Pupils

Jon Devlin completed a Network Theory Workshop with the Advanced Higher Maths class. This workshop introduced pupils to Network Theory, the mathematical topic of connections, its history and applications in today's world.



Maths Week Scotland 2024 will hopefully be even bigger and better!

S1 Bridge Building 2023

From October to December, our S1 year group began their bridge building project. The rules were set out in an introductory assembly on 27th October by Mr David Lally, a professional Civil Engineer.



Every Friday from Until the end of November, the classes have been designing and building their bridges.

The rules:

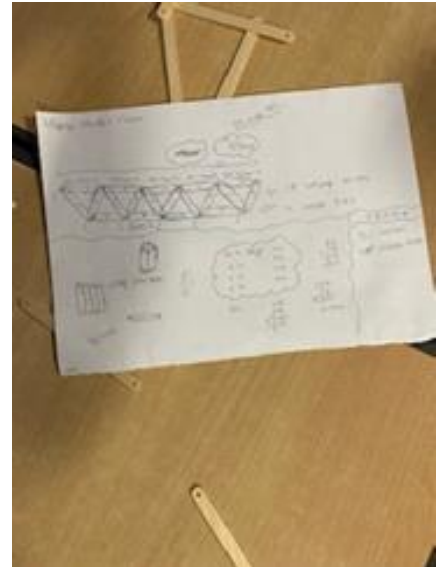
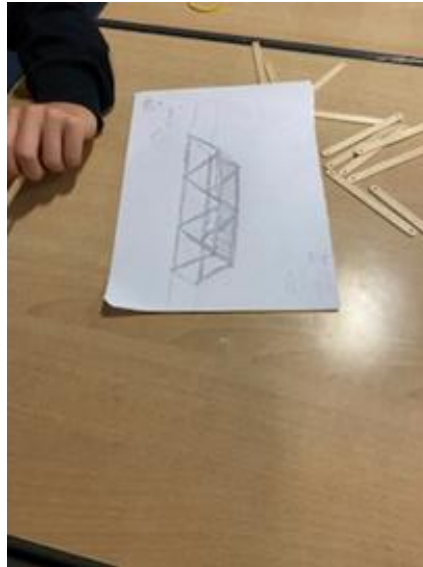
- the bridge must span 30cm.
- the bridge must be made from lollipop sticks, cable ties, string and card only.
- the bridge cannot be tethered or stuck to the table in any way.
- the bridges were assessed on durability (how many water bottles can it hold), aesthetics, cost (all materials were recorded and an overall price was given) and how well the team worked together.

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Week 1 was Design Week where the pupils considered the bridge they wanted to build and worked out the materials they would need.

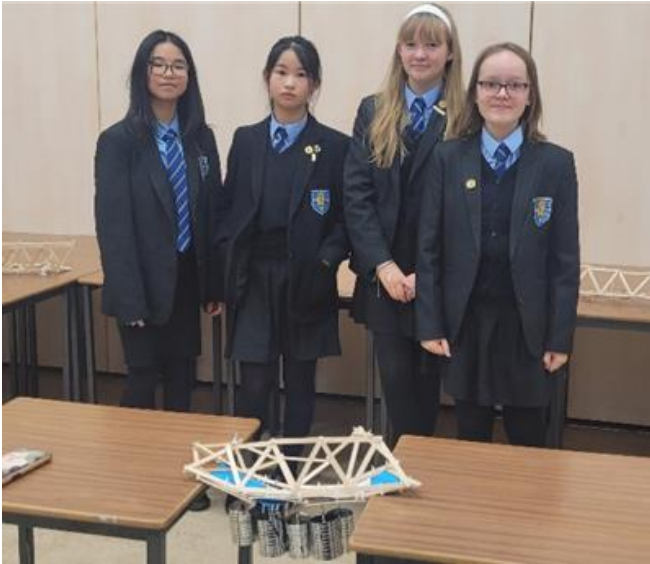
For the next three weeks they worked on building their bridges and at the end of November all bridges were tested in classes to find a winner for each house group. These bridges went through to the grand final.



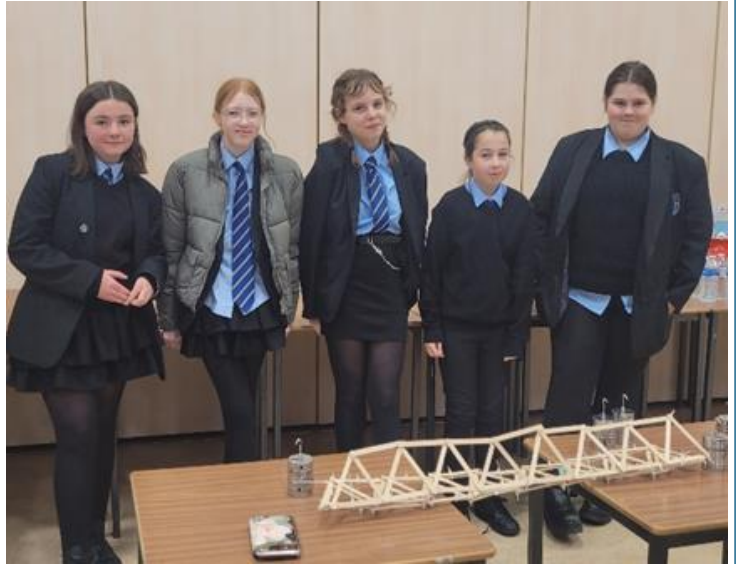
Due to the number of bridges that could hold five or more water bottles, we borrowed some weight from the Science Department to test the bridges to destruction. Two bridges could not be destroyed.

