

Underbank Primary

Update No 19 – 2nd June 2023



This update contains lots of information for the week ahead and beyond.

Our final update of this school year will be on Friday 16th June.

I hope that you all enjoy the two day Lanimer holiday next week – 8th and 9th June. On these days school will be closed.

School Meals Accounts

Just a gentle reminder, as we are fast approaching the end of term, all school meals accounts should be paid in full or in credit.

Could P7 parents try to clear any credit balances they have on ParentPay as these balances do not automatically transfer to Lanark Grammar

Fun Playtime led by Room 5

All pupils had a fun filled break today while helping our P7 pupils raise funds towards their P7 Big Day Out. A grand total of £290.50 was raised and will go towards funding a special treat day at Wiston Lodge. Our PFA have also made a contribution of £200 towards this day. Thank you for helping to ensure our P7 pupils have lots of fun and lasting memories to treasure.

Dementia Friendly School

This week Mrs L Murdoch and Mrs A Ferguson visited Underbank to deliver dementia workshops to our P4-7 pupils. Pupils learned about dementia and how to support families impacted by this disease. Our Charity and Enterprise Committee instigated these workshops after raising money for the charity Alzheimer Scotland.

Instrumental Music Showcase

Our pupils who have music tuition came together to showcase their skills this week. We invited their parents and some pupils from across the school to be an audience. Our violinists, brass players and percussion players shared some of their learning and then joined together to perform a samba band piece. Here are some comments from parents who attended:

“Very impressed with all the musicians. They delivered a polished and uplifting showcase. It was wonderful to see their confidence and progression.

“Absolutely wonderful! All the children obviously enjoyed their musical experience.”

“The performance from the children was absolutely fantastic. They were all brilliant in their own disciplines, but bringing them all together for the final collaboration was the perfect ending.”

If you missed the show, then please click on the link below to see a snapshot of each performance.

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South Lanarkshire Pupil Award Ceremony 2023

Mrs Drennan took two of our pupils along to this event on Wednesday. Amy Deards (P6) collected an award on behalf of all of our Digital Leaders for their work around the school and their contribution to leading this area. Aela Simpson (P6) collected an award for her outstanding commitment and achievement within gymnastics. Well done to all of our Digital Leaders and Aela.

Room 5 Forest School Update

On Monday we all went to the hilly park in Crossford for a Forest School session.

The first thing we did was go over the safety regulations and then we were all allowed to go off and do lots of different activities. Fraser, Layton and I (Derick) built a den with some tarpaulins whilst I (Rowan) went off and did some tree climbing with my friends. We then made some delicious croissants, which tasted really good (surprisingly)! We made these with some pre-made dough. We wrapped the dough around some giant forks and then cooked them over the campfire. We added jam, and squirty cream. We also toasted some marshmallows over the campfire. **Reported by Derick McKechnie and Rowan McDermid, P7**

Water Safety Talk from The Scottish Fire Service

Station Commander Ian Kemp, and three other firefighters from Lanark Fire Station spoke to the whole school yesterday regarding water safety. This is particularly important for us here in Crossford, with the River Clyde right on our doorstep and the hot weather now upon us.

"The Fire Service came to Underbank to tell us how to stay safe near the River Clyde. Then I got to take the fire fighters back to the fire engine and they showed me all the special tools, even the big scissors they use to get people safely out of cars. **Franklin Morris, P1**

"One of the firefighters came in wearing a big heavy suit. There was something attached to the pocket. He attached this to another firefighter and told us all the reason why they do this. It was so that they know where each other are during a fire. **Reuben Thomson, P2**

"The firefighters told us all about a special 'move' that they do when fighting fires. They stamp their feet and wave their hands up and down. The firefighters told us all about the breathing apparatus that they wear too. **Cora Ram, P2**

P1 Games Club

This club has now concluded. A huge thank to Mrs Marshall (parent) for leading this club for our youngest pupils.

After School P6/7 Football

Last week was the final week of this after school football club for our P6/7 pupils. Thank you to Mr Johnstone (parent) for leading this club. Who knows, we may be able to persuade him to come back next year, even although Charlie will have moved to Lanark Grammar – watch this space!

After School Girls' P5 – P7 Football Club

Yesterday, the girls who attend Macy's club were joined by pupils from Lanark Primary and Robert Owen Primary for a fun football festival. All who attended did some skills practice and then took part in a mini tournament. Thank you to Active Schools for helping to organise this activity for schools within our learning community and a huge thank you to Macy for leading this club. This club also concluded yesterday.

