



Turnbull Times

JUNE 2023

LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our final newsletter for session 2022-23. It has been another busy year, filled with lots of learning, fun and successes and we are now looking forward to the end of term.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition and finding out about some of what has been happening across our school community in recent weeks. Highlights include our recent accreditation as a Reading School (page 13) and the announcement on the 7th June that our very own Mr Walker (page 3) has been announced as Teacher of the Year 2023 at the Education Scotland Awards.

School Prom

On Thursday 1st June our School Prom took place in the Westerwood Hotel. Pupils and staff enjoyed an evening of food and dancing as they shared fond memories. We wish all our S6 pupils and S5 leavers good luck as they embark on the next stage of their life journey.

P7 Induction Days

On Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June we hosted our P7 Induction Days. Pupils spent these days following their planned timetables, getting to know key staff and meeting new friends. We look forward to welcoming our incoming S1 cohort into our school community in August.

Award Ceremonies

Our BGE awards assemblies will take place at the end of term. Look out for a full list of award winners in our August edition of the Turnbull Times.

Well done to all our award winners on their successes and achievements.

Staffing

After many years of outstanding service to Turnbull High School, Ms Benassi, Mrs Brown and Ms Doherty 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.

Mr Simpson will be reducing his work pattern to two days and Miss Murray will take up the position of 0.6FTE PT Technical (Acting).

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Mr McArthur has been appointed to the post of PT of Physical Education here in Turnbull High School – we wish him every success and happiness in his new post.

We look forward to welcoming back Miss Henry and Ms McDonald from maternity leave.

Miss Henry and Mrs Britton will each be reducing their work pattern to 0.5FTE. They will combine to take charge of Marian House. Ms Boardman will continue in her role as Acting PT Pastoral Care (Andrew House).

Mrs Scally has taken up a one year seconded post with the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Mr Matthew Shaw has been appointed to the post of 1FTE Teacher of Chemistry. We look forward to welcoming him to our school community in August.

Interviews for the following posts are pending:

- PT Geography, History & Modern Studies
- Acting PT Chemistry
- 1FTE Teacher of Physical Education
- 1FTE Teacher of Modern Languages
- 0.6FTE Teacher of Technical

Uniform

Turnbull High School has been renowned for our excellent standard of uniform over many years. We can only achieve this with your support as parents. Full details of our dress code can be found on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. When purchasing uniform, I would ask that you please be cognisant of this dress code and support us in maintaining our excellent standards.

My SQA (Reminder)

MySQA is SQA's online and text results service allowing candidates to receive their results from 8am on results day. To register for MySQA, pupils will need their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) and a valid email address. They can find their SCN on their SCN card issued prior to study leave or a previous SQA certificate. Anyone who cannot find their SCN should contact their Pastoral Care teacher or Year Head. You can access mySQA using the link below:

[Sign up for MySQA](#)

Results Day is Tuesday 8th August – good luck to all our senior pupils.

Holiday Arrangements

School will close at 1pm on Wednesday 28th June and will re-open to pupils on Wednesday 16th August at 9am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support over this past session.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely

E Kennedy
Head Teacher

The Scottish Education Awards in partnership with Daily Record and Education Scotland, celebrate the hard work and success which takes place in Scottish education.



The annual event recognises those who dedicate their lives to children and young people and showcases the valuable work and innovation in Scottish classrooms.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2023

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our very own Mr Patrick Walker has only gone and won Teacher of the Year 2023, at the Scottish Education Awards held on Wednesday 7 June 2023.

Congratulations Mr Walker, we are so proud of you!



"A heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful pupils past and present, great colleagues and all the support from parents.

Proud to represent Team Turnbull."

P Walker, Geography



TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023-2024

Throughout January and February we undertook a series of consultations with our pupils, parents, staff and partners to inform our continuing improvement journey. We were delighted to receive lots of positive feedback on what is working well within and across our school community:

<i>"Staff treat my child fairly and with respect"</i>	91%
<i>"My child is making good progress at school"</i>	87%
<i>"I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions and/or a problem"</i>	93%
<i>"I am satisfied with the quality of teaching in the school"</i>	87%
<i>"I receive helpful, regular feedback about how my child is learning and developing"</i>	82%
<i>"Overall, partnership working with the school works well"</i>	100%
<i>"There are effective arrangements in place for jointly planning, delivering and evaluating services with the school"</i>	92%

From this consultation we were also able to identify areas for development:

<i>"My school is helping me to be more confident"</i>	66%
<i>"I have the opportunity to discuss my achievements out with school with an adult that knows me well"</i>	77%
<i>"I am given the opportunity to influence how and what I learn"</i>	72%

Taking these areas into account, along with other school based data, EDC priorities and Scottish Government priorities we have developed our school improvement plan for session 2023-2024. This plan has a continuing focus on the two key aspects of our mission – how we grow and how we learn.



TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023-2024

HOW WE GROW	HOW WE LEARN
<p>Strengthening relationships and wellbeing across the school community.</p>	<p>Refining the learning experience of our young people to enhance their engagement, enjoyment and successes.</p>
<p>Intended Outcomes</p>	
<p>Further Development of School Culture</p>	<p>Improvement in Attainment and Achievement</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our new Vision, Values and Virtues are implemented across our community – Love, Faith, Community, Service • Behaviour Change training will enhance relationships across our community • Achieve Rights Respecting Schools silver status to recognise our understanding of UNCRC • Our pupils feel safe and confident in school • Our school community can effectively communicate and contribute to our success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil voice helps shape learning and teaching practices • Building Learning Power strategies are embedded and used consistently across the school community • The delivery of a refreshed BGE curriculum • Development of wider achievement and skills tracking • Development of leadership at levels

If you have any questions relating to our school improvement plan please contact Eileen Kennedy by telephone (0141 955 2395) or e-mail (ekennedy@turnbull.e-dunbarton.sch.uk).

TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY : DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Our dress code aims to provide a cost-effective way for pupils to show that they are proud to belong to our school community. Wearing uniform reflects a positive attitude to learning and removes any peer pressure to wear expensive brand names. Wearing uniform also promotes equality and inclusion. We continue to expect the highest possible standards for our Turnbull school uniform.

BLAZER

The school blazer complete with embroidered badge is compulsory for ALL pupils. There are two styles of blazer available, fitted or traditional design, for both boys and girls.

Plain black jackets, **no logos or colours**, may be worn over the blazer and removed upon arrival at school.

SCHOOL SHIRTS/BLOUSES

Only blue school shirts/ blouses that can be fastened to the top are acceptable. These should be traditional school wear clothing.

TIES

- ✓ S1-S3 striped
- ✓ S4-S5 plain blue
- ✓ S6 plain blue with bar
- ✓ The school tie should be full length when worn.

SKIRTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Smart, formal school skirts must be of an appropriate length, coming to just above the knee. ✓ Skirts must be black. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Dresses, pinafores and lycra skirts are NOT acceptable. |
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TROUSERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School trousers must be black, formal and tailored. ✓ If belts are worn with trousers these should be plain black with small buckle. ✓ Shirts must be worn tucked into trousers. | <p>All other forms of trouser are NOT acceptable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ shorter length ✗ skinny- fit ✗ leggings ✗ jeans ✗ chinos ✗ shorts ✗ culottes |
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UNIFORM POLICY : DRESS FOR SUCCESS

CARDIGANS/JUMPERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Black school cardigans must be fitted and be of an appropriate length ✓ Only plain black V- neck jumpers must be worn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Long cardigans and tank tops NOT acceptable ✗ crew neck jumpers and hoodies are NOT acceptable |
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TIGHTS/SOCKS

Black tights should be worn. They should be plain without any pattern. Black knee high socks and short socks must be plain.

FOOTWEAR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Black, formal school shoes or plain black trainers which appear similar to school shoes must be worn. ✓ Black boots must be robust and in keeping with the formal dress code | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ ALL other types of fashion footwear are NOT acceptable eg Converse etc |
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PE KIT

Plain T- shirt or Turnbull PE top must be worn with shorts / plain sportswear trousers. Leggings are allowed for girls.

Neutral colours are fine it need not be black.

However, colour can be worn if it is a Turnbull PE top that has been purchased via the PE Department. These tops are £10 each and come in a vast range of colours. Please note: they are not available from Baru.

Additional uniform items available for PE kit include a technical fabric top and a hooded sweatshirt for outside use.

Vest/ low cut tops are NOT acceptable. Proper training shoes that support and protect feet should be worn

Other Information:

The wearing of jewellery should be kept to a minimum as it can be a Health and Safety risk. Make up should be minimal in keeping with the formal standards of the school. Hair accessories should be black.

We appreciate that this information is prescriptive. This is to ensure that there is no ambiguity as to what is acceptable with regard to school uniform. The school supplier, Baru, provides a very cost effective package for our school.

Uniform may also be purchased from reputable stores, or supermarkets which also provide an appropriate range of school wear. High Street fashion retailers do not provide appropriate Turnbull High school uniform. If you are in any doubt please contact the school before purchasing.

