

# Underbank Primary

## Update No 18 – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Our next update will be issued on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and I just want to remind you that we do not get the holiday weekend at the end of this month. We will be open on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May. As we are a Lanark Learning Community school, we get the two day Lanimer break in June - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, so please diarise these dates, if you haven't done so already.

### PFA Coronation Tea

A huge thank you to all who attended this very successful event. A total of £529.70 was raised and this has all been added to our iPad fund. We are aiming for around 20 iPads with tough covers (£6400). We will purchase these from our SLC provider using a combination of PFA funds, donations and School Fund. RM will also manage these for us.

Please note that the PFA have agreed to postpone their 'Silver Mile' event as this was going to be very close to the P7 Fun Playtime (2<sup>nd</sup> June). Thank you to the group for being so mindful of how the cost of living crisis is impacting on all families.

### P7s Fun Playtime

Our P7 pupils will have a variety of stalls/activities around the playground for pupils to participate in. All money raised at this event will help to fund the P7 Big Day Out at the end of term. Some of the activities on offer are:-

- Treat Day Stall – Biscuits/cakes
- Sponge the P7s
- Face painting,
- Hair Braiding,
- Glitter or temporary tattoos,
- Beat the goalie
- Lucky lollies
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These activities will have a small charge of between 50p and £1

Nail Bar – 1 coat £1

1 coat & glitter finish - £1.50

The following activities will be run by the P6 pupils

- Obstacle course
- Guess the P7
- Karaoke
- Colouring in fun
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These activities will be **FREE** of charge.

If your child has any allergies or you do not wish him/her to take part in certain activities, please notify the school office.

Our Primary 7 pupils are also looking for items of home baking for their bake sale. Please hand in all homebaking on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> June (before 10am).

### Music Showcase – 30<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

Parents of children who receive brass, violin or drumming tuition have been invited to a music showcase event. If you haven't responded to the email, and wish to attend, please reply to the email so that we can have appropriate seating available.

### P4 Tennis Tournament

Good luck to Matyas, Caelan, Ayanda and Nova who will be competing in the Clydesdale Area Tennis Festival on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. We will find out all about their experience in our next update.

### SLC Awards Ceremony

Aela Simpson and Amy Deards will represent Underbank Primary at the annual South Lanarkshire Council Awards Ceremony at Hamilton Townhouse on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Amy is collecting an award on behalf of all of our Digital Leaders, Ella, Heather D, Annie, Ava and Matilda. Aela is collecting an award for her achievements in gymnastics.

### Police Presence outside Underbank

PC D Reynolds and a colleague monitored the traffic one morning this week and intends doing this periodically over the coming weeks.

She has asked that I highlight to parents that all traffic outside the school should be travelling at 20mph or less, within the marked area.

I have asked that she reports the flashing 20mph lights nearest to the village, as they have still not been repaired.

On Tuesday, she stopped one car, but she did also note that many of the cars turning into school were travelling above 20mph.

### **Parentsportal Update**

EV5 Permission forms/information live on Parentsportal currently are:

**Whole School Sports Day** - Still a number of forms outstanding. Please complete if you haven't already done so.

### **P5/6/7 After Girls Football Club**

The final date for this club is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, which will be a football festival with other Lanark schools. We hold permission up to 4pm and therefore a further permission form will be required if your child is required to stay later than 4pm. Further information will be issued when Active Schools share this with us.

### **Room 3 Showcase**

We had a fabulous turnout at Room 3's showcase on Tuesday afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing the story of The Iron Man and then their parents and visitors joined them in class to create Iron Man models. The models were amazing. Please have a look on Twitter to view some photos from the afternoon.

Here is some of the very positive feedback that we received after the event.

"You all did fantastically! Be super proud of yourselves Room 3. I especially enjoyed taking part in the craft activity."

"Great work by everyone. It was great to see the children bring the story to life and to see how confident everyone was. Thanks for all your hard work."

"Thanks so much Mrs Bond and co. That was so much fun. Such a great idea and the play was brilliant!"

### **Forest School Room 5**

Room 5 enjoyed their first week of Forest School on Monday. Here are a few comments from the children.

"Forest School was brilliant! We had a different location at the hilly park which was really exciting. The bluebells were just lovely and were all over the park. Mrs Drennan had to carry out emergency first aid on one which had been stood upon!" **Ella Baxter, P6**

"I liked climbing the trees and doing the marshmallows over the fire. I missed out on the hot chocolate as there was none left by the time it got to me but I still had a really good time."

**Heather Record, P6**

"I liked rolling down the hill, climbing the trees and I really liked making the smores." **Fraser Findlay, P7**

### **Lunchtime/After School Clubs**

Clubs continuing are:

- P6/7 After School Chess – Tuesdays
- P5/6/7 After School Girls Football club – Thursdays
- P6/7 After School Football – Fridays (no football club today)
- P1 Fun Games After School Club – 2 weeks remaining.

### **Pupil Lead Lunchtime Clubs**

Thank you to Innis, Keir, William and Taylor who ran a lunchtime football skills club for Room 3. This club has now finished.

Our P1 Drama Club during playtime led by Eva, Sky and Rowan has also now finished. Thank you to the girls for organising this.

Robbie, Lorenzo, Jake and Noah have agreed to organise a football skills club for Room 2 over the next few weeks. I'm sure many pupils from room 2 will enjoy this.

***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.***

### **P6/7 Track & Field Event**

Our P6 and P7 pupils attended John Cumming Stadium today, to take part in the Clydesdale Track and Field event. As always, our pupils did extremely well. We received some lovely comments from other schools regarding the sportsmanship of our pupils and how they encouraged each other. Well done boys and girls!

"The first event was the P7 boys javelin, it was really good fun, I did very well, didn't quite win, but was very close." **Derick McKechnie, P7**

"I loved the relay race, it was lots of fun, our team of four did very well." **Ava Donnelly, P6**

"I did the 100m sprint and the long jump, my favourite was the long jump. I did well in both events." **Tom Fraser, P6**

### **Menu Change**

Please note that on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, it will be roast turkey in the sandwiches and not roast chicken.

## Reminders

### 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.

### 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).

### 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.

**Please note: if your child is allocated Privileged Transport, then you must apply for this annually for your child.**

You can also make transport applications via Parentsportal, as there is a link directly 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.

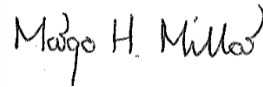
### School Lunch Accounts – P6-7 Parents

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)

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 (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 – Popinjay Cup**

5 June – Room 5 Forest School Week 4 (final)

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

**22 June - P7 Day Out – Please note this change.** (More details to follow)

23 June – Summer Celebration, Crossford Parish Church at 10am (tbc)

27 June – School closes at 1pm

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