

Underbank Primary

Update 6 – 17 November 2023



Armistice Day in the Village

Thank you to our Pupil Council who undertook our Poppy collection for The Royal British Legion. Lots of pupils proudly wore their poppies last week. We will advise you in due course of the amount raised for this very worthwhile charity.

Two LGS pupils, Calum Smith and Brogan Campbell, and a small group of our pupils, Keir Campbell, Alexander Marshall, Alasdair Smith, Amy Deards, Freya Ram, Heather Record and Aela Simpson accompanied myself and Mr Michael, our brass tutor, to the village War Memorial, to join the village Remembrance Service last Saturday. Please have a look on Twitter at the photographs taken that morning. All who attended praised our pupils for their contributions.

Anti-Bullying Week

All classes have tackled some learning in class around Anti-Bullying this week. Today at assembly each class also shared some of the acts of kindness that they have done over the last week. Well done everyone.

P1, P2 and P3 Bookbags

Our P1/2/3 children all received bookbags gifted by The Scottish Book Trust this week. Each bookbag contains some activities and books. We hope that our young learners and families enjoy these.

After School Arrangements

Please contact the school office before 2:30pm if your child has not to go on the school bus. We have five buses, a Playbarn minibus and a taxi to co-ordinate at 3pm and when children don't arrive to register for their bus at 2:55pm, it holds up all other buses.

Please also bear in mind when asking other parents to collect your child, that we would really appreciate if we could be notified of these arrangements. This is particularly important for our younger children.

With regards to after school clubs, if your child has signed up for an after school club, then we anticipate that they are staying for the club. We

sometimes have children saying that they then cannot attend. Unless a parent notifies us that their child is not attending the after school club then pupils who have signed up will be sent to join in.

P5 Swimming Reminder

Please note that the P5 swimming block starts next Thursday. Parents have been notified of the items their child should bring.

We believe that learning to swim is an important life skills.

Annual Data Checks on Parentsportal – URGENT!

We still have a number of outstanding Annual Data Checks on Parentsportal (13). Parents who have yet to complete these were emailed last week. Please log onto your Parentsportal account and follow these steps:-

Annual Data Check
Child
View (check details are accurate for each page)
Next (press next after checking each page)
Submit

Please help us to ensure we hold the most up to date information on your child.

ParentsPay live items

The following payment items are now on ParentPay.

- KUA (Keep Underbank Active)
- P5 Swimming – payment due today
- P1 – P7 Christmas activity

Should you wish to discuss any of these payments confidentially, then please get in touch with me. We want all of our children to have the best possible opportunities.

Parentsportal live items

The following permission forms are now live on Parentsportal:-

- Annual Data Check - still 13 outstanding.
- P2/3 Infant Games (2 outstanding)
- P1 & P2 Winter Wonderland (7 outstanding)
- P3 – P7 Panto (26 outstanding)

After School Clubs

We have a number of after school clubs ongoing at the moment, both here at the school and at Lanark Grammar.

P5/6/7 After School Netball Club – Thursdays
P2/3 Infant Games - Mondays
P7 Multisports at Lanark Grammar – Tuesdays

Following on from the first session of the LGS Multisports Club, we were contacted by Lanark Grammar who advised that a number of children from Underbank attended at their club without the appropriate consents. We have contacted these parents and are actively speaking with LGS to see whether more spaces can be made available. Please bear this in mind in future when deadlines are set for the return of forms. We don't want our pupils missing out on any extra curricular activities but sometimes these deadlines are outwith our control. The children on the waiting list for the LGS Multisports club will be advised on Monday if a place is available for them to attend on Tuesday evening.

Don't forget to add a small donation to our KUA fund if your child signs up for this club.

Netball Festival

Today two netball teams from Underbank went to John Cumming Stadium to take part in a Netball Festival. Our squad was split into 'mixed' teams of boys and girls, and some games were all boys or all girls. One of our teams won three of their games, drew one and lost two. Our other team drew one and won all the other games. The other schools taking part were Robert Owen Memorial Primary and Lanark Primary. The man of the match was Jake Findlay who scored 10+ goals!

Reported by Emeli Ritchie, Iona Cameron, Jake Findlay and Keir Campbell

Room 2 Forest School

Due to adverse weather, we had to cancel this week's Forest School session for Room 2. They will have their final session on Tuesday of next week. Let's hope for some lovely weather!

P7 Forest School

This week we went to Forest School and did lots of different activities and crafts. Some people made mobiles, some made pine cone people and some of us did some cooking. We had all the ingredients to make an omelette and 6 of us got the chance to crack an egg into the jug. We then added cheese and ham to make a delicious omelette. We also made some smores. We then made hot chocolate with marshmallows or you could have a drink of orange juice. We finished off our Forest School session by going to the top of the hill and rolling down! It was really muddy and dirty but it was so much fun. Ava and Jorgie filmed us all enjoying the fun. ***Reported by Heather Davidson and Heather Record***

PFA News

Christmas Fair

The P.F.A. Christmas Fair will return this year and will be held in our school hall on Saturday 25th November, from 10am - 1pm. Entry is £2 and you can enjoy tea/coffee and a mince pie with your entry. Children's entry is free.

We would welcome donations for the tombola, this year's theme is Christmas. Donations may include Christmas themed food, drink, decorations and other goodies. Items should be sent into school week beginning, 20th November. All items should be new or unused.

We will also have a home baking stall. If you would like to bake for this event, please send all home baking into the school on Friday 24 November. (If home baking requires to be refrigerated, please bring this into school prior to the Fair opening at 10am)

We will have a great selection of raffle prizes and hampers to win.

There will be range of craft and Christmas themed stalls on the day, and games and activities for the children. Please come along and join in some festive fun!

Reminders

School Meal Debt on ParentPay

Just a gentle reminder to P6 and P7 parents. Please keep your child's school meals account in credit. We have a number of outstanding balances. Please pop onto ParentPay and clear any outstanding debtor balances. If you wish to discuss this then please contact us.

Pre-Loved Christmas Jumpers

At the end of this term, we will have a few 'Christmas Jumper Days'. If you have any Christmas jumpers that might be suitable for others within school, then please consider handing these into school for another child to enjoy wearing. We will make these available to parents later in November.

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.

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 are well enough to attend.

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, snack tubs etc. are all clearly labelled with your child's name.

School Uniform Bank

Don't forget to email our Used Uniform Co-ordinator, Mrs Stewart, should you require any items of school uniform throughout 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.

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

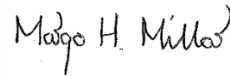
gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

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)

20 Nov – P2/3 After School Games Club

23 Nov – P5 Swimming block commences

23 Nov – Clothing bank being emptied

23 Nov – P5/6/7 After School Netball

25 Nov – PFA Christmas Fair

27 Nov - P2/3 After School Games Club

30 Nov – P5/6/7 After School Netball

30 Nov – Racist Incidents Parent Group

7 Dec – P3 – P7 'Sleeping Senga' Panto

7 Dec – Coffee & Chat Group – Village Hall

11 Dec – P2/3 After School Games Club

13 Dec – Christmas Lunch/Wear your Christmas Jumper with your uniform if you can

15 Dec – P1 & P2 visit to Goulding's Winter Wonderland

18 Dec – P1/2/3/4 Christmas Party (Pupils to wear their party clothes on this day)

19 Dec – P5/6/7 Christmas Party (Pupils to wear their party clothes on this day)

20 Dec – Christmas Service at 10am in Crossford Church

22 Dec – Christmas Jumper/Movie Day.

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

8 Jan – School Re-opens

Date, times and ticket sale details for P1-4 Nativity will all be advised in due course.