



Turnbull Times

MAY 2023

LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our May newsletter. As we enter into the final weeks of term, I hope you enjoy reading about some of what has been happening across our school community.

SQA Exam Diet 2023

The SQA Exam diet for 2023 is now well underway and will run through to the end of June. Parents can continue to support their child through encouraging and monitoring the use of a study timetable and providing a quiet dedicated study space. On-going support is also available from school through our timetable of SQA preparation sessions for each subject. Bespoke support requirements can also be discussed with your child's Pastoral Care Teacher.

During the exam diet, the SQA provide an exam exceptional circumstances service. This is in place for learners who are unable to attend an exam due to a reason beyond their control, such as a medical condition (including Covid-19 related absence) or bereavement, or who have been impacted by a disruption at their school on the day of the exam, which means the exam can't take place. If your child is unable to attend an SQA exam it is essential that you contact the school as soon as possible to inform us of the reason for this and to ascertain if this service can be accessed. All exceptional circumstance requests require to be submitted within 10 days of the exam.

SQA provide regular updates for parents and pupils on their website: www.sqa.org.uk

My SQA

Results Day is Tuesday 8th August.

MySQA is SQA's online and text results service allowing candidates to receive their results from 8am on results day. It's also a helpful resource to check the personal information SQA holds for each candidate, including SQA qualifications previously achieved.

To register for MySQA, pupils will need their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) and a valid email address. They can find their SCN on their SCN card issued prior to study leave or a previous SQA certificate. Anyone who cannot find their SCN should contact their Pastoral Care teacher or Year Head. You can access mySQA using the link below:

[Sign up for MySQA](#)

School Improvement Plan

Many thanks to parents who responded to our school improvement plan consultation and recent parent questionnaire. These responses are currently being considered alongside those from pupils, staff and partners. This analysis will then be used to inform our School Improvement Plan for session 2023/24. This collaborative plan will be shared with our school community in June.

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Uniform

I am pleased to report that following recent appeals there has been a noticeable improvement in our uniform standard. However, there are still a number of female students who continue to wear leggings and/or cropped tops to school on a regular basis. These do not conform to our agreed uniform policy and I would ask for parental support in ensuring these items are not worn to school.

Can I please ask that you also encourage you son/daughter to wear their school blazer travelling to school and moving around the school. Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Communication

Two-way communication between home and school is a cornerstone of successful partnership and continuous improvement. If you have any issues with the school or concerns regarding your child, I would urge you to contact your child's pastoral care teacher in the first instance.

Pastoral Care staff can be contacted by telephone via the school office (0141 955 2393) or by e-mail:

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Where appropriate, you may wish to contact a member of the SMT directly:

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It is school policy to endeavour to respond to your telephone call or e-mail by 6pm on the day it is received. Please note however that this is not always possible due to teaching commitment, school events or management duties taking place that day.

All telephone calls and e-mails should be responded to within 3 days. If you have not received a reply within this time-frame please contact me directly by e-mail.

Holiday Arrangements

School will be closed to pupils on the following days:

Friday 26th May – HOLIDAY
Monday 29th May – HOLIDAY

Thank you for your continuing support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Yours sincerely

E Kennedy
Head Teacher



We CARE at Turnbull High School

Mrs McBride and Mrs Kerr are the Young Carer Co-ordinators at Turnbull High School and have now established the Turnbull Young Carers Group.

Our Young Carer Support Worker is Amy McSherry. Amy has now started to run voluntary group sessions in our school. In addition to these, if 1:1 support is something one of our Young Carers requires, they can speak with their Pastoral Care Principal Teacher and Amy will come out and meet with them.

East Dunbartonshire Young Carers

The young carer service was established in 2012 as part of Carers Link, we have provided a dedicated service to young carers aged 8-16 and young adult carers aged 16-25.



Carers Link supports and encourages young carers by providing one to one support, information, advocacy, group support and residential trips. Our aim is to help you to have the best possible quality of life, both while you are caring for someone and if your caring role ends. No matter who you are or who you care for, Carers Link is here to support you.

