

Underbank Primary

Update 4 – 6TH October 2023



Thank you to one of our new P1 parents, Mr Richard Cook who has enhanced our school logo for us. We are delighted with this very impressive version and will use it on all of our school documents.

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Fischy Music

We were lucky enough to have Fischy Music back in school again yesterday. Fischy Music is a Scottish charity founded in 1998 by Stephen Fischbacher. They create songs to nurture positive mental health in children by helping them express and manage a range of emotions. Our children thoroughly their morning workshops and sharing their learning with the parents and family members who managed along to the showcase.

We gained funding for the visit and for access to their online musical activities via a successful bid to Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival 2023 (SMHAF). Staff are excited to have these resources available to us for the year ahead.

Here are some quotes from the children:-

“I really liked learning the songs and dancing along to them. I don’t have a favourite song, I **LOVED** all of them.” **Lucia McAvoy, Room 1**

“I loved the singing as it was really great, and the actions we had to do to all the songs were so much fun to do.”

Reuben Thomson, Room 2

“Fischy music made me feel so cheerful with all their singing and dancing. My favourite song was the friends’ song.” **Cora Ram, Room 3**

“We got to sing lots of songs and Fischy Music taught us all the actions to the songs, it was great fun. My favourite song was the build up one, because it made me feel good about myself and made me think about building up my friends too.” **Holly Davidson, Room 4**

“I thought the songs were all really good. They were very creative and the music was smashing!” **Taylor Brown, Room 5**

Here are some quotes from those who attended:-

“Thank you for the invite to the music workshop. What a lovely afternoon filled with so much positive energy. It was great to see the children participating and really enjoying the music. Mental health is extremely important and the Fischy music workshop certainly help to put the message across to the children in such a fun way.”

“I was so glad to be able to make it along to the Fischy Music Workshop. It was great to see all of the pupils (and adults!) in the school so engaged and enthusiastic! The songs were so catchy, with such lovely messages. It was clear that the kids loved them too judging by how quickly they managed to learn them and by how willingly they joined in with the performances. I hope the kids of Underbank get the chance to work with the Fischy Music team again in the future.”

“My parents absolutely loved the showcase with Fischy Music and all the Underbank children. They particularly enjoyed the chasing the blues away and the love love love songs. Everyone was so happy singing and dancing along and being part of our wonderful school community.”

“I really enjoyed the workshop with brilliant music which gets you on your feet. It made my day. Great reminder of the importance of a friendship and looking after each other. My favourite song was Build Up. Thank you!”

Parents Consultations – 12th October

Appointments for our Parents’ Consultations on 12th October went live last Friday, 29th September and very quickly filled up. The booking system has now been closed to allow us to collate all appointments.

Any parent who did not pre-book an appointment, has had an appointment allocated.

P6 & P7 Bikeability

This week was our last week of Bikeability and we are delighted to say that all of our P6 children passed their Level 1 skills training and our P7 children all passed their Level 2 skills training.

A huge thank you to Mrs McLeod, Mrs Lamont and Mr Craig (Grandparent Volunteer) for all of their hard work in delivering Bikeability.

ParentPay

The following payment items are now on ParentPay.

- KUA (Keep Underbank Active)
- P5 Swimming
- Room 2 Tall Ships

Parentsportal Forms

The following permission forms are now live on Parentsportal:-

- Annual Data Check - still **18** outstanding.
- P5 Swimming
- P6/7 Football Festival – (selected pupils)
- Room 2 Tall Ships

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs are now finished for this term. We will hopefully be able to offer further clubs after the October break – watch this space!

This term we have raised £211.50 in our KUA Transport Fund. This will pay for two of the buses required when teams are competing at the numerous sporting events at John Cumming Stadium throughout the school year.

Don't forget to add your donations to our KUA fund, if you can.

Challenge Poverty Week

This week all classes have been working on short activities and having discussions around poverty and how this can impact on families and individuals in Scotland.

At assembly today all classes shared their learning on this theme and recognised that compassion can create solutions. Look out for some photos on Twitter.

Pupil Council Collection for Clydesdale Foodbank

Thank you to all who have added to our collection. The last day to contribute is on Wednesday 11th October. We will ensure that the Foodbank have all donations prior to the October holiday break.

Our Apple Harvest

Our apple harvest has now been delivered to our friends at the Orchard Group. We look forward to receiving our apple juice back so that we can all sample this.

School Photographer

Ms Vicky Harrison, our school photographer, visited the school on Wednesday to take family (only families who requested these had family

pictures taken), individual and class group photographs. Proofs will be sent home shortly, and all payment instructions will be detailed on the order form. Please also note the deadline date for orders are on the proof envelope.

Please do not send any loose cash into school. All payments should be made directly to the photographer.

School Meal Debt on ParentPay

P6 and P7 pupils still have to pay for their school lunches. There are a number of children on ParentPay with outstanding balances, some of which are creeping up. Please ensure your child's school meals account is in credit at all times. Please pop onto ParentsPay and clear any outstanding debtor balances. If you wish to discuss this then please contact us.

PFA News

At the recent meeting of our PFA, a few events/activities were planned.

