

Underbank Primary

Update No 17 – 5th May 2023



Wiston Lodge 2023

The sun shone for our P6 & 7's two day visit to Wiston Lodge on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. All children enjoyed two fun filled, action packed days. Thank you to Mrs McLeod and Miss MacDonald who accompanied the children and ensured that everyone had an enjoyable time. The children took part in archery, canoeing, bush craft, high ropes, low ropes and team building.

Here are a few comments from the children:

"Wiston Lodge was so good. My favourite activity was canoeing/rafting. It was my first time doing something like that and I really enjoyed it. I also enjoyed the high ropes." **Fraser Findlay, P7**

"I really enjoyed archery and canoeing. The archery was so much fun." **Layton Cross, P6**

"My favourite part was the canoeing. We used teamwork to make sure we didn't fall in the water." **Jorgie Dunsmore, P6**

"I loved the archery, and it was fun learning how to hold the bow and arrow correctly. I got really close to the bulls eye with one of my shots." **Freya Ram, P6**

August P1 Lunch invitation

Our new August Primary 1 children and their parents joined us on Wednesday for a taster menu of our school lunches. It was lovely to see all 15 soon to be Underbank P1 children and their parents. We have arranged two more dates for them to visit the school. I hope they are looking forward to these visits as much as we are! We will see the children and their parents on Tuesday 30th May at 1:30pm and we will see our new P1 children on their own on Tuesday 13th June.

PFA Coronation Tea

Thank you to everyone who attended this afternoon's Coronation Tea organised by our PFA. What a fabulous turnout! Everyone who attended was treated to a 'Coronation Parade' of magnificent crowns made by our very artistic pupils!

Before the Coronation Tea, the difficult task of the judging our Coronation 'Bake Off' took place. There were 16 entries which gave our judges, Mhairi Goulding, Donna Stewart and John Hamilton, such a difficult task. The winning cake, fit for a King, was baked by Nicholas Sanderson and his mummy Rebecca. Well done and thank you to all who participated. The Victoria sponges looked amazing and all who enjoyed a slice were hugely complimentary.

Our children also produced some fabulous, framed artwork, which parents were able to purchase today. If you were unable to attend, please simply email the office and let Mrs Totten know that you would like to purchase your child's artwork and she will add a payment item to ParentsPay for you.

Keep any eye out in the coming weeks for an update on the total amount raised for our i-Pad fund. A huge thanks to all in our PFA for organising this event.

Lanark Gazette - P7 Souvenir Edition

We would like to submit a photo of our P7 pupils to the Gazette, for inclusion in the P7 Souvenir Edition. This photo will be taken on Wednesday 10th May. Please send your child into school wearing their uniform on this day. If you do not wish your child to be included in the photo, then please contact our school office.

Health Week - 5th - 7th June

During our Health Week we will be heading to John Cumming Stadium for Sports Day (Wed 7th June). All pupils should bring a packed lunch for this day or alternatively order one via our school office by Friday 2nd June. Parents may attend this event. We would hope to arrive in the stadium between 9.45am and 10am, to kick off our Sports Day with a warm-up activity. Sports events usually finish around midday, when parents can then depart. We stay to have our packed lunches and for a playtime in the stadium before heading back to school. During the activities we ask that all parents remain behind the track barrier or in the stand, and that you do not take photos. We will aim to Tweet some photographs after the event.

Car Parking with Care

This week a car has been damaged while parked in our car park. Can I please ask that all parents and children take care as they open car doors to enter and exit their car.

Visit to COG Community Group

Five of our pupils attended the community 'Coffee & Chat' in the village this week. They were hugely welcomed by those who attended. Ellie Gray, Findlay Speirs, Skye Carle, Emily Frame and Cormac Gibson recited their poems to the group. On the way back to school they all agreed that they enjoyed being on the village stage and the cake that they had as a treat afterwards!

The COG group are hugely supportive of the school and so it was lovely to attend with some of our pupils.

Football Survey from The Children's Parliament - Survey Closes 15th May

The Children's Parliament is supporting the Scottish FA with a national survey. They ask that we encourage our parents/ carers and pupils to contribute their views about football.

Are you a parent/carer of a young footballer? Do you support football as a volunteer or coach? With the support of Children's Parliament, the Scottish Football Association is inviting children and young people (8-18) to say what it's like to be a young player in Scotland.

Young players can have their say here:

<https://info763427.typeform.com/to/pkby27WH>

Parentsportal Update

EV5 Permission forms/information live on Parentsportal currently are:

P7 Two Day Visit to Lanark Grammar
– still a few forms outstanding.

P6/7 After School Chess Club
Still a couple of forms to be signed.

Whole School Sports Day
Still a number of forms outstanding,

P6 & 7 Football Festival – 11th May
Still a number of forms outstanding,

P6 & 7 Clydesdale Track & Field Event – 19th May. Still a number of forms outstanding,

A reminders link will be sent to parents still to complete any of the above forms.

P7 Photographs

Thank you to all parents who have responded with photographs of their P7 child. We are still awaiting a few pictures of our soon to be 'leavers' in P1 and in P7. Please continue to send your photographs to the school office email account. These are for inclusion in our Yearbook.

Room 2 David Livingstone Showcase

Thank you so much to the parents who responded to my request for feedback on Room 2's showcase. Every parent who responded gave Mrs McInnes and Room 2 simply superb feedback, which was an absolute delight to read. I shared all feedback received at assembly.