You may be caring for just a few hours each week or doing it 24/7; you may have found yourself suddenly in this role, or perhaps the person you care for has gradually needed more and more help over the years. Whatever your circumstances, we are your local organisation dedicated to carers who live or care in East Dunbartonshire.

We ask for information about you and the person that you care for so that we can offer you the best service. If you are a young carer wanting to make a self-referral or a professional making a referral for a young carer, please follow the make a referral link below.

The following links may be of interest to our Young Carers and their Parents/Carers:

Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/CarersLink
Website	https://carerslink.org.uk/about/
Email: Amy McSherry	amy@carerslink.org.uk

The S2 Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Needs Your Help

Turnbull High School must raise £500 as a partnership agreement. We wondered if there were any parents that had ideas on how this could be raised or indeed any parents that could contribute to this fantastic initiative to ensure our S2 pupils get this meaningful curricular experience going forward. The Wood Foundation would then add £2,500 to this, meaning the lucky winning charity would get £3,000 in total.



About the Initiative

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is a powerful active citizenship programme, empowering young people to make a difference in their communities while developing a range of skills.

Since it was introduced to Scotland in 2008 by The Wood Foundation, it has engaged more than 270,000 young people who have taken responsibility for £6m of charitable giving.

YPI is the biggest independent initiative being delivered in Scottish education. Each school is responsible for directing a grant of £3,000 to a local charity championed by its students through a unique programme of teamwork, research, and competition.

YPI engages a full year-group of students, developing skills and confidence through a contextualised learning experience. The programme raises awareness of social issues and local charities and is a vital means of devolved, locally driven grant-making

YPI is managed and principally funded by The Wood Foundation. A dedicated team works closely with all participating schools to fully realise the opportunity for their settings.

This year's finalists

The charities in the running for this year's £3,000 are:

- East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action- Befriending Service (Saint Teresa House)
- The Addiction Recovery Centre, Kirkintilloch (Saint Teresa House)
- East Dunbartonshire Initiative For Creative Therapy (Saint Andrew House)
- The Glasgow Association for Mental Health (Marian House)
- Street Vet (Marian House)

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

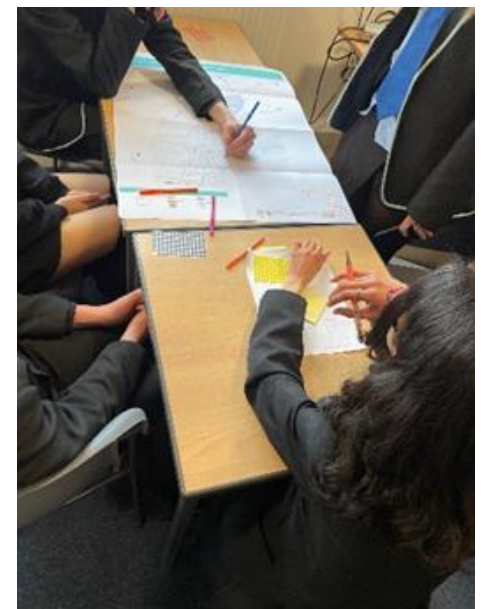
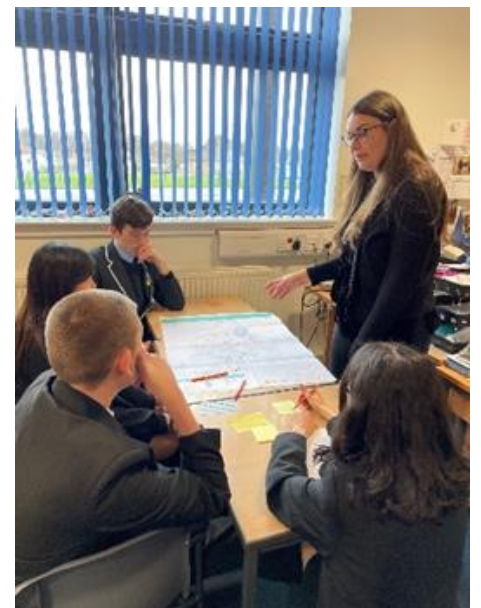
CITY DEAL SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENT

We teamed up with our neighbours, Bishopbriggs Academy, to work with Atkins Engineering Company to discuss the redevelopment of the A803 Road which our local community is a major stakeholder in.

