Dear Parents,

16th June 2016

Due to RM replacing a number of our workstations and essential maintenance work being carried out to our computer network, there will be no access to computers tomorrow and therefore we are issuing the postbag today.

**Education Scotland Inspection**
We have received many positive comments from parents and colleagues after the publication of our inspection report. We consider the outcome to be due to the hard work of many in our school community - teachers, pupils, parents and partners. The report can be found on Education Scotland's website: [http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/inspectionandreview/reports/school/primsec/UnderbankPrimarySchoolSouthLanarkshire.asp](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/inspectionandreview/reports/school/primsec/UnderbankPrimarySchoolSouthLanarkshire.asp)

**Scottish Book Trust Recognition**
The Scottish Book Trust heard about our Underbank Reads Together project and asked me to write a blog to share our success with others. This has now been published on their website. The shortened link for social media sharing is [http://bit.ly/UnderbankReads](http://bit.ly/UnderbankReads). Please have a look and add a comment if you wish. Our success comes from the fabulous partnership working between school and home.

**Transition Days for P7 Pupils**
Our P7 pupils were a great credit to Underbank on their transition days to Lanark Grammar this week. We were so proud of them as they supported and encouraged each other in this transition. I'm certain we will hear lots more about their future successes at Lanark Grammar in the years ahead.

**'Bump Up' Session**
On Tuesday 14th all pupils had the chance to meet their teacher and their classmates for next session. We were very fortunate that Miss Stark was able to come along on this day to allow her to meet her new class. Almost all staffing is now known to us for next session:
Room 1, P1/2 - Miss Dickson
Room 2, P2/3 - Miss Stark and Miss Elkin
Room 3, P4/5 - Mrs Bond
Room 4, P5/6 - Mrs Higgins
Room 5, P6/7 - Mrs McLeod
CCC teacher (1 day per week) - TBC
Popinjay Cup 2016
On Monday 6th June a team of footballers from Underbank Primary went to John Cumming Stadium in Carluke to take part in the Popinjay Cup. We played each school twice and some of our scores were:-
Underbank 1 Kirkfieldbank 0
Underbank 3 Carluke 0
Underbank 2 Dalserf 0
Underbank 3 Braidwood 0.
It was then a nail biting finish between Underbank Primary and Dalserf Primary. Sam Davidson scored the winning goal!! Our top goal scorers of the tournament were Kyle Irvine and Nathan Gardner. We were delighted to bring the Popinjay Cup back to Underbank Primary! Reported by Sam Davidson and John Goulding

Health Raffle
Our Health and Outdoor Committee raffle was held yesterday during assembly, well done to all children who won a prize in this raffle. Thank you to all children who purchased a ticket, all money raised will go into school funds.

Crossford Playgroup Fete
I received a lovely email complimenting the pupils who contributed to the success of this event. Those who volunteered organised activities, ran some of the stalls and served strawberries and cream to the many visitors. They were said to be helpful, efficient, courteous and a great credit to the school. Well done to all of those who gave up their time to help.

Music Showcase 15th June
Together with Laurie McDougall and Philippa Craig, we travelled to Hamilton Townhouse by bus along with five other schools to take part in this event. When we arrived we had our lunch and then had two hours to practice. Underbank Primary was act three and we played ‘Tuxedo Junction’. At the end of our performance we got a big clap and cheer from the audience. We were amazed by some of the other schools, their performances was brilliant. The finale was all schools singing the chorus and doing lots of actions to “Walking on sunshine” – it was great fun and we all had a brilliant day! Reported by Grace Dewart and Juliet Boag.

Rotary Quiz
Well done to our Rotary Quiz team who took part on Saturday in the final. We arrived at Carluke Lifestyles Community Centre all feeling quite nervous. There were eight rounds of six questions and we had two minutes for each round plus three minutes for the maths questions. Unfortunately we did not win but we feel very proud of ourselves for getting this far. Reported by Jude Gibson, Jodie Bell, Annabel Boag and Caitlyn Hamilton

After School Clubs – Update
Tomorrow is our final after school club for this term. There will be no after school clubs next week. I will notify you in August of all school clubs on offer and when these will commence.

A huge thank you to all parents and partners who have assisted in the organisation of many of our clubs. A special thank you to Mrs Sarah Deans and Mrs Adele Fleming who have contributed to the success of our running club members over a number of years. As Fraser and Naomi now move onto Lanark Grammar in August, Adele and Sarah are passing their roles onto Mrs Boag and Mrs Todd.

Dance Workshop
All classes attended a dance workshop led by Mrs Tracey Murdoch (parent) over the last two weeks. We thank her for sharing her time and talent with us!

“I loved the dance class, it was really good” Archie Barr P1
“I thought the dancing class was excellent” Charlie Morgan P2
“The dance class was awesome!” Brogan Campbell P3
“I loved the warm up and at the end of it we got to do an ending pose!” Beatrice Todd P4
“The dance we did was very creative” Ruairidh Hunter P5
P7 Fundraising
Our Primary 7 pupils raised the magnificent sum of £256.70 to go towards their P7 leavers treat. Thank you to our PFA who are contributing the sum of £143.35 to pay the remaining amount. The P7s are going to Climbzone at Intu Braehead and then to Nando’s for their lunch. We hope they all have a fabulous time.

P1 Induction Afternoon
We welcomed our new P1 pupils on Wednesday afternoon. The session started with some activities in room 1 and then the children joined our present P1 children for outdoor activities in the playground. We look forward to welcoming the new P1 children again on 15th August at 9:30am.

Reminders
‘Growing Up Wild’
These outdoor family play sessions ran in the local area during our spring break and shall also run again during the summer holiday.
Every Tuesday, 28th June - 2nd August in Mauldslie Estate
Every Wednesday, 29th June - 3rd August in Lesmahagow
Every Thursday, 30th June - 4th August in Baron’s Haugh, Motherwell
If you would like to book a place visit www.Growing-Up-Wild.eventbrite.com
Alternatively contact Jackie@outletplayresource.co.uk

Diary Dates.
20th June – P7 Leavers’ treat.
21st June – Summer Service at 10am – all welcome.
23rd June – European Election Day - School open as normal.
24th June – P1 children to playgroup graduation ceremony
24th June – School closes at 1pm
15th August - P2 to P7 children return to school for 9am
15th August – P1 children to arrive at school for 9:30am and to be collected at 11:45am

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
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