Forest School Room 5

Room 5 Forest School block will go ahead as planned. We will however use the area opposite the former site. The venue has had to be changed due to an issue with our current Forest School site.

The planned dates are:

- 15th May
- 22nd May
- 29th May
- 5th June

Mrs Drennan will issue further information and a permission form via Parentsportal prior to the start of this block.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs

Clubs continuing/due to start are:-

- P6/7 After School Chess – Tuesdays
- P5/6/7 After School Girls Football club – Thursdays
- P6/7 After School Football – Fridays (
- P1 Fun Games After School Club – Starts Monday 15th May for 3 weeks.

Please also remember to pop onto ParentPay to make a donation to our Keep Underbank Active (KUA) fund, no matter how big or small. This payment item allows us to pay for buses to events and to purchase materials for our school clubs etc.

Pupil Lead Lunchtime Clubs

Our pupil lead clubs continue on the undernoted dates.

Room 3 football skills led by Innis, Keir, William and Taylor during lunchtime.

- 10th May
- 17th May

P1 Drama Club during playtime led by Eva, Sky and Rowan.

- 10th May
- 17th May
- 24th May

Lost Property

One of our pupil's packed lunch bag might have mistakenly been taken home by another pupil. Can you check that your child has his own football themed packed lunch bag at home. If you do come across the missing one, please just send this into the school.

We also have an aged 7/8 girls v-neck cardigan in our lost property. There is no name on any of the labels.

Opportunity for Parents

Mindfulness as part of Mental Health Awareness Week (15 to 21 May)

As part of Mental Health Awareness, Ten for Zen are offering three FREE online mindfulness sessions: Using Mindfulness to Deal with Anxiety; Managing Anxiety to get a Good Night Sleep; Building Resilience to Cope with Anxiety (Please see the attached information on how to access these sessions).

Reminders

P1 – P7 Writing Skills Parent Workshop

Please come along to a parent workshop on **Wednesday 10th May at 9:30am** so that we can introduce you to a resource called VCOP. The workshop will be led by some P6 and P7 pupils. They will demonstrate how they use the programme in class and illustrate how assessment of their writing skills take place.

Pupil Attendance

We recognise that good attendance is central to raising standards and increasing pupil attainment.

A copy of our Attendance Statistics Chart can be found on our website.

You can also review your child's attendance on Parentsportal.

Pupil Absence due to sickness

Just a gentle reminder that if your child has a sickness or diarrhoea bug, he/she should remain off school for 48 hours.

Head Lice

Just a gentle reminder to periodically check your child's hair for any signs of unwanted visitors!

More information can be found here

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

School Transport

Transport applications are now being accepted and processed for August. SLC have advertised this through the Council Website and social media. Parents of our P7 pupils transitioning to

Lanark Grammar should consider applying for their school transport if required.

You can also do this via Parentsportal, as there is a link direct to the South Lanarkshire Council's website.

Underbank Parent Book Bank

Please pop in and have a browse at our collection of books, or to donate a book that you have finished reading. We will aim to put our Book Bank trolley outside the main door when the weather improves.

After School Club Parking

When collecting your child from an after school club, please park in a marked parking space and not in our drop off area.

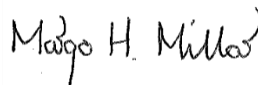
School Lunch Accounts – P6-7 Parents

It is important that school meal accounts are kept in credit. Please log onto your ParentPay account and clear any debtor balances.

Only P6 and P7 children now pay for school meals.

Finally, 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 – new dates

are in bold (Please note that diary dates may be subject to change)

8 May – Public holiday for the coronation of King Charles

9 May – LGS Multisports (P7 pupils already enrolled)

10 May – VCOP Workshop at 9:30am

11 May – Football Festival (selected pupils)

11 May - P5/6/7 Girls After School Football club

12 May – P6/7 After School Football

15 May – Room 5 Forest School Week 1

15 May – P1 After School Club Week 1

16 May – LGS Multisports (P7 pupils already enrolled)

16 May – Room 3 Showcase for parents (more information to follow)

18 May - P5/6/7 Girls After School Football club

18th May – PFA Meeting (5.30pm in school)

18th May – Parent Council Meeting (6.30pm in school)
18th May – Information Session for P7 Parents at Lanark Grammar
19 May – Track & Field event (Selected pupils)
22 May – Room 5 Forest School Week 2
22 May – P1 After School Club Week 2
23 May – LGS Multisports (P7 pupils already enrolled)
25 May - P5/6/7 Girls After School Football club
26 May – P6/7 After School Club
29 May – Room 5 Forest School Week 3
29 May - P1 After School Club Week 3 (final)
30 May – Aug P1 & Parent Visit
30 May – LGS Multisports (P7 pupils already enrolled)
1 June – P5/6/7 Girls Football after school club - Football Festival 2:30 – 5pm (More information to follow)
2 June – P1 – P6 Fun Playtime led by P7 Pupils (more information to follow)
2 June – P6/7 After School Football (Final Session)
5 June – Room 5 Forest School Week 4 (final)
6 June – Proposed PFA Silver Mile Event
7 June – Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium
8 June – Lanimer Holiday
9 June – Lanimer Holiday
13 June – Aug P1 Visit
14 June – P7 LGS visit
15 June – P7 LGS visit
21 June – P7 Leavers' Celebration for parents - 1:30pm in school
23 June – Summer Celebration, Crossford Parish Church at 10am (tbc)
26 June – P7 Day out (more details to follow)
27 June – School closes at 1pm

All diary dates will also be available on the calendar on Parentsportal.