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Turnbull High School

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Head Teacher Report

November 2023

School Matters

- **HMIE Inspection Report**

We have received notification that the letter prepared by HM Inspectors following our inspection in October 2023 will be published on **Tuesday 5 December 2023**. This letter will be groupcalled to all parents and carers on this date.

The Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will publish on the same day as the letter.

The letter and SIF will be accessible online on the publication date for staff, parents and carers and other interested members of the public.

These documents can be accessed on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/>

- Senior Phase Prelims begin Monday 4th December 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.

Spiritual

- Holy Mass continues to be celebrated in our school Oratory every Wednesday at 8.30am.

- 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.
- Our S6 Humanities Captains organised and led our Remembrance Day events. This involved a whole school 2 minute silence and S5/6 pupils in Humanities subjects laying a wreath at the front of the school. Following the 2 minutes silence, the S6 captains led an online Teams assembly as to why we mark this day and providing further information to pupils.
- Thursday 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 'Pilgrims of Faith'.

As a centre of the New Evangelisation, Turnbull High School's mission is to journey with young people and staff on their life-long pilgrimage of faith which can be summarised in three stages: encountering Jesus, growing as his disciples and becoming empowered to be sharers of the Good News.

During Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect upon how we can all help support this Mission through our home, school and parish partnership.

- On Tuesday 21st 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. Period 5 was set aside for the whole school community to come together – pupils, teachers and nonteaching staff – in our affiliated House Groups to reflect on how we live out our 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.
- Advent is a time of prayer and a season of hope. Our themes for the weeks for Advent are:
 - Week 1 - Time for Preparation
 - Week 2 - Responding to God's Call
 - Week 3 - Making God's Love Visible
 During December S1 – S3 RE classes will visit the Oratory for Advent Services.
- All pupils will participate in Holy Mass on The Feast of The Immaculate Conception

School Events

- On Wednesday 8th of November we participated in the BIMA digital day. This is an annual competition that our Computing Science students are involved in and this year we were paired with a digital design company D8 based in Glasgow.
- A group of senior phase pupils attended the Skills Scotland event in the SECC on Wednesday 15th November.
- Transition Events: On 24th November P7 pupils from our three associated primaries participated in a Developing Young Workforce day.
- Also on 24th November, members of the science department arranged for S3 pupils attend a STEM futures workshop at the science centre and S6 pupils visited Strathclyde and Glasgow University libraries to support their Advanced Higher assignments.
- Seven pupils have been selected to take part in an ongoing extended work experience programme with Morgan Sindell. They will be out of school to attend alternating Wednesday AM and Friday PM sessions.
- As part of UK Parliament week, S3-6 pupils in Modern Studies created resources and participated in a whole school mock election. This included creating manifestos and organising a lunchtime election. The event concluded with Amy Callaghan (MP) speaking to S4 and Higher classes about her role as an MP.
- Three of our S3 pupils are participating in a Youth Climate Summit organised by Wildhearts. At the event, pupils will learn about how global businesses such as Nestle and Zurich bank are trying to become more sustainable.
- The Learning for Sustainability staff group have worked closely with our S6 Sustainability Captains to create a COP28 event for our S1 pupils. The event focuses on the 'Big Issues' of the World and encourages pupils to create their own policies to address these issues. This links closely to one of the themes of the COP28 event to ensure young people are at the heart of global policy making of Climate Change.
- Mrs Wright, with the help of Usborne Books, has organised a sponsored read to take place during November. This will raise money to buy children's books for Chester's Nursery in Drumchapel – hopefully in time for Christmas!
- Our Advent Charity Campaign will begin on Friday 1st December with a 'Dress-Down Day'. Students are asked to bring in a £1 donation and a non-perishable food item. A number of other fundraising activities are being organised.

School/Individual Achievements

- Following a virtual assessment visit, we were delighted to be advised that we have been awarded the prestigious Rights Respecting School Award. A huge congratulations to our RRSA ambassadors, Mrs Thomson, Mr Thompson and to everyone who has contributed to this significant achievement.
- Kieran M has been working as part of the Youth Action Group with Respectme for two years. He has been instrumental in creating the national Anti-Bullying campaign. This is linked to the UNCRC and promotes the idea of respecting young people's rights as bullying behaviour is seen as a breach of these. Listen Up (Respect our Rights) is the campaign slogan and this encourages adults (and others) to actively listen to what young people are saying.
Kieran applied for the Youth Action group in order to improve his team building skills and confidence. He has been involved in creating animation and podcasts.
Last week, Kieran and the other members of the Youth Action group met with Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, to receive an award for their work. Well done Kieran!
- As a school, we have completed four of the five steps on 'the Pledge' and are working to achieve Respectme award accreditation.
- Nine S3 pupils have completed the Mental Health First Aid training. S3 MHFA Ambassadors will be in action from next month.
- Sixteen senior pupils have completed MVP training and will be delivering lesson to S1 through PSE.
- Jessica D and Ava McK have complete their Young Sports Ambassador training.
- Aiming High and Aiming Higher pupils will receive their certificates during December and January. Reward events are being organised – cinema (BGE), inflatables (S4) and Snowball (S5/6).