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Winning Team: St Teresa House



Winning Team: St Kentigern House

And our winning teams were:



Winning Team: St Andrew and Marian House

Both team tied on cost, aesthetics and strength and both teams worked so well together that the judges couldn't choose but everyone wants a winner so we opened the final decision to the other two houses. St Teresa and St Kentigern pupils voted by cheering for their favourite bridge and the overall winners were (for the second year in a row) MARIAN HOUSE.



Marian House

Mary's Meals

The Turnbull High School Sports Ambassadors planned and organised a sporting event in December in aid of the School's charity, Mary's Meals. The event celebrated strong relationships between School Staff and Pupils. Alongside the PE Department, a variety of staff competed against pupils from all year groups in some fun activities. It is unclear who won, with the Staff Teams bending the rules and even recruiting some first years to show them how it's done. All of the activities, from

Badminton to Dodgeball, and more, were played in great spirits.

Generous donations were made to add to the growing pot of money raised for Mary's Meals this year.



Thanks to all of the Staff and Pupils who came to play, watch and donate!

The Sports Ambassadors

Christmas Advent Appeal

Thank you to parents and staff for their Christmas Selection Box donations to our Advent Appeal.

We collected a fantastic amount of 350 selection boxes. An excellent result!

Thanks again to everyone.



Christmas Selection Box - Thank You

A message from Father Gallacher, St Aloysius Springburn

On behalf of the parishioners and people of Springburn I want to express heartfelt and humble thanks for your very generous donation of selection boxes.

This is fine testimony to the Christian spirit of giving so evident in your school.

God bless you all.

A message from Chesters Nursery, Drumchapel

A big thank you to Turnbull High School for the donations of selection boxes. We were completely overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone.

The PTA would like to invite you to a special event

Ladies' Lunch

Cawder Golf Club
Saturday, 16th March
12 noon

£20 for buffet lunch and glass of wine

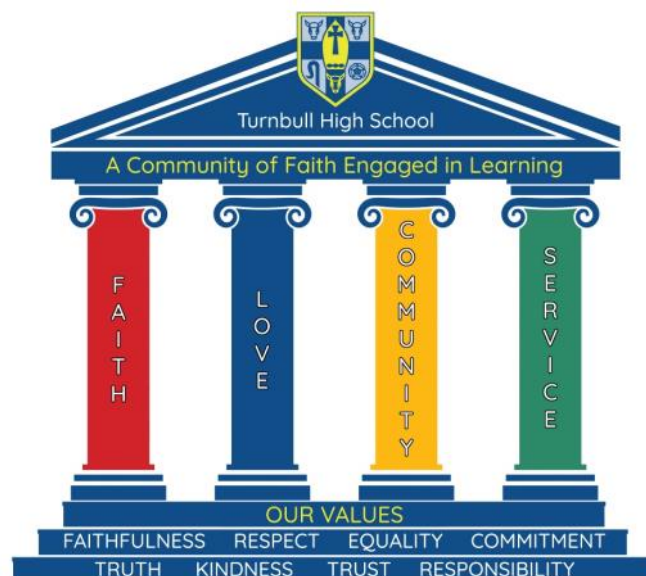
PLEASE PAY BY HANDING IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE
RELEVANT PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.
ON THE ENVELOPE, WRITE THE NUMBER OF TICKETS YOU
ARE PAYING FOR AND THE NAME AND YEAR GROUP OF
YOUR CHILD
YOUR TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED TO YOUR CHILD

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND
ASK FOR MRS COWIE IN THE MATHS DEPT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Month	Event	Date
February	Holiday (February Break)	Mon 12 and Tue 13 February 2024
	In-Service Day 4	Wed 14 February 2024
	Pupils Return	Thu 15 February 2024
	S2 Parents' Evening	Tue 20 February 2024
	PTA Meeting	Tue 27 February 2024
March	Parent Council Meeting	Mon 4 March 2024
	Holiday (Good Friday)	29 March 2024
April	Holiday (Easter Break)	Mon 1 to Fri 12 April 2024 (inclusive)
	Pupils Return	Mon 15 April 2024
May	In-Service Day 5	Thu 2 May 2024
	Holiday (May Day)	Mon 6 May 2024
	Parent Council Meeting	Mon 13 May 2024
	Holiday (May Weekend)	Fri 24 May and Mon 27 May 2024
	P7 Induction Day 1 and Day 2	Wed 29 May 2024 and Thu 30 May 2024
	P7 Induction Evening	Thu 30 May 2024
June	End of Term	Wed 26 June 2024
August	Pupils Return	Wed 14 Aug 2024

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-holidays>



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Sunday Masses:	Evening Vigil: 5.30pm Morning: 9.30am Morning: 11.00am
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 10.00am
Confessions:	Friday after 10am Mass and 5:00 pm before Vigil Mass

St Dominic's Parish Parish Priest: Father Chiedozie Ezeribe	21 Kirriemuir Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, G64 1DL Tel: 0141 762 1154 Parish Email: stdominic@rcag.org.uk Website: www.st-dominics.org.uk
Sunday Masses:	Evening Vigil: 5.00pm Morning: 10.00am Midday: 12.00pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday - Friday 9.30am
Confessions:	Friday: 6.00pm to 7.00pm and on request

St Andrew's Parish Parish Priest: Father Joseph Mackle	29 Roman Road, Bearsden, G61 2SN Tel: 0141 942 4635 Parish Email: standrew@rcag.org.uk Website: www.standrewsbearsden.co.uk
Sunday Masses:	Evening Vigil: 5.00pm Morning: 10.00am Morning: 12.00pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 10.00am
Confessions:	Saturday Afternoon: 4.15pm - 4.45pm Sunday Morning: 9.15am - 9.40am And on request.