

Underbank Primary

Update No 20 – 23rd June 2023



We are just days away from our last day of this school year. Your children, their resilience and their love of learning have ensured that the staff team have many happy memories of the activities and achievements of our pupils over this session.

This is our final newsletter for this term. Thank you, as always, for taking the time to read this.

Class configurations for the session ahead

As previously advised, we will have 17 new P1 pupils joining us in August. Our class configurations for next session are noted below, but as always, we may need to reconfigure our classes should there be any additional catchment children who join during the summer.

Currently our planned classes are:

P1/2 - 25 pupils

P2/3 - 24 pupils

P3/4/5 - 25 pupils

P5/6 - 24 pupils

P6/7 - 25 pupils

At this time, I am unable to confirm our full staffing for the session ahead.

I will shortly be emailing out your child's class group, once these are finalised.

P7 Leavers' Assembly

Thank you to all parents and family members who came along to our P7 leavers' assembly on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to Mrs McLeod for all her hard work in ensuring that this was a fitting send off for our P7 children. The theme of this year's assembly was Mastermind.

At this celebration the children were gifted their new school tie from our PFA.

Summer Celebration

Our Summer Celebration was very well attended and a lovely way for all in our school community to round off the session. Congratulations to all pupils who received an award at this event. P7 pupils were gifted their Yearbooks at this morning's event. A huge thank you to Mrs Baxter for all of her hard work and creativity in

compiling the P7 Yearbook. I'm certain that our P7 pupils will treasure this.

Our PFA have yet again covered the cost of the Yearbook and I'd like to express my thanks to them for their ongoing support.

Parentsportal App

You should have received an email this morning from the school office with instructions on how to download the Parentsportal app. I am sure you will all find the app a bit more user friendly than the current version. Please download the app onto your mobile devices and hopefully we will be up and running smoothly for our return in August. ***New August P1 parents will be issued with this information when their child starts school in August.***

P3 & P4 Music Showcase

Our pupils who have a music lesson every Wednesday morning from Mr Johnstone, showcased their skills for parents/grandparents/friends on Wednesday. Thank you to all who attended the showcase. Here are some of the lovely comments received:

"I really enjoyed the music showcase. It was lovely seeing all of the kids being involved and the concentration on their faces. Just shows that music has very many different forms and you can basically make music with anything."

"We loved the showcase, my daughter has really enjoyed doing music at school and was looking forward to doing the show."

"Thoroughly enjoyed it, kids were great. They concentrated so well and made a lovely sound."

Room 1 Special Visitors

Room 1 were very fortunate to have visits from both the Police and Fire Service as part of their 'People who Help Us' topic. WPC D. Reynolds and PC S. Penman told the children all about their jobs in the police service and the children got to see their patrol car. Fire Commander Craig Hamilton and his crew of three other firefighters told the children all about their jobs and then took them outside to see their fire engine. The children even got to try their huge water hose!

"We went outside into the car park and got to sit in a real police car. The police lady turned on the flashing lights and the siren. They arrested Mrs Donnelly and put the handcuffs on her. Thankfully they let her go again! ***Cormac Gibson and Lucia McAvoy P1***

"Four firefighters came to visit us and Lochlyn asked if he could see their fire fighting suits.

One of the firefighters put on his suit and told us all about the different parts of the suit. We all then went outside to see them attach their hose to a water hydrant. They let us see how far the water reached. It went really high and far!" **Ellie Speirs, P1 and Lochyn King, P2**

P7 BIG DAY OUT – Thursday 22nd June

Our P7 pupils enjoyed returning to Wiston Lodge for their treat day. They took part in bushcraft, archery and Kayaking. Everyone had a fabulous day out and returned exhausted! Thank you to our PFA for part funding this.

"The first activity we did was archery, it was lots of fun, then we did bushcraft and made some really big fires! The best activity was the canoeing. Fraser got absolutely soaked doing the canoeing. Archie was using his hands instead of the paddles to move their canoe, so Fraser got soaked with every splash Archie made.

We rowed our canoes to a little island, where we all got out of the canoes. The canoes floated away, we had to wade through the water to get back to our canoes. As we were all out in the water, we all tried jumping in, but the canoes flipped over, Fraser's canoe actually sunk to the bottom because everyone was standing up in it. Once we jumped out of the canoe, it rose back to the surface very quickly." **Reported by Dennis Findlay and Fraser Findlay P7**

Fun Fitness Event – Monday 26th June

Two of our Leadership committees have organised a FREE fun fitness event for Monday. Please pack away your child's uniform this weekend as all children can dress down by wearing something suitable to participate in the active sessions.

After participating, all children will be offered a sugar free Mr Freeze – Freeze Pop. If you do not wish your child to have one, then please let us know by **Monday at 10am**. As an alternative treat, you could send a piece of fruit for your child to have instead.

P7 Finale

As the final send off for our P7 pupils, P1 – 6 pupils will create 'a tunnel' to cheer our leavers on their way on Tuesday at approximately 12.50. This will take place at the riverside of our playground. P7 pupils can however then make their way back around the school and exit via the back gate if this is where their parent collects them. We hope that we can share the footage of this with all families via Twitter. **If you do not wish your child filmed at this 'final exit of primary school', please get in touch no later than 3pm on Monday.**

Lanark Grammar News

Lanark Grammar have shared their prize-giving information with us. We would like to extend our congratulations to all prize winners, especially our ex-Underbank pupils. This year's runner up Dux is Hannah Todd. We are so proud of her fabulous achievement.

School Meals Accounts

Please ensure that all school meals accounts (P6 & P7 only) are clear of any debt before we finish up on Tuesday.

School Uniform Bank

Attached to this email we have added a spreadsheet detailing all items available from our uniform bank. Please contact Mrs Stewart using the confidential email address below, should you wish to request some items.

As you sort through your child's uniform items during the holidays, please also consider passing on items or making a donation to the uniform bank, if your child has outgrown items. We encourage families to 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' as part of our eco work.

upsuniformbank@gmail.com

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

Our school uniform provider, ALJ in Lanark will be more than happy to assist with orders for new items of uniform during the holiday. They can be contacted on 01555 665715. A full range of school uniform can be found online at:

<https://www.aljonline.co.uk/shop-by-school/underbank-primary-school-crossford>

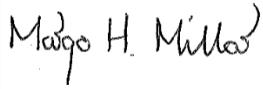
Please ensure that you put your child's name on every item of school uniform so that we are able to easily identify and return items that are misplaced.

As this is the last update of this school term, on behalf of 'Team Underbank' I'd like to wish you all a relaxing summer break with family and friends. We all look forward to welcoming our children back to school on **Wednesday 16th August at 9am.**

Good luck to our P7 children as they move onto Lanark Grammar.

Please don't forget that the school closes at 1pm next Tuesday, 27th June. Lunch will be served slightly earlier than normal on this day.

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)

27 June – School closes at 1pm

New school term 2023 – 2024

14th Aug - Staff in-service day (no pupils in school)

15th Aug - Staff in-service day (no pupils in school)

16th Aug – All pupils return to school. P1 delayed start – 9:30am and collection at 2.45pm on this first day

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