Our pupils learned all about the plans for the road and were asked to provide ideas to representatives from Atkins to try and help with making the road more accessible, pleasant and suitable for all methods of transport. During their visit, Atkins helped our pupils learn all about the importance of civil engineering, environmental planning and the sustainability of future projects within Bishopbriggs.

Turnbull S2 pupils, Ava F, Amy H and Orla B, represented the school extremely well, contributing excellent ideas through the help and guidance of our Advanced Higher Geography pupils, Aidan K, Cieron H, Emma H, Liam S and Ruby H.

We would like to express our thanks to the S3 pupils from Bishopbriggs Academy who provided lots of fresh and useful ideas when we were working together. All pupils worked collaboratively and both Rachel and Claire were highly impressed. The pupils learned a great deal concentrating their learning about STEM career paths and also the necessity for action in climate change. The pupil's hard work will be used by Atkins and hopefully their brilliant ideas will become a reality for the future of Bishopbriggs.

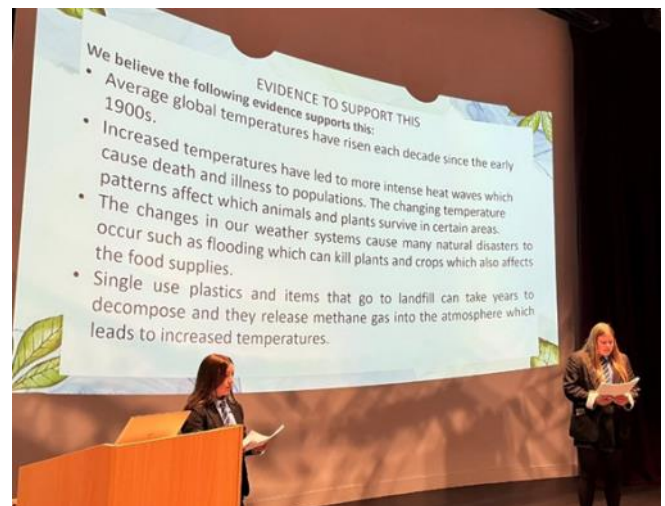
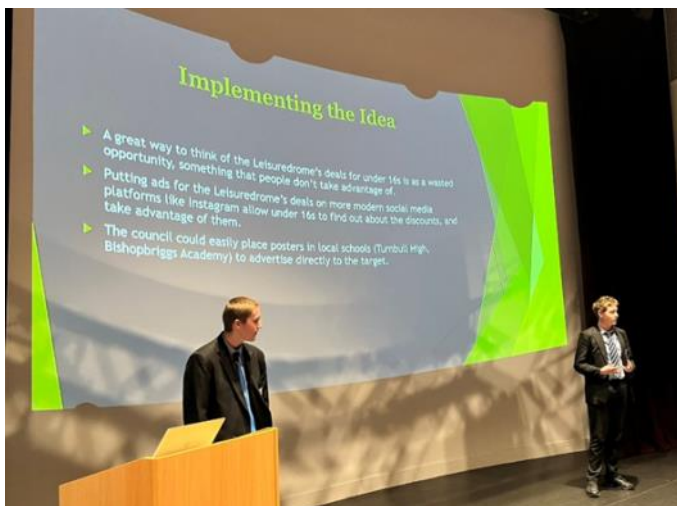


S4 Geographers wow at Micro Tyco Final

Two groups of our new S4 pupils wowed the judges at the Wildhearts Scottish Final for the Micro Tyco challenge. The pupils explored the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals before deciding on one chosen goal. The groups then developed an idea to try to tackle the issue.

Sean and Jack focused on health and fitness for young people in East Dunbartonshire while Lucy and Cerys worked on an idea around plantable pencils which grow into a herb or flower once used.

