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

Head Teacher Report

October 2019

School Matters

- The following School Action Groups have been established to take forward our School Improvement Plan for 2019/20:
 - Literacy
 - Numeracy
 - Health & Wellbeing
 - Family Learning
 - Digital Learning
 - ASN Resource
 - SHRE & Equalities
 - STEM
- In addition, all staff, led by Learning Champions, are members of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). These PLCs meet during each in-service day and exam leave periods to reflect on our learning in relation to the Building Learning Power programme.
- SQA Review meetings with all departments were conducted during September. All departments have reflected on SQA performance within their subject area(s) and set targets to support our continuing improvement agenda.
- All pupils in S1, S3, S4 and S5/6 will have received their first report of academic session 2019/20 by the 25th October. Following on from this Parent Evenings for S3 (26/11) and S1 (10/12) will take place in November/December. S2 Reports will be issued in December.
- Straw polls will take place with students in S2 – S5 during November. The information gathered will be used to develop option column structures in preparation for the 2020/21 timetable. A myWOW choices event for students in S2 – S5 will take place on 7th November to support young people in considering their future pathways.
- The formal study leave period for Senior Phase Prelims for students in S4 – S6 will take place from 2/12/19 to 20/12/19 inclusive. The prelim timetable was distributed to all senior students prior to the October week to allow them to prepare their study plan. A copy has also been placed on the school website for parents to access.
- A four week Supported Study block for students in S4 – S6 will run in the lead up to the prelim examinations beginning Monday 28th October.
- Mrs McGhee (SSM) will once again be running the Turnbull High School Christmas

Raffle to raise money for school funds. All staff and pupils will be issued with raffle tickets (on a sell or return basis) week beginning 21st October. Tickets costs £1 each and prizes are as follows - £500 Winner, £250 Second Prize, £100 Third Prize. House points are available for the House Group that sells the most books and £100 will be paid to the pupil who sells the most tickets. The school is in desperate need of funds and all support would be greatly appreciated.

Staff

- After 36 years of outstanding service to the community of Turnbull High School, Mr Danny McLachlan retired from his post as Depute Head Teacher on Sunday 20th October 2019. We thank Mr McLachlan for his dedication and commitment and wish him a long and happy retirement.
- Mrs Clare McLaughlin has been appointed to the post of Depute Head Teacher with immediate effect.
- We were delighted to welcome Mr Paddy Cuthbertson (PT Physical Education), Miss April Young (Teacher of English) and Miss Danielle Carroll (NQT Biology) to our school community in August.

Spiritual

- Mass continues to be celebrated in the Oratory every Thursday (8.45am).
- Our First Year Welcome Mass took place on Tuesday 17th September. The Mass was very well attended and every S1 student was gifted a set of rosary beads.
- A group of approximately 40 students from across the school visited the relics of St Therese of Lisieux in St Andrew's Cathedral on 18th September. In addition, during this day, Turnbull Caritas students ran workshops for primary students visiting the relics.
- Caritas@ the Cathedral took place in St Andrew's Cathedral on 25th October. This provided a great opportunity for Caritas students across the Archdiocese to come together as a community.
- Arrangements are in hand for the celebration of Holy Mass on the Feast of All Saints and for House Masses for St Theresa House and St Andrew House.
- S1 retreats will take place this term.
- Preparations are now beginning for the celebration of our school Feast Day on Thursday 21st November. Details will be provided by groupcall.
- Once again, we have been able to continue our sponsorship of Vonzua Public School in Liberia through the fundraising activities of our Mary's Meals group. The annual report for our school sponsorship is available.

School Events

- S1 Fresher's Fayre took place on Tuesday 27th August. During this event all S1 pupils

were encouraged to sign up to at least three clubs to promote their involvement in the wider life of the school and ensure they enjoy all that Turnbull has to offer.

- The Senior Phase Parent Information Evening took place on Wednesday 28th August. Approximately 50 parents attended this event to hear about course structures, PLPs and supporting your child in the senior phase.
- Speakers for Schools – Gerry McLaughlin. Gerry visited Turnbull High School in September to give an inspiring speech based on his experience, focusing on aspirations for our pupils. His focus was on Public Health, Health Improvement, Health Inequalities and looking at how health and life expectancy are influenced by factors such as education and income.
- September 3rd 2019 marked 80 years since the outbreak of World War 2 in Europe. To remember the beginning of this momentous event, the Home Economics and History Departments collaborated to organise a tea party for the local community. It was attended by 60 people of all ages and created a really nice atmosphere. The S3 Practical Cookery class catered the event magnificently with a range of goodies including meringues, scones and cupcakes which they also helped to serve. Additionally, they helped create an authentic atmosphere by making bunting to decorate the hall. S3 History provided entertainment in the form of WW2 songs and also served teas and coffees to the tables and sat and chatted to guests. Mr Mc Kenna ran a quiz which was hotly contested and there was a raffle to finish.
- The P7 Open Evening took place on 3rd September. This event was very well attended and received positive feedback from out prospective parents and pupils.
- Our annual Careers Event took place on Wednesday 4th September. A wide range of exhibitors from universities, college and employers were in attendance to answer questions and support our young people in considering their future pathways.
- A 'Sexual Health & Relationships Education' (SHRE) information session took place prior to the PTA / Parent Council AGM on 10th September. Numbers attending this event have generally been low (less than 10) and this year no parents attended this event. Consideration will be given as to the future of this event.
- On 18th September, Dr Andrew Logan, lecturer in Visual Sciences from Caledonian University (and former Turnbull pupil) gave a talk on Optometry and how it relates to physics, STEM and career possibilities.
- Our Senior Phase Awards Ceremony took place on Wednesday 25th September. This very successful event recognised the attainment and wider achievements of many of our senior phase students. Keiran Mulheron was announced as the Turnbull High School Dux 2019 and Chloe Aniobi, Beth Drummond and Erin Watson were the deserving recipients of The Turnbull Prize. Thanks are due to Mr Mitchell and Mrs McGhee for organising this event, and to Lauren Allison (Head Girl) and Callum Lalor (Head Boy) for delivering the welcome speech and vote of thanks.
- Turnbull High School celebrated Maths Week which this year ran from 30th September to 6th October. During this week the Maths Department organised a selection of activities for each year group (see attached).
- Artic Alive Climate Change workshops took place with Biology and Geography students from across all year groups during September/October.
- Friday 4th October was National Active Girls Day across the country. As we continue to promote active and healthy lifestyles, girls from each year group attended the PE department to participate in their choice of activity from Netball, Dance, Rugby (Only

