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

Head Teacher Report

May 2024

School Matters

- We are now fully immersed in the SQA Exam Timetable for 2024. Parents are reminded that SQA have procedures in place for Exam Exceptional Circumstances and Appeals. Full details are available on the SQA website.
- Our Wellbeing teacher, Mrs Wallace, continues to be available to offer support with exam stress. Pupils and parents can request a referral via their Pastoral Care teacher.
- Reports for S3 and S1 pupils will be issued in May. The HT will then conduct BGE Review meetings with all departments.
- The new timetable commenced on Monday 13th May 2024.
- BGE award assemblies will take place in June.
- P7 Induction Days will take place on 29th & 30th May. The P7 Parent Information Evening will be held on 30th May.
- Following stakeholder consultation, the School Improvement Plan for session 2024/25 has been developed. This has also been informed by Archdiocesan, EDC and National priorities. A summary copy is attached for information and will be shared with all parents in the next edition of the Turnbull Times.
- Departmental improvement planning meetings will take place in June. These will be followed by PRD interviews for all staff, incorporating the Professional Standards and Professional Update requirements.

Staff

- After many years of outstanding service to Turnbull High School, Mr McKenna and Mr Simpson will be retiring at the end of this academic session. On behalf of the pupils, parents and staff, I would like to thank them for their significant contribution to our school community and wish them a long and happy retirement.
- We would also like to thank our NQTs: Ms Kox, Mr Macaulay and Mr Colvin for their contribution to our school community over this academic session. We congratulate them on the successful completion of their probation year and wish them well in their future careers.
- Mr Hannah will be reducing his work pattern to 2 days and Mr de Sainte Croix will take up the position of 0.6FTE PT Physics (acting).

- Mrs Connochie will be reducing her work pattern to 3 days and Miss Harris will take up the position of 0.4FTE PT Art (acting).
- Mrs Boardman has been appointed to the post of PT Pastoral Care (Andrew House) on a permanent basis here in Turnbull High School – we wish her every success and happiness in this post.
- Interviews for the following posts are pending:
 - Primary Teacher (St Columba Base)
 - Teacher of History
 - Teacher of Chemistry (Maternity Cover)
 - PT Design & Technology

Spiritual

- Our SQA Mass took place on Thursday 18th April.
- On 25th of April, a group of 27 first year pupils participated in our Venerable Margaret Sinclair pilgrimage.
- On the 25th & 26th March our S3 students participated in our NET Retreat.
- Ascension Thursday (9 May): A group of pupil representatives from across the BGE celebrated Holy Mass with Fr Alex in our school oratory. Holy Mass was streamed live from our school Oratory to all other BGE pupils and staff.
- Our May Altar has been set up dedicated to honoring Our Blessed Mother. Flower donations from pupils, parents and staff throughout this month of May are welcomed.



School Events

- On Friday 19th April we bid a very fond farewell to 'The Class of 2024'. Parents, staff and pupils were able to join together in a day of celebration and fun, thanks to the impeccable behaviour of our S6 students. We wish them all well as they embark on the next stage of their life journey.
- The S5/6 Prom is booked for Wednesday 5th June at the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld.
- Young people in S3 attended a Live-N-Learn workshop on Friday 15 March.
- On Friday the 22nd March our Annual Active Girls Day took place. Various guests delivered activities and specialised sessions throughout the day as we promoted and celebrate girls' increased involvement in Sport and Physical Activity at Turnbull High School and in the Wider Community. Well done to our Active Girls Day Committee for organising this event.
- On Saturday 13th April a group of pupils and staff headed down to Manchester for an overnight footballing experience. This included
 - Travel to Manchester
 - Tickets to Manchester City vs Luton Town
 - Evening entertainment & overnight stay
 - A training session by Manchester City
 - A tour of Manchester City's stadium

School/Individual Achievements

- On 15th March we were delighted to receive notification of our Reading Schools Silver accreditation. This award recognises the hard work the school has put in to building and sustaining a reading culture, and the range of support available to encourage all staff, learners and their families/carers to engage with the positive benefits of reading for pleasure.
- East Dunbartonshire Council Schools' Spring Concerts – congratulations to Isla McM, Orla B, Eva C, Aime S, Lewis M, Jonathan G and Christopher U who were selected to perform.
- Orla B won 1st place in all of the following categories in the Scottish FLEADH
 - Under 15 Piano Accordion
 - Under 15 Piano
 - Under 15 Accompanying
 - Under 18 Duets
 - Under 15 Group Competition
 - Under 15 Ceilidh Band
 - Under 18 Ceilidh BandWell done Orla – an outstanding set of achievements!
- Congratulations to the following pupils certificated for the recent UKMT Intermediate Maths challenge:

Silver/best in school - Zihan Y

Bronze - Orla B, Lennin D, Patrick D.

- We were delighted to hear of the success of former pupil, John Tamburrini. John is a member of the indie band “Bottle Rockets” performed at the Arches in Glasgow in March and won BBC Radio 1 Scottish Act of the Year 2024. This means they have won a slot on the stage at Transmit Festival this summer. Well done to John and all the band members.