Both groups presented their ideas with passion and confidence and delivered well thought-out responses to the judges questions.



HISTORY DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday 3rd May, a group of S3 History students visited Glasgow to explore Glasgow's connection to the Slave Trade. This is to some extent a part of Glasgow's hidden history but this connection to the slave trade changed Glasgow beyond recognition thanks to the investment the trade brought to Glasgow.

The students visited Glasgow Cathedral where they were given a guided tour with emphasis on the slave trade. We then proceeded to tour Merchant City visiting authentic historical sites linked to the trade and then finally to the Cunningham Mansion which is now the Museum of Modern Art.

The day finished with lunch at the St Enoch Centre.



PE DEPARTMENT

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Secondary Schools Gymnastics Competition Floor and Vault

The event will be held at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre on Wednesday 31st May 9.30am – 1.00pm. Pupils will be escorted to the event by two members of staff.

Each school may enter a maximum of 15 gymnasts and pupils should speak to their PE Teacher if they are interested in participating.

Gymnasts will be expected to perform a floor routine containing a maximum of 10 elements, taken from a skills sheet.

Gymnasts will be allowed to perform two vaults and their best score taken from the two.

All Gymnasts should be dressed in appropriate clothing, such as leotard (not compulsory) or shorts and t-shirt. All hair must be tied back and no jewellery or piercings must be worn.



Springburn Harriers and East Dunbartonshire Active Schools Team would like to invite all ED secondary schools to participate in the inaugural:

East Dunbartonshire Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships



Huntershill Sports Hub
Tues 23rd May 2023
9.45am-4pm
S1-S3



Important Information:

- This event is funded by Active Schools and Springburn Harriers and therefore FREE to participating schools!
- Pupils should come changed, ready to compete.
- This is an outdoor event - please dress accordingly!
- Staff and pupils must bring lunch, water and snacks for the full day as no catering facilities are available at the venue.
- Pupils can compete in 2 events max, plus the relay (*please check the timetable to ensure events are not scheduled for the same time*).
- Each school must bring 2 adults to assist with timing and measuring (*no experience required*).
- School staff must register their team online no later than Tuesday 9th May (info is required about photo consent, allergies and relevant medical / additional support needs of pupils).
- A draft entry form will also be provided to schools for the purpose of planning teams before submitting online.

**For further information, please contact your
Active Schools Coordinator**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CHAPLAINCY

Follow our RE and Chaplaincy department on Twitter and Instagram for more updates and spiritual well-being resources @turnbullhs_re

2023 Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

For the first time since Covid, The Feast of St Mark saw a group of 30 S1 pupils travel to St Patrick's in Edinburgh.

The home of Hibs is also home to the shrine of Venerable Margret Sinclair who's life in early 20th century Cowgate and holy example are becoming an inspiration to many.

Joined by the Margaret Sinclair Education Adviser, our former PTRE, Mr Hughes, our young people learned about this ordinary girl who is on the path to sainthood and how they can follow Christ in their everyday lives too. Fun activities and times of prayer made for an uplifting day and a chance to seek the intercession of Venerable Margret for all members of the Turnbull family.

We are very grateful to the volunteers at St Patrick's for making us so welcome and to Fr Monaghan for offering the Mass so beautifully at the shrine altar.



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An RE-Treat for effort in RE!

An RE-Treat for most improved pupils!

