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

# Head Teacher Report

## January 2024

### School Matters

- Senior Phase Prelims have been completed and prelim analysis meetings with all departments have been scheduled to take place this month.
- Options Information Evenings have taken place for parents of pupils in S2 and S3. The S4/5 Information Evening will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> January, parents can attend in person or access via Teams.
- Options interviews for pupils in S2 – S5 will take place throughout January and February. Work on the timetable for 2024/25 will then begin.
- S3 SNSA writing assessments have been completed. Reading and numeracy assessments will take place in February and April respectively.
- Stakeholder surveys completed for our HMIe inspection and the inspection report produced will be used to inform our school improvement plan for 2024/25.

### Staffing

- Workforce planning for session 2024/25 will begin this term.

### Spiritual

- Holy Mass continues to take place in our school Oratory every Wednesday morning at 8.30am.
- Liturgical services continue to take place in our school Oratory every Friday at 1pm.
- During Advent, BGE pupils visited our school oratory for prayer and reflection. Our Advent Charity Campaign 2023 was yet another tremendous success. A brief summary of fundraising activities is provided below:

Dress Down day - £250

Music – Christmas Concert - £180

PTA/Leadership Group –Snowball - £278 (Named Charity TBC)

Advent Calendar Raffle – £119  
T-Factor & Candy Canes – £215  
Christmas Message Board - £82.50  
Golden Ticket - £75

**TOTAL MONEY RAISED SO FAR FOR MARY'S MEALS:       £921.50**  
**NAMED CHARITY (TBC):                                       £278**

- Chesters Nursery:

The significant food donations received as part of dress down day were used to provide food parcels for the children and families of Chesters Nursery in Drumchapel and local foodbanks. Ten hampers went to the families in Drumchapel and we collected around 50 bags of food. Staff and pupils also provided over 100 Christmas gifts for the children of Chesters Nursery.

In addition, we sponsored ten families from Chester's Nursery with Farmfoods vouchers totaling £1000. This included generous donations from HMS faculty staff and families, the McInnespie Foundation (£500) and a very generous donation from a Turnbull parent (£200). Each family was also provided with Christmas gifts and packages of clothing and daily need items by their sponsors.

- Selection Box Appeal:

Our Selection Box Appeal resulted in an outstanding 350 boxes being distributed via St Aloysius Church, Springburn and Chesters Nursery, Drumchapel.

- Shoe Box Appeal:

Our Shoe box appeal gathered 50 shoeboxes to be distributed to vulnerable children around the world.

- A huge well done and thank you to everyone for their contribution to this very successful Advent Charity Appeal. Our Lenten Charity Campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February).

## School Events

- On 19<sup>th</sup> December, eligible BGE pupils enjoyed a trip to the cinema in recognition of their effort, behaviour, positive attitude to homework, attendance and punctuality. The pupils enjoyed the day and were a credit to the school.
- Our Christmas concert on 20<sup>th</sup> December was a resounding success. The audience were entertained by a wide range of vocal and musical talent from pupils across S1 – S6. A great night was had by all. Well done to everyone involved.
- After the completion of the prelim diet, Senior Phase pupils enjoyed the festivities of our annual Snowball. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event.
- Our S4 reward trip to Innovate will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

- Our Mental Health & Wellbeing week will take place from 29/1 to 2/2 inclusive.

### **School/Individual Achievements**

- All BGE pupils meeting the eligibility criteria have been issued with their Aiming High certificates.
- All SP pupils meeting the eligibility criteria for Aiming Higher certificates have received their certificates.
- BeBras UK Computational Thinking Challenge – S1 pupils in THS achieved some fantastic results in this competition which attracted 209,768 participants from across the UK. 20 pupils were placed in the top 25% in the UK and received a certificate of distinction, with a further 16 pupils receiving a certificate of Merit for being in the top 50% in the UK. Well done S1!