Cost of the School Day

Whether you have an S1 or S6, the costs associated with school can mount up. Yet many working parents are missing out on £1,000s of easy help. Here are a few areas where parents and young people can receive support.

Clothing Grant

Parents/carers have a responsibility to ensure that their children have adequate footwear and clothing to take full advantage of the education provided at school. East Dunbartonshire Council will assist parents/carers in meeting this responsibility by providing a grant to enable parents/carers to purchase appropriate school clothing for their children. The current grant is at least **£100** per child per school year, which will be paid by cheque. Clothing grant payments will normally be paid to parents/carers who are in receipt of Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction (Not Discount) or Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related) Universal Credit or Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or Working Tax Credit and/or Child Tax Credit. Any other claims will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Further information can be found in the link below: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant>

Alternatively please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher for more information or to request a paper copy of the application form.

Free School Meals

Since 5th January 2015, all P1-P3 pupils are entitled to a Free School Meal.

In addition, Free School Meals will be granted to all other pupils whose parents/carers are in receipt of either Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit or Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related) or Universal Credit or Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. Pupils are eligible to apply for free school meals in their own right if they are aged 16 to 18, and receive one of these benefits. Payments are uploaded to the Cashless Catering system on a daily basis so there is anonymity for free school lunch pupils but allows top ups for other purchases. Further information can be found in the link below:

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals>

Alternatively please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher for more information or to request a paper copy of the application form.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Education Maintenance Allowances (EMAs) provide financial support to eligible 16 to 19 year olds who want to continue learning.

To be eligible, you have to meet the following criteria:

Residency

You need to have what's known as 'ordinary residence' to be eligible for EMA.

Ordinary residence means you live in one place, but there is a complicated set of rules that decide whether you're ordinarily resident in Scotland, with different arrangements in place for different immigration statuses.

Contact your local authority or bursary office for more information on whether you're eligible.

Household income

Your household income will also determine if you're eligible for EMA. Household income is the income of your parent(s) or carer(s) who live with you.

To qualify, households with one dependent child must be earning £24,421 per year or less, and households with more than one dependent child must be earning £26,884 or less, before tax.

More information can be found on the following website:

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/education-maintenance-allowance>

Alternatively if you would like more information or a paper copy of the forms contact Mr Mitchell (DHT).

TRANSITIONS



TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY

The transition from Primary to Secondary is an important step for our young people.

We are so excited to welcome you all to Turnbull High School.

There is already lots of information on our school's website if you wish to have a look around but this online newsletter will give you all of the information that you need for starting S1.

<http://www.turnbull.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/pupil-zone/transitions/>

TRANSITIONS AFTER SCHOOL

Information to support your transitions to positive destinations after school can be found in our [Developing Young Workforce](#) area.

For anyone needing Careers advice and support our link Careers Advisers are on hand to help. Joan and Karen can be contacted as follows:

Karen Clark, Careers Adviser, Skills Development Scotland - (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

- Tel: 0141 777 5860 Skype: 0141 343 9335
Mobile: 07917556154

Irene Travers, Careers Adviser, Skills Development Scotland - (Thursday)

- Tel: 0141 777 5860 Teams: 0141 468 7077
Mobile: 07881501222

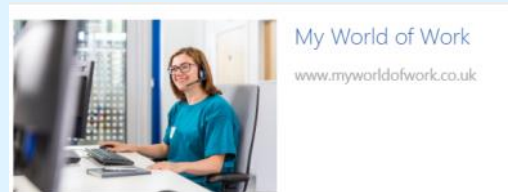
Skills Development Scotland Leasachadh Sgilean na h-Alba
Careers Centre, NCL Kirkintilloch Campus, 50 Southbank
Rd, Kirkintilloch, G66 1NH

www.myworldofwork.co.uk
ourskillsforce.co.uk – making skills work for employers
skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk – corporate website
apprenticeships.Scot

Skills Development Scotland is still here to offer support to anyone looking for careers guidance. Your Careers Advisers are Karen Clark and Irene Travers. They will be contacting pupils, including all summer leavers to make sure they have a plan in place for university, college or an apprenticeship and to offer support to them or to you as parents. You may therefore get a call from them over the next few weeks.

If you would like to get in touch with them, Karen or Irene can be contacted on:

0141 777 5860. Our webservice
www.myworldofwork.co.uk



P7 INDUCTION

We welcomed P7 pupils from a range of primaries for their Induction Days. During this time, fun was had and new friendships made. It was a privilege to have Primary 7 here all together for their induction.