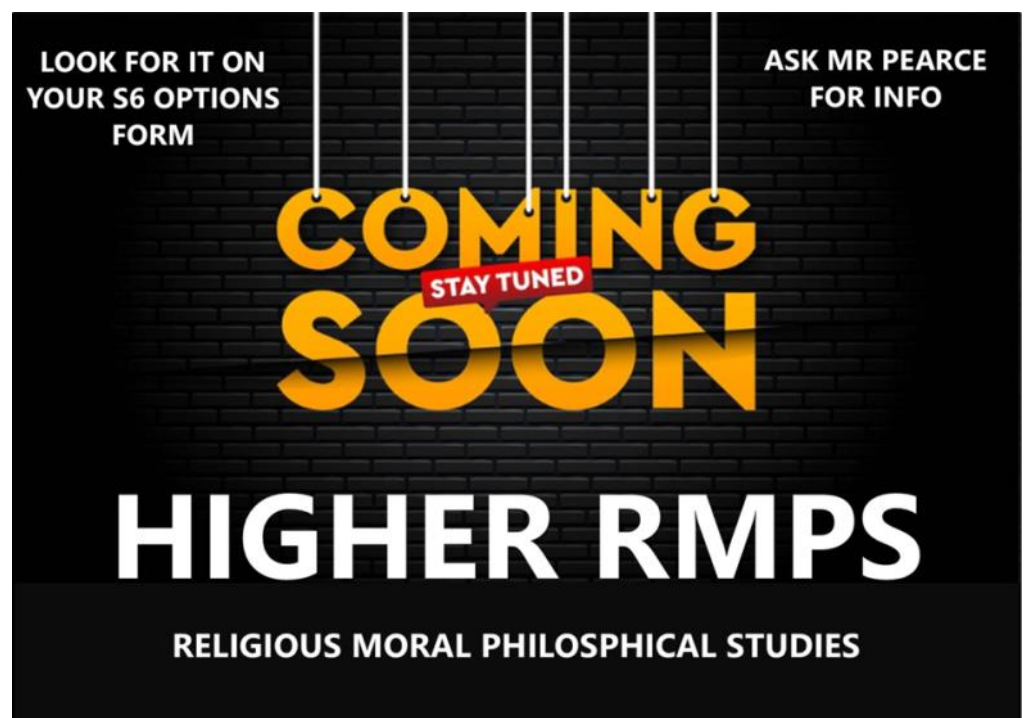


Week in and week out, we are impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of so many of our young people. We are especially proud when pupils try their hardest and make improvements to their learning habits, behaviour or engagement with the faith life of our school. So we have decided that it is time that these young people received an RE-Treat! Miss Morrison has kindly invested in a CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN and young people who have been really trying hard in RE can expect to receive a golden ticket to attend one of our RE-Treat lunchtimes starting very soon.

HIGHER RMPS Coming Soon!

Higher RMPS will be available for pupils in S6 from June 2023!!

More info from the RE Department



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CHAPLAINCY

Mid-Term Update

Lenten Almsgiving: Give us this day our daily bread

Building on the immense generosity of those who donated to the Advent foodbank collection, Miss Morrison and her Leadership class launched a Lenten effort to support those who are in need. When we pray the Our Father, we say 'Give us this day our daily bread.' Inspired by the self-gift of Our Lord in the supersubstantial daily bread of the Eucharist, all who contributed enabled the group to provide daily sustenance to those who are in need. This is faith put into action.

Well done also to our S1 pupils who undertook a sponsored silence during RE and raised a substantial sum for Mary's Meals.

Sacraments at Turnbull High School

This month we completed our programme of Class Masses and Confessions. Every class in the school has had the opportunity to receive the sacraments throughout the year. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them to nourish their faith in this way in their parishes. Our thanks go to Fr Monaghan, Canon Hill, Fr Alex and Fr Mackle for their support of such an extensive programme.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CHAPLAINCY

Caritas 2023, in their own words



Overall, Caritas has had a big impact on me and aided in strengthening my faith. It has given me the chance to reflect

more on my own life and discover new ways of thinking that help me to grow closer to God. It has enhanced my understanding of scripture and the teachings of the Church and even caused me to make new friends. So ultimately, Caritas has been and will continue to be an extraordinary force in my life.

True loving mercy requires complete self-sacrifice, the ability to halt your own life and desires completely in order to help someone else, just as the Samaritan did in the parable. And we have not only to do this with people that we find it easy to love.

The “decisive direction” that the late pope speaks of is of course towards Heaven, and I think that the word “decisive” does give a very accurate description. We can have no hesitancy or doubt in our Faith if we wish to truly live the lives that God wants us to and must have complete trust in God, confident that He will guide us perfectly through the trials of this life and into the next.