P6/7 After School Chess Club

Tuesday was the final after school chess club. A huge thank you to Mrs Bond for running this club for our P6/7 pupils.

We are very lucky to have such a great variety of after school clubs and a great team of parents, staff, pupils and Active Schools Volunteers who run these clubs.

KUA (Keep Underbank Active Fund)

We will shortly be archiving our KUA for this school year. At this time we have raised the fabulous sum of £741.25 This has helped go towards the costs of some of the sporting events

we participate in. Without this fund and the money it raises, there are quite a number of events that we simply would not be able to participate in due to transport costs.

If you are still to contribute to this fund, please do so as soon as possible.

P4 Tennis Tournament

Well done to our four P4 pupils, Matyas, Caelan, Ayanda and Morgan who took part in the Clydesdale Tennis Tournament in Lanark. As always, our pupils showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done!

P6/7 Track & Field Event

Congratulations to Keir Campbell and Molly Gilmour who qualified for the SLC Track and Field Event, after competing in the Clydesdale event. Unfortunately, Molly is unable to attend as this clashes with the two day visit to Lanark Grammar. We wish Keir the best of luck in the P6 boys 600m race.

School Uniform – Please ensure your child's name is on all items!

Don't forget that we have a 'good as new' school uniform bank. Can you please start setting aside any school uniform that your child has outgrown. Likewise, if you have any waterproofs or wellies which are suitable for Forest School, please set these aside. Mrs Stewart our 'Uniform Coordinator' will provide us with a spreadsheet of what is available so that parents can utilise this before the start of the new term.

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.

P7 Wiston Lodge – still a number of forms needing completed.

Popinjay Cup – still a number of forms to be completed. **These are required for Monday!**

Parent Council News

Tesco Funding Application

I am delighted to share with you that our Tesco application for a grant to assist with digital learning has been successful. Our project will be put forward to a customer vote in the Carluke store. Voting will commence in store from the first week of July 2023 until the end of September 2023. If you are in Tesco in Carluke

during the voting period, please don't forget to get your little blue voting tokens.

PFA News

i-Pad fundraising

I am also delighted to share with you that after their recent fundraising events, our PFA have very kindly agreed to contribute £4000 towards our i-Pad fund. This is such a huge boost and this amount, together with the £1000 already donated by families and local businesses, we are well on our way to being able to purchase 20 new i-Pads. Thank you to all who have supported this fundraising drive.

Please also give consideration to joining this group in the coming session. You don't need to attend all meetings and even offering to help during their events is hugely valued.

Community News

Water Safety Awareness/Road Safety/Fun Day

The Scottish Fire and Rescue, together with other agencies will be hosting a water safety, road safety, fun family day out at Lanark Loch on Saturday 17th June 10am – 2pm.

Reminders

Health Week - 5th - 7th June

Next week is our Health Week and the 3 days will focus on pupil health and wellbeing. On all 3 days pupils should wear their gym clothes.

Each class have a timetabled slot with our scooters. If you wish your child to scoot then they can bring their own scooter and helmet, alternatively pupils can use our scooters but must bring a helmet if they wish to participate.

Please note which day your child should bring their scooter and helmet or their helmet:

Room 1 - Monday
Room 2 - Monday
Room 3 - Monday
Room 4 - Monday
Room 5 - Tuesday

We will be heading to John Cumming Stadium for Sports Day on Wed 7th June. All pupils should bring a packed lunch for this day if they haven't ordered one from our cafeteria.

Please also ensure that your child has a full bottle of water. This will be able to be refilled at our re-fill station.

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.

At the end of our pupil races, we will aim to call for any pre-school children to take part in a short running race, should they wish to.

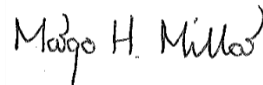
Sports events usually finish around midday, when parents can then depart.

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.

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)

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
12 June – Police Service visiting Room 1
13 June – Aug P1 Visit
14 June – P7 LGS visit
15 June – P7 LGS visit
15 June – Fire Service visiting Room 1
21 June – Room 3 Music Showcase for parents (9.15am – 9.45am)
21 June – P7 Leavers' Celebration for parents - 1:30pm in school
22 June - P7 Day Out to Wiston Lodge
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.