26th Oct - Halloween Disco (P1-4 pupils disco 6pm – 7pm, P5-7 pupils disco 7.30pm – 8.30pm)

25th Nov – Christmas Fair (Times TBC)

Further information on Halloween ticket sales will be issued by our PFA, so please look out for this.

Halloween Costumes

As we are an Eco School, we are trying to encourage recycling as much as possible. We currently have lots of Halloween costumes that we would encourage you to re-use for your child this Halloween. We recently emailed out a list of all available costumes and their sizes. Should you wish to request any, please make your request via:

suzannejmarshall6@gmail.com

Arrangements for delivery can then be made or simply request that the costume is packaged and given to your child during the school day.

If you have any costumes that your child no longer requires, please consider handing these into us too. We are particularly looking for costumes for our older pupils from 7-8years upwards.

All remaining costumes will be on display at our Parent Consultations on 12th October. You will be able to browse and take away any suitable costumes on that evening.

Community News

Overtown Farm Fruit Day

This event takes place on Saturday. Please consider heading along so that your child can enter the competition to win a farm visit for their class.

Village COG Group

The Christian Outreach Group (COG) recommenced their Coffee and Chat session in the village hall yesterday. Please see diary dates below of the next Coffee and Chat events. These coffee mornings are a great way to meet new friends and members of the local community. Everyone is welcome to attend. The group meet up at 10am till approximately 12 noon.

Reminders

Beat the Street - 20th Sept till 1st November

Beat the Street is a free, fun, walking, cycling and wheeling game which encourages families to get out and about throughout Clydesdale. All pupils will be issued with information and a starter pack to allow them to take part throughout Clydesdale.

Within the village, there will be five Beat Boxes, where families can gather points.

Please consider participating in Beat the Street locally or across Clydesdale.

A pack of information was issued to all of our children.

Dogs on School Grounds

Just a little reminder that dogs are not permitted in any area of our school grounds, this includes the carpark area. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Covid reminder

Although there is no longer a requirement to do a Lateral Flow Test, there is still the need to be vigilant and continue with good hygiene. We have had a number of Covid cases in school since our return and we are very keen to keep our school community safe and well.

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can come back to school, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they're well enough to attend.

School Lunch Theme Day

We will participate in a themed lunch day where children can try some of the different dishes on

our new menu. The following dishes will be available, please encourage your child to attend school lunch on Thursday 12th October.

Chris Corns Tray (Blue)

Sausage pastry
chicken poppers
Chips
Sweetcorn

Becky Broccoli Tray (Red)

Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Macaroni Cheese
Chips
Broccoli

Colin Carrot Tray

Ham Baguette
Grated Carrot

All served with Sally Strawberry and Alan Apple fruit salad, and Paula Pineapple muffin.

Uniform and Belongings

Children should wear their school uniform and should wear jackets and footwear that are suitable for playing and learning outdoors. Children will change into indoor shoes on entering the building each day. If going outdoors for PE then our children will wear the outdoor shoes they are wearing to school on their PE days

Please ensure all items of clothing, footwear, packed lunches etc. are all clearly labelled with your child's name.

A number of playtime snack tubs are left outside each day. Please aim to label these too.

School Uniform Bank

Don't forget to email our Used Uniform Co-ordinator, Mrs Stewart should you require any items of school uniform through the school year. All items are in a good condition, and we encourage all families to use our bank in keeping with our Eco status.

upsuniformbank@gmail.com

If you have any item(s) that your child has outgrown, please contact Mrs Stewart directly to arrange collection.

Tesco Fundraising for iPads

Please request or lift a token to vote for Underbank if you shop at Tesco in Carlisle. We are hopeful that the funds we receive from Tesco, will ensure we have all the money we need to purchase around 20 iPads. Please consider asking friends and family to help too.

School Twitter Account

We have a school Twitter account to share activities, achievements, news and quick updates with all in our school community. Please consider following us on Twitter.

School Enquiries

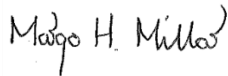
We would encourage parents and visitors to send any enquiries via email to the school office, where it will be dealt with timeously. Please email

gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

Please be aware that our school office is not always manned due to staff assisting with supervision duties and helping with the buses at the end of the school day. If you need to contact the school with regards to a change of arrangement for your child at 3pm, please email the school office before 2:30pm every day. This is particularly important if your child is on school transport.

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)

7 Oct Overton Farm Fruit Day
10 Oct – Global Goals Presentation by Room 5.
Room 5 parents invited to join at 9.45am
12 Oct – Parent Consultations
12 Oct – School Lunch Theme Day
13 Oct – JRSO Be Bright Be Seen Day (email sent)
13 Oct – Room 3 Showcase
16 Oct –20 Oct – October holiday break
26 Oct – P1 – P7 Hallowe'en Disco (Ticket info to follow)
1 Nov – PFA Meeting at 6:30pm
2 Nov – COG group Coffee & Chat
8 Nov – Flu Vaccination Date
13 Nov – In-Service Day (No pupils in School)
16 Nov – Parent Council Meeting – 6.30pm
23 Nov – P5 Swimming block commences
23 Nov – Clothing bank being emptied

25 Nov – PFA Christmas Fayre – more details to follow

7 Dec – COG group Coffee & Chat

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

8 Jan – School Re-opens

Dates of Nativity and Christmas Service will all be advised in due course.