“Love and truth are inseparable. Without love, truth becomes cold, impersonal and oppressive for people’s day-to-day lives.” (Pope Benedict XVI) Pope Benedict taught us that in order for truth to be valuable, it must be founded in love – a two-way relationship. Furthermore, the pursuit of truth must always be guided by a spirit of love and compassion. Without love, truth can become unnecessary, harsh or dogmatic, lacking the kindness and humanity that is needed for it to be truly meaningful and positive in people’s lives. The depth added to this idea by things I learned through Caritas is just one of many ways the award has impacted my outlook on things fundamental to my faith.

As Pope Benedict says in *Deus Caritas Est*: “Love is an act of the will, and it can survive even when the feelings have disappeared.” This can make loving difficult and may even require us to make sacrifices or compromise. The ultimate example of love is the sacrificial love of Jesus, who died on the cross for the sins of humanity. Similarly, we are called to love others without prejudice and even when it doesn’t suit us – even, most radically, to love our enemies.

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Knowing myself more deeply has allowed me to consider what I want and what is important in my life, something valuable beyond words at this stage in my life, where I will soon be leaving school and becoming an adult. I know the regular chance provided by Caritas to think not just academically or scientifically but spiritually has helped me tremendously through such a transitory stage in my life.

We may have opinions and perspectives that differ from others to the point that we may consider them enemies, but we need to remember that God created us all in His Own Likeness, which means that we are all Children of God. God has a place for us all in the world, and loves us all unconditionally. If we are to be true followers of Christ, we need to listen to His words and follow His example.

“The expression of love of neighbour is not just an individual responsibility, but something for the whole Church”
Pope Benedict

This Deus Caritas Est quote has guided me along my Caritas year to explore the importance of love. It is first and foremost that the obligation of each individual believer is to love their neighbour as themselves, but it is also the responsibility of the entire Christian community at every level, from the local neighbourhood to the specific Church and to the Church universal as a whole. The Church must practise love as a group.

When we love our brother we also love God. We cannot love God and not love our brother because he is the love that God has given us. We love our neighbours because as Christians we follow God. It is crucial to emphasise that the greatest Commandment is to love God with all my heart since, without doing so, I cannot love my neighbour. The ability to love my neighbour as myself depends on how much I love God. Only when I love God is the only relationship that can spill over into other relationships.

I feel we live in a world just now which is extremely materialistic and some people have lost a focus on looking out for others and appear to have a more selfish outlook on life, concentrating on their own needs rather than the needs of others. I feel the Pope’s teaching (Deus Caritas Est) should be taken on board by more people as this would make the world a better place.

“Love grows through love.” This is a quote directly from Pope Benedict XVI and seems simple at first glance when you take it literally....the more I think about it the more amazing it is to me. I interpret it as God saying how he will always love us as we are his children and in order for his light to shine in our lives, we need to open the door and let him in so he can spread his love to us.

With Caritas, I have somewhat put aside the writings of Camus and Sartre and come to more greatly enjoy the Holy Scriptures and writings of Catholic philosophers and theologians. Love may be irrational to our meagre human minds but given the context of God – from whom it comes, by whom we may enjoy it – the Mystery of Love becomes much more perceptible to me. I have come to realise, the call to Love is a calling to be closer to God and to know Him more fully (1 John 4:16). Our love is but a manifestation of God and His love (1 John 4:19).



Winners of Regional STEM Challenge

A team of S2 pupils - Orla B, Keith C, Patrick D, Lennin D, Amy H, Abel S represented Turnbull High School at the West of Scotland heat of the Global Underwater STEM Challenge and won it in style!



