

Underbank Primary **Update 5 – 1st October**



Parent Consultations

All parents have now been issued with a 30-minute time slot, within which, your child's class teacher will contact you. Please bear in mind that each appointment should last no more than 7 minutes, as teachers have a tight schedule to adhere to.

If at the end of your consultation you still have some unanswered questions, please do not hesitate to put your queries into an email and Mrs Totten will pass these onto the class teacher or to myself, for my attention.

Parent Council Meeting

The first meeting of our Parent Council took place last night. Our new Chair, Mrs Sally Sneddon, welcomed all members. We would love some of our new parents to come on board. The next meeting will be on 18th November, to which anyone wishing to join our Parent Council will be made very welcome. Please email the school office, if you wish your details shared with Mrs Sneddon and an invite to join our 'Virtual Parent Council Meeting' will be emailed over to you.

The Great Scottish Canvas Competition

The Great Scottish Canvas exhibition is now live and can be accessed using this link:

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/great-scottish-canvas>

It is best viewed in full screen mode using a laptop.

Congratulations to P6 pupils, Amelia Harkin, Erin Jackson and Rebecca Lloyd from Underbank, whose work features in this virtual exhibition.
Congratulations girls!

Lanark Learning Community - on the Move **Steps Challenge**

This has been the second week of the 'Lanark Learning Community - on the move Step Challenge'. We are busy collating all the figures from all six classes. We hope to have achieved more than 1,000,000 steps in the four weeks. We will update you of the total number of steps taken by all classes in our next update.

Junior Road Safety Officer Initiative - Be Bright Be Seen Day

As autumn is fast approaching and we travel to and from school when it is gloomy outside, we would like to invite all pupils to wear their brightest clothes on Friday 8th October. We explained to pupils at assembly today, why it is important to wear something bright so that they can easily be seen by drivers.

Ava Hobson and Lucia Rossi (JRSOs)

PFA News

An email was sent out to all parents this morning advising of the date of the first PFA meeting of this school year. Please reply to that email should you wish to join in with this meeting. Our PFA do a fabulous job, but are always on the lookout for new members and new ideas!!

Our lucky numbers is proving a huge success. To become a member you can purchase a 9 month subscription that will run from October 2021 to June 2022. This costs £11 per number. Your number is included in a prize draw each month and you could be the lucky winner of a cash prize of £25.00 – even better, you could win more than once over the nine months! If you haven't already signed up, please contact the school office and Mrs Totten will issue you with a form to allow you to participate.

Ragbag Collection

Bags will be given out early next week so that you can start collecting any items for our Clothing Bank. Next collection is 15th November.

October Break

Next Friday the school closes as normal at 3pm for the October Break. We will see all pupils back in school at 9am on Monday 18th October.

Refugee Charity

A huge thank you to Room 3 who shared information about this charity and about refugees and their needs at assembly this morning. They also sang 'One World to Share' to us. Just a reminder regarding this charity. Items for a welcome pack or complete welcome packs can be dropped off at the main entrance of the school from Monday 4th October – Friday 8th October, 8.45am – 3.15pm. Mrs Lorraine Cameron from our Parent Council has kindly agreed to collect and deliver all items to the charity.

Welcome Pack - List of Essentials:

- A bag, whether a gift bag or a rucksack – something to put all of the items into.
- Toiletries – Shampoo, shower gel, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant and sanitary or shaving items.
- Notepad and pen.
- Hat, gloves and scarf (2 of the 3 ideal)
- A wee token of Scotland or Glasgow – from tea towels to guide books, just think about what makes you think of home. Tunnocks? Irn Bru? Be creative!
- Something to read – Varying reading abilities so all books acceptable. Please do consider the content though.
- Something to eat – this is very often also the token of Scotland! Consider highland toffees to porridge oats, it's always nice to include something to munch.
- Letter fae a local – Your welcome letter to say hello, welcome and anything else you would like to include. As long as it's kind then it's acceptable.

In school, all pupils will create a 'note fae a local' which we will also gift to the charity to distribute to families.

A huge thank you in advance for helping to welcome forcibly displaced people arriving in Scotland if you can.

Community News

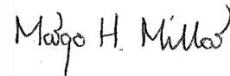
Outreach Group – Coffee & Chat

Thursday 7th October is the next meeting of the local Outreach Group's Coffee and Chat. This group meet every first Thursday of the month at 10am. In the village hall. Come along and meet some new friends and enjoy some home baking, coffee and friendly chat.

As always, we are all interested in the health and wellbeing of our pupils, so if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to

contact me so that we can work in partnership to ensure your child achieves their full potential.

Yours sincerely,



Margo H. Millar
(Head Teacher)

Important dates for your diary

W/c 4th Oct – Parent Consultations

6 Oct – PFA Virtual meeting

11 Oct – 15 Oct – October holiday break

25 Oct – Flu Immunisation

15 Nov – In-Service Day (No pupils in School)

18 Nov – Parent Council AGM

19 Nov – Ragbag Collection

22 Dec – School closes at 2:30pm for the Christmas Holiday break

5 Jan – School Re-opens

Please note that diary dates may be subject to change.

Reminders

SLC Winter Clothing Campaign

Following the success of last year's campaign, South Lanarkshire Council are relaunching their now annual Winter Clothing Campaign. This year the campaign is being extended to include sportswear.

South Lanarkshire Council's Winter Clothing and Sportswear campaign will run from Monday 20th of September until Friday 1st of October. Donations of new or nearly new winter jackets and sportswear are being welcomed at supermarkets across South Lanarkshire. They will then be laundered and given to early years, primary and secondary aged children and young people who need them.

Donations will be accepted at the following supermarkets from Monday 20th September until Friday 1st October:

- Morrisons, Stewartfield
- Morrisons, Lindsayfield
- Morrisons, Hamilton
- Morrisons, Cambuslang
- Tesco Metro, St Leonard's, East Kilbride
- Tesco, Lanark
- Tesco, Lesmahagow
- Sainsbury's, East Kilbride Kingsgate

The campaign promotes sustainability in the recycling of winter jackets and sportswear and comes at a good time, as we welcome delegates from around the world to Glasgow in November for the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference.

Last year we recycled over 1000 jackets, which were donated to children and young people who needed them across South Lanarkshire. This year we are hoping to achieve similar, if not better, success. Please help us with this worthwhile campaign by donating at the aforementioned supermarkets.