S1/2), Football, TaeKwonDo, Golf, Athletics and Yoga/Fitness. Thanks are due to Nikki McQueen (Active Schools Co-ordinator), Sophia Halpin (HWB Captain), Lauren Allison (Young Ambassador) and Eilidh Milligan (Young Ambassador) for organizing this day.

- The CfE Information Evening for S1 parents will take place on Thursday 24th October. The theme of the evening is “Family Learning - Supporting Your Child to Learn”. The evening will include a presentation and interactive workshops led by school staff and Live ‘n’ Learn presenters.
- The S1 Study Skills Day will take place on 25th October. During the morning session PTs Pastoral Care will lead pupils in presentations and workshop activities aimed at developing their independent study skills. This will be followed in the afternoon by physical activities arranged by PE staff, increasing pupil awareness of the importance of physical activity in ensuring their health & wellbeing. Further study skills days are planned for S2 and S3.
- On Friday 25th October approximately 20 senior pupils from across the English and Art departments will be attending a visit to a local advertising agency. The purpose of this visit is to provide pupils with an experience of working in an agency, to raise awareness of the wide variety of roles available within the sector and to encourage them to consider a future career in advertising.
- Live ‘n’ Learn workshops on ‘The Power of Yet’ will take place for all pupils in S1 – S3 over the 5th & 6th November.

School/Individual Achievements

- The Captaincy Team, listed below, will be led by our Head Girl (Lauren Allison) and Head Boy (Callum Lalor):

	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3
Active Schools	Eilidh Milligan	Lauren Allison	Lauren Allison
Fundraising	Calum Lalor		
HWB	Ivana McKenna		
HA House	Monica Connolly		
HK House	Niamh Doherty		
HM House	Daniel Fury		
HT House	Cara Temple		
Numeracy	Lucy Rae	Ellie Docherty	
STEM	Annabel Paul	Craig Pinheiro	Kieran Mulheron
Volunteering	Rhian Callan	Breda Houston	Mia Crawford
Wellbeing Events	Sophia Halpin		

- We are hugely proud in the 6 candidates who took part in the SCOTBAC last year. Lysay Brown and Rachel Willis achieved Distinction in the Scottish Baccalaureate with a band A in AH French, Spanish and the Interdisciplinary Project. Eva Ralston, Georgia McDonald and Michael Connolly also achieved grade A for the SCOTBAC Interdisciplinary project and Faith Hunter achieved a grade B.

- 28 senior students were successful in gaining the SQA Working With Others award at Level 5 / Level 6. This was achieved through their commitment to a number of wide ranging school based activities that included the Breakfast Club, associated primary placements and organisation of dyslexia awareness week.
- Following on from our success in achieving the European STEM Award from European Schoolnet in March 2019, the Herald STEM magazine ran an article about our Women Into Engineering day and also a feature on Sophie Casserley.
- Megan Docherty S5 won the West of Scotland Girls Golf Championship on the 6th October in Troon. She also captained the Scotland U16 Girls squad in September against England.
- The following pupils were successful in the auditions for the East Dunbartonshire Bands and Orchestras held in September: Grace Darley – Trumpet; Laura Di Lieto – Violin; Matthew Fox – Saxophone; Eilidh Kenny – Trumpet and Molly McDermid -Sax Alto.
- Eight Turnbull pupils were successful in gaining a place on this year's Active Schools Young Leader programme: Eve Cunningham, Ellie Cholloran, Brooke McElwain, Eve Reilly, Lewis Apperson-McHugh, Eilidh Milligan, Eve Wells and Sophia Halpin.
- Patrick Kiehlmann won the U16 Scottish MTB Championships whilst sister Beatrix finished 4th, narrowly missing a podium place. Patrick and Beatrix both earned the opportunity to take part in the 2019 UEC MTB Youth European Championships in Pila, Aosta Valley, Italy.