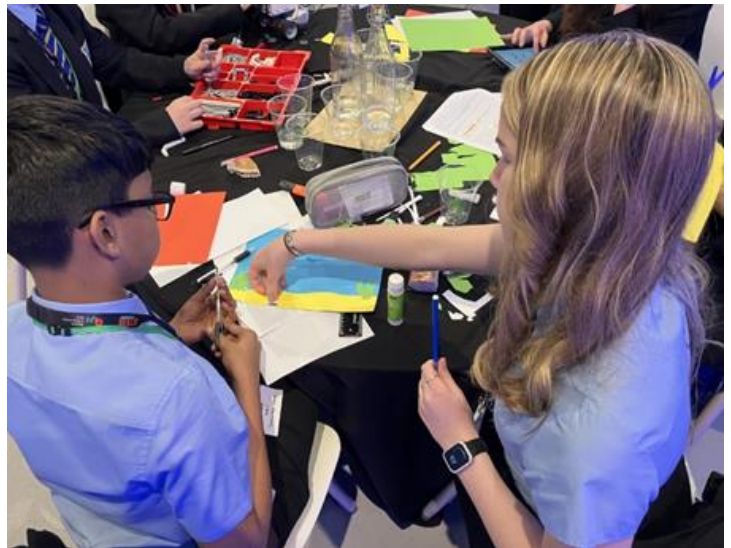
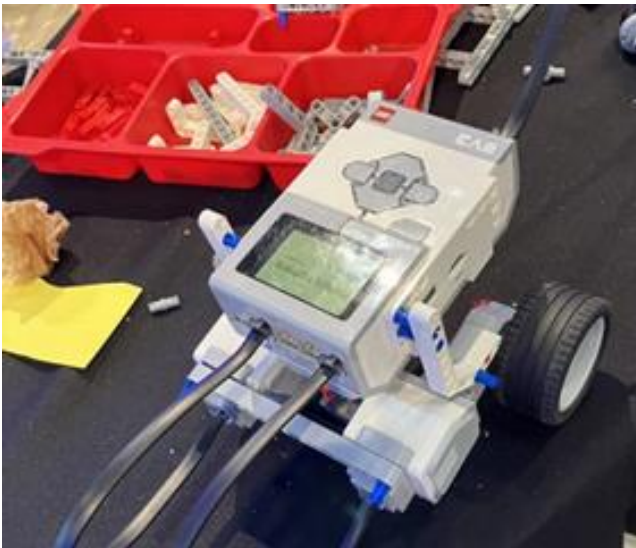
The six pupils were selected after they responded to a request for interested pupils. This request was initially sent to all S2 pupils over SatchelOne (ShowMyHomework). From the interested pupils, six were picked randomly from a hat. To prepare for the competition, the six pupils spent a number of lunchtimes and time after school to practice their teamwork and technical programming and robot construction skills.

On the day, we travelled by rail, underground and foot to the Science Centre to minimise our carbon footprint. Along with 9 other schools, the pupils were given an insight into the fascinating career opportunities in the Undersea Engineering industries. This encompasses all the companies that work undersea designing, building and maintaining the growing offshore wind and wave infrastructure and laying future undersea global cabling networks. We learned from apprentice engineers, graduates and experienced industry professionals that Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) are integral to undersea work.

Each team were given a brief to design, build, program and test an ROV that would meet strict technical criteria including autonomously following a line and reacting intelligently to obstacles. They had to develop a costed marketing pitch and present in front of a panel of judges and all the other participants. Each stage of the tasks were judged and the Turnbull High School team were announced as the winners.



BGE SCIENCE : STEM



As winners, along with a lovely trophy the team are looking forward to competing in the Scottish final in Aberdeen in June.





A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Easter Egg Appeal. We collected 261 Easter Eggs, an amazing amount!

Chesters Nursery, Drumchapel
and
Father McGrath, St Aloysius in Springburn

were delighted with the generosity from everyone at Turnbull High School.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May	Parent Council Meeting	Mon 22 May 2023
	Start of New Timetable	Mon 15 May 2023
	Holiday (May Weekend)	Fri 26 and Mon 29 May 2023
	Pupils Return	Tue 30 May 2023
	P7 Induction Day 1 and Day 2	Wed 31 May 2023 and Thu 1 June 2023
	P7 Induction Evening	Wed 31 May 2023
June	S5/S6 Induction Day	Fri 2 June 2023
	End of Term	Wed 28 June 2023
	Pupils Return	Wed 16 August 2023

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