Also, it was a delight to welcome the parents and carers of our new S1 into Turnbull High School. All sessions of the Induction Evening were very well attended and a range of key staff got to meet our new and existing parents.







ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

READING SCHOOL SUCCESS!



Hi everyone,

I am very pleased to inform everyone in our school community that we have achieved the accreditation (first level) from the Scottish Book Trust and can now call ourselves a 'Reading School'.

Pupils, teachers and all of the staff who look after the school have been making a great effort to raise awareness of reading its benefits. We have shared our reading habits with signs on our doors, discussed books with each other on a regular basis in corridors, classrooms and staff rooms, and have taken the time to get to know what young people are reading. Many of the staff have been taking and reading the 'Book of the Month', copies of the latest books for young people that have been left in the staff room, and are building a good knowledge of books they could recommend to our pupils.

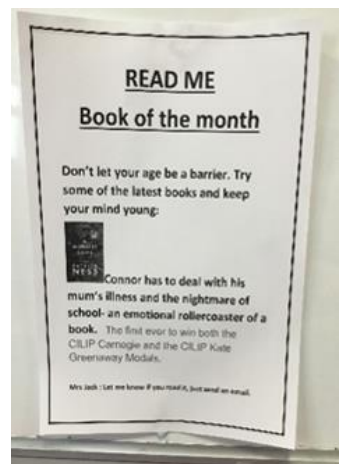
In the school, we have set aside spaces for relaxed reading and have a number of places where books can be exchanged, or simply taken, so that everyone has access to high quality books. As a visitor to the school, you can pick up a book to read, while you wait, and we even have some great books for younger children so that the little ones aren't left out!

In our library, Mrs Wright has been very busy organising reading groups, such as the Carnegie Group who read and contribute their votes for the best books for young people in a national competition, and people have been encouraged to provide reviews of their favourite books.

There is a developing community of regular readers in the school and we hope to grow this in the coming year when we aim to achieve the Silver accreditation level for the Reading School Award. For this, we need your help. Over the next year we will be organising events in which the wider community can participate and enjoy. If you have any ideas and wish to participate, please contact the school (you can send any emails regarding this to me).

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jack (kjack@turnbull-e.dunbarton.sch.uk)



MUSIC DEPARTMENT



BIG BAND/JAZZ BAND

MUGDOCK CONCERT

On Sunday 21st May, Turnbull's Big Band and Jazz Band played a concert in the Walled Garden at Mugdock Park in Milngavie.

"I would like to thank all parents and staff who came out on the day and made this such an uplifting experience!"

Mr Hoyle



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	End of Term	Wed 28 June 2023—1.00pm
TERM 1		
August	Pupils return	Wed 16 August 2023
	Senior Phase Parent Information Evening	Wed 30 August 2023 (6:00 pm) tbc
September	P7 Open Evening	Tue 5 September 2023 tbc
	Careers Event (S3-S6)	Wed 6 September 2023 (7:00 pm) tbc
	SHRE Info Evening	Tue 12 September 2023 (6:30 pm) tbc
	Parent Forum and PTA AGM	Tue 12 September 2023 (7:00 pm) tbc
	S1 Welcome Mass	Wed 13 September 2023 (7:00 pm) tbc
	Senior Awards Ceremony	Wed 20 September 2023 (7:00 pm) tbc
	September Weekend	Fri 22 to Mon 25 September 2023 (Inclusive)
October	In-Service Day	Fri 13 October 2023
	October Break	Mon 16 October to Fri 20 October 2023 (Inclusive)
https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-holidays#2023/24		

Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme

Transport Scotland are conducting an evaluation of the Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme, with a survey available for parents/carers of children aged 5-23, and young people themselves aged 12-23. Feedback is being sought from both those with experience of using the Young Person's Free Bus Travel, and those that do not use it in order to find out why.

The survey seeks to understand use of the scheme and any benefits or challenges that have been experienced since its introduction. It should take about 10 minutes to complete, and there is the opportunity to enter a free prize draw to win up to £250 in One4All vouchers.

The survey can be accessed here: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Yr1-YPFreeBusTravel>

The closing date for all responses is 9th July 2023.

If you have any difficulties in accessing or completing the survey, or any questions about the work, you can contact the project manager at elaine@wellsideresearch.co.uk.

Congratulations

to
**Haniya and
Faizaan C**

who have worked
extremely hard to
prepare for their exams
at the Mosque.

The results are in... it is a

PASS!

We are delighted for you!