



Head Teacher Report

December 2022

School Matters

- Senior Phase Prelims are underway and will run through to the end of term.
- Option Choice Programme / Timetable 2022/23 – straw polls have taken place with all pupils in S2-S5. The information gathered from the straw polls will be used to inform column structures and workforce planning. A series of Parent Information Evenings will be taking place in the coming months. All pupils will be further supported in PSE and through 1-1 interviews with their PT Pupil Support, where requested. The SDS Advisers are also available for 1-1 interviews in relation to careers. These are available on request through the PT Pupil Support.

Staff

- We were delighted to welcome Miss Ashleigh Keggans to our school community this month as she took up her post as PT English & Literacy.
- We look forward to welcoming our new teacher of Art on the 19th December.

Spiritual

- Liturgical services continue to take place in our school Oratory every Friday lunchtime.
- All pupils participated in Holy Mass on The Feast of All Saints.
- All classes held their November Services in class time and had the opportunity to write their November lists.
- All pupils and staff respected a two-minute silence at 11am on 11th November to mark Remembrance Day.
- Monday 16th November marked the beginning of Catholic Education Week. Catholic

Education Week takes place each year from the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (16th November) until the Feast of St Andrew (30th November). This year, the theme of Catholic Education Week is Communion, Participation and Mission and we are asked to reflect upon how we can help the Mission of the Church together through Communion and Participation..

- On Friday 19th November, the community of Turnbull High School celebrated our Patronal Feast Day having consecrated our school to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 21 November 2017.

The day began with a community breakfast and a whole school Catholic Education Week assembly period 1. During Period 3 we again came together as a school to pray the joyful mysteries of the rosary led by our S6 Caritas students.

Periods 4 and 5 were set aside for the whole school community to come together – pupil, teachers and non-teaching staff – in our affiliated House Groups to complete the review of our school values. Using their House patron as inspiration, groups within each House have now put forward the values that they consider to be most representative of their patron and our school. These returns will be analysed and the most popular value for each House will form our new school values.

Throughout the day there were also opportunities for pupils to engage in sporting activities and quizzes and earn house points for our annual inter– house trophy.

Pupils and staff also donated baby clothes to support the work of the Cardinal Winning Initiative.

- All pupils participated in Holy Mass on The Feast of The Immaculate Conception

School Events

- **Active Girls Day** was another success with over 250 girls taking part in events all led and organised by pupils.
- **On 6th November our S4 pupils participated in a study skills day facilitated by senior students.**
- On Friday 11th November S2 pupils participated in our Live'n'Learn programme.
- From 14th - 18th November we celebrated UK Parliament Week . This included visits from Rona McKay MSP and Paul Sweeney MSP and culminated in a Whole School Election organised by our Modern Studies Captains.
- Transition Events: On 30th November P7 pupils from our three associated primaries participated in a Developing Young Workforce day. P6 pupils have also visited the school this month to take part in science lessons.
- As part of our work with Respectme and the national anti bullying campaign, our pupil HWB committee was involved in a consultation with SAMH on the new CAMHS website on 1st December.

- Dress Down Day to launch our Advent Charity Campaign took place on Friday 2nd December.
- On Wednesday 14th December we have our Cyber security and safety day in the school. This is for all our S1's and they will be off timetable for the day. There are 6 different areas that they will be learning about from hacking to Viruses and Trojans, Phishing scams, safe posting and social media use.
- As part of our continued commitment to Vision School S2 will visit the Jewish Heritage Centre on various dates in January and February.

School/Individual Achievements

- Aiming High and Aiming Higher pupils will receive their certificates during December and January.
- We were delighted to hear that Anna Hendry scored equal top mark in the National 5 Physics award. To mark this achievement the Institute of Physics Scotland will present Anna with an Excellence in Physics certificate. In addition, to acknowledge the role Turnbull High School played in supporting Anna they will present Turnbull High School with a certificate.
- 18 S6 pupils have now trained in AAC in their role as EDC communication ambassadors and have also had a talking mats training session, led by a specialist from Stirling university. They will be presenting to all learning support assistants on makaton and low tech communication devices in the February inservice day and they will also be acting as a buddy to a child who will be transitioning into the new ASN school in Kirkintilloch.
- Lara Trotter and Hannah Mack have been announced as finalists for the East Dunbartonshire Art Competition. Framed paintings will go on exhibition from the 19th November 2022 at the Thomas Muir Coffee Shop, Bishopbriggs. The presentations evening will take place in January 2023.
- Joseph McIndoe (S2) competed in the Scottish Novice Boxing Championships and is now the Scottish novice champion at his weight.
- Duke of Edinburgh : All of the pupils taking part in this years qualifier expeditions have passed this section of their DofE, now working towards their Skill, Volunteer and Physical to gain their bronze award.
- 10.11.22 - Under 16s beat Bishopbriggs Academy 4-0 at Bishopbriggs
- 15.11.22 - under 16s beat St Ninian's 7-1 in their EDC League game.
- The Under 18s Boys Football Team unfortunately lost 1-0 to St Maurice's in the 2nd round of the Scottish Cup. They showed unbelievable hunger and desire throughout the encounter but just fell short at the end. Mr Jordan Mr Broadley and the boys are currently disappointed but extremely excited by the potential of the squad.
- SPAR Cup Girls Football – our girls have won the Dunbartonshire section and

qualified for the regionals!

- Senior Boys Basketball 7 - 31 Kelvinside : Our team ranging from S1-6 competed in our first ever official basketball match and gave a good account against a very physical senior side from private school Kelvinside Academy
- S2 Netball 6 - 10 Bearsden : Again a first game for this group with a mixture of S1/2 girls playing with no subs the girls gave a brilliant account of themselves and we are excited to see how this goes throughout the year.

Young Action Group Visit Holyrood

During Anti-Bullying Week Kieran, Theo, Temilade and Precious, members of the national respectme Youth Action Group, enjoyed an audience with Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Shirley-Anne Somerville, to celebrate their contribution in co-designing the new two-year campaign 'Listen Up! (Respect our Rights)'.

Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Shirley-Anne Somerville, said: *"It is fantastic to hear about the work of both respectme and the Youth Action Group as we know involving young people is key to successfully addressing bullying.*

Lisa Armstrong, Joint Interim Director from respectme, Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service, commented: *"We were thrilled to visit the Scottish Parliament with members of our Youth Action group as part of our Anti-Bullying Week activities. The young people have been vital to the development of our new two-year anti-bullying campaign 'Listen Up! (Respect our Rights)', so it meant a lot that they were able to introduce their outstanding work to the Cabinet Secretary directly."*

