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

Head Teacher Report

January 2020

School Matters

- S4-S6 Prelims have been completed and prelim analysis meetings with all departments have been scheduled to take place this month. Following on from these meetings a detailed whole school analysis will be conducted by the HT and DHTs (S4 and S5/6). Targeted Supported Study and a Mentoring Programme will be used to support identified pupils.
- Pupils in S4 – S6 will be attending study skills workshops with Live 'n' Learn across Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January.
- Our S3 students have completed their SNSA assessments for 2019. The results of these assessments will now be analysed and used to inform the formative assessment of individual pupil progress.
- Options programmes and pupil support interviews for pupils in S2 – S5 will take place throughout January and February. Work on the timetable for 2020/21 will then be reviewed and updated in March.
- PTs Pastoral Care will be providing Senior Phase Workshops for targeted students in S4-S6 to support them in their college applications. These will take place week beginning Monday 13th January.
- The SDS Adviser continues to offer drop-in sessions. Any pupils with careers questions are welcome to drop in to the Careers Room during lunchtimes. Appointments with the SDS Adviser can also be made for the forthcoming Parent Evenings.
- Community Partnership: Our S2 leaders are currently working with Friends of Bishopbriggs Park in relation to the creation of a Daily Mile in the Park. Funding from the council has been sourced by Friends of Bishopbriggs Park.

Staffing

- Following the appointment of Mr MacKenzie to PT of BECS, Mrs Cowie and Mr Sloan have been appointed to the posts of PT Equity. These posts will run from December to March.

Spiritual

- Our Patronal Feast Day took place on Thursday 21st November. Pupils and staff enjoyed a light buffet breakfast before celebrating Holy Mass (Marian House and Theresa House) and praying the rosary using the joyful mysteries (Kentigern House and Andrew House). A number of fun activities for all year groups took place during period 6 and 7 to round off a wonderful day. This was also a non-uniform day for pupils with the £1 donation going to our Mary's Meals fund to continue our sponsorship of Vonzua Public School in Liberia.
- St Theresa House Mass took place on 25th November.
- Father Monaghan celebrated our annual Rorate Mass during Advent with pupils, staff and family members from across the Turnbull community.
- Our Advent Service / Christmas Concert took place on 19th December. This evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.
- St Kentigern House Mass was celebrated on Monday 13th January. During this Mass Mr McLachlan received the Diocesan Medal award for his contribution to the Catholic community during his 36 years of service here in Turnbull High School. This is a very prestigious and thoroughly deserved award and we are all very proud of Mr McLachlan's recognition by Archbishop Tartaglia.
- Mass continues to be celebrated by Canon Hill in the Oratory every Thursday (8.45am).
- Our Advent Charity Campaign was yet another tremendous success with the money raised being used to support the following causes:
 - Gifts and food parcels provided to families of Chesters Nursery, Drumchapel.
 - 51.55 Kg of food donated to Kirkintilloch Foodbank
 - SSV Selection Box appeal donated to the parish of St Aloysius' Springburn.

- Let the Children Live Coffee Morning - £220 raised to support street children in Columba
- Marie Curie Visit – On 16th December our choir visited the Marie Curie Hospice to provide some festive cheer to the residents. It is important to remember that not all gifts are monetary – giving of our time and talents for others is often the best gift we can offer.
- Our Lenten Charities Campaign will begin on Wednesday 26th February. All proceeds from this will contribute to our Mary's Meals sponsorship.

School Events

- All S3 Art & Design pupils attended the creative industries day at Glasgow Kevin College on 26th November.
- During November, 168 P7 pupils from St Helen's, St Matthew's and St Nicholas' primaries participated in a Developing Scotland's Young Workforce transition event. The focus of the cluster transition event was centred around the Careers Education Standard. Feedback was excellent and all our prospective students had a great day.
- P6 Science visits to Turnbull High School took place throughout December.
- Aiming High reward event took place in December with pupils from across S1-S3 enjoying a trip to the cinema.
- The PTA organised a Snowball for S5/6 students in December to mark the end of their prelims. This event was an outstanding success.
- Chemistry pupils listened to Mark Anderson from Veolia talk about careers in engineering and the work that Veolia does with respect to sustainability and water purification. Following on from this, S3 classes have sampled and sent water samples from around the school (including Bishopbriggs Burn) to Strathclyde University for analysis (including pH, heavy metals, nitrates etc).
- S3 Modern Studies pupils will attend the Scottish Parliament on Friday the 17th of January.
- We have been given a place on the Go4SET programme. Go4SET is a 10-week STEM programme, pairing teams of six S2 pupils with mentors from science and industry. Pupils are tasked with solving a real-life problem using their STEM knowledge and research, with their mentor acting as guide and role model. The project culminates in a Celebration and Assessment day, where pupils' work is assessed and awarded prizes

by industry experts. Six S2 pupils have been selected to take part in this. The first event is a day introduction at the University of West of Scotland on 23rd January.

- S2 study skills day will take place on 24th January.
- S2 Celtic Connections trip will take place on 28th January.
- Our Mental Health & Wellbeing week will take place from 3/2 to 7/2 inclusive with the S3 Health Day taking place on Thursday 6th February
- S3 study skills day planned for 28th February will be rescheduled as immunisations will now be taking place on this date.

School/Individual Achievements

- Our wonderful S1 pupils have been successful in securing 3rd place in the Global Word Mania competition. We have, as a result, won a prize of £200 (Literacy Planet credit) for the school.
- This year saw the 5th Year of the Thomas Muir Art Competition, open to all pupils from East Dunbartonshire schools ranging from P1 – S6. The theme this year was ‘Mexico’ and pupils were asked to create artworks which reflected and inspired by this subject matter. On Monday 9th December, Megan Johnstone won the award for the overall winner for the S3-S4 Category. The finalists’ exhibition for the 2019 Thomas Muir Art competition will be on show at the Huntershill Cafe until March 2020.
- S6 wider achievement pupils have delivered a mental health peer education programme to P6 classes in St Nicholas Primary.
- The Intergenerational Team have completed their Dementia Awareness Training with the Medical staff from Birdston Care Home. They are due to visit the care home very soon and will be hosting a Robert Burns Ceilidh for Senior Citizens on Friday 24th January. This will be an IDL project with the Intergenerational Team, P.E., H.E., Music, English and Business.
- Celtic Connections: Ciara Murphy, David Doherty and Mairi Clare Dourish will be performing with some of their St Roch’s band mates alongside the famous Cherish the Ladies at the Celtic Connections Festival on 28 January.