

Underbank Primary

Update 13 – 8 March 2024



Race Equality Week Success

As previously advised, during Race Equality Week, each of our classes worked on artwork for the Show Racism the Red Card online gallery. I am delighted to share with you that Room 1's Artwork will be on display at St Mungo's Museum, 2 Castle Street, Glasgow, G4 0RH. We have been asked to send three representatives to the showcase, so three of our P2 pupils, Lucia, Taylor and Fergus, will go along on 21st March. They will share their experience of the event with us on their return. A huge thank you to Mrs McAvoy (Parent) for helping us with this event. Well done to Miss MacDonald and Room 1 for creating this successful piece. What a fabulous achievement!

Sports Award Ceremony

Congratulations to Aela, P7 who has been nominated for Clydesdale Junior Sports Personality of the Year. Aela and her dad will attend the award ceremony tonight when all Clydesdale Sports Award winners will be announced. Good luck Aela!

Room 1 Class Showcase

Room 1 would like to invite their parents to their class showcase where they will be sharing their learning on their topic 'How the weather affects us'. They have been working hard to investigate different types of weather and recording the results. They have been busy carrying out some weather-based science experiments and will be inviting you to join them in their next experiment! An email has been sent out this afternoon, please respond to that email if you are able to attend.

P7 NEC & Young Scot Card

P7 parents of children attending a SLC Secondary School in August will receive an 'alert' on Monday 11th March from Parentsportal, advising that there is information live on the site. The information etc, will be assigned to all relevant P7 pupils. Also, on Monday, we hope to take passport size (head and shoulders) photographs of all relevant P7 pupils, so I would appreciate if all children could be in full school uniform. This photograph will be uploaded and used throughout your child's time

at Secondary. We will allow children to approve their photograph before uploading.

Re-Scheduled SAMH Parent Workshop

I emailed out on 28th February advising that Heather McCartney from SAMH, had re-scheduled the workshop called Listening to and Supporting My Child, and would deliver the workshop here at Underbank on 18th April from 9am - 10.30am.

When I sent the email I requested a response date of Monday, 18th March, which I know is some time away, but to date I have not received any replies. A reminder will be sent out next week. Please reply to that email, or to the original email sent out on 28th February. If you previously advised us that you wished to attend, please confirm that this is still the case. If we do not receive any response, we will need to cancel the workshop.

School Transport to Secondary School

South Lanarkshire Council provides free transport for secondary school pupils who live two miles or more away from their catchment secondary school by the shortest, safe walking route.

If you live more than two miles away from your catchment secondary school, and if you have not already done so, it is important that you submit an application for transport so that we may ensure that arrangements are in place for when they start school in August.

For more details about school transport, and details on how to apply, please visit the following link:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/545/school_transport

World Book Day

All pupils have been issued with a World Book Day token. The token can be used to get a FREE book from a selection or can be used to get £1 off the purchase price of any book, until 31st March.

Our themed lunch went well and some of our Library Leaders visited the younger classes to read to them. Well done to Alasdair, Ellie, Eva, Iona and Lucy from Room 4.

Parents' Consultations – 21st March

All parents have now chosen or have been allocated with an appointment for Parents' Consultations on 21st March. This item has now been archived on Parentsportal.

Room 3 P3/4 & P6 Forest School

Forest School has now finished for our two groups. A huge thank you to Mrs Drennan and Mrs Jackson for organising this for our pupils.

P5-7 Magpie Manor Production

We have now allocated all seat requests for Magpie Manor. Family names will be scored off on entry to the school. If you haven't already done so, please pop onto ParentsPay and pay for your tickets in advance of the performances.

Just a reminder of the times of the shows.

Thursday 14th March 1:30pm

Friday 15th March 10am

Each performance will last approximately 50mins

P6 & P7 Wiston Lodge Outing 2024

The third and final payment of £15 for Wiston Lodge is due on or before **28th March 2024**.

Room 1 Almond Valley Excursion

All information, forms and payment are now live on Parentsportal and ParentsPay. If you haven't already completed the permission form or made your contribution to the cost of the transport, please do so.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs on at present or starting shortly

- P6/7 Lunchtime Dance (with Miss Robertson)
- P6/7 Lunchtime Running Club
- P5/6/7 After School Football – Boys.
- P5/6/7 After School Football – Girls
- P2 Intergenerational Circle Dance After School Club for child and a family member (over 18).
- P6/7 Lunchtime Crochet Club
- Pupil Led P2 Theatre Skills Club

Please don't forget to make a small contribution to our KUA fund on ParentsPay, as all money donated goes towards buses for the various sporting events throughout the school year, including the transport needed for our sports day in June.

Clyde in the Classroom – Fish Release

On Wednesday of this week, Room 3 went along to the old Forest School area to release their fish. As they were walking along to the release site, the children were all thinking of names for the fish in their tubs. Jonathan called all of his Bob, Sophie called one of her fish Wendy and Charlie called his fish Fishymano1, Fishymano2, Fishymano3 etc.

"We were all given tubs with a few of our fish in it. We had to hold the tubs tightly against our chests so that we didn't drop them. We went down to the edge of the Clyde to release the fish. We took the lids off the tubs very carefully and then very gently popped them into the river. We then stood on the bank and watched all of our little fish swim away. We tried to see if we could see our own fish! Davy, the Scientist, spoke to us all about what the fish will do, the journey that they will go on and what they need to do to survive in the Clyde."

By Jonathan Ritchie, P4, Sophie Theanne, P4 and Charlie Gray, P4.

Room 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their Clyde in the Classroom experience. Thank you to our PFA for funding this learning experience.



You Tube Kids

Over the last few weeks, I have spoken with some parents about the materials that their children are accessing at home via You Tube.

Please consider introducing your children to **You Tube Kids**. This is said to be a safer online experience for children. This has automated filters built in by their engineering team, human review and feedback from parents, to help protect children. It has been created to give children a more contained environment that makes it simpler and more fun for them to explore on their own.

ParentsPay Live Items

The following payment items are now on ParentPay.

- KUA (Keep Underbank Active)
- P6 & P7 Wiston Lodge
- P1 Almond Valley Outing
- Magpie Manor Tickets
- School Chaplain Collection

Parentsportal Live Items

The following items are now live on Parentsportal.

- Room 1 Almond Valley visit
- P2 Intergenerational Circle Dance After School Club
- Anti-Racism Creative Showcase (selected pupils)
- P6/7 Cross Country Event
- P6/7 Netball Festival – March
- P6/7 Netball Festival - April

Football Festival

Yesterday a number of our P6 and 7 pupils went to John Cumming Stadium to take part in a local Football Festival.

“We were split into two teams, a boys’ team and a girls’ team. The boys won two games and lost three. We tried our best and scored some really good goals. We showed great sportsmanship by shaking hands with all of the opposing teams. The girls won three games and lost two, we did some really good tackles and worked really well as a team. We also shook hands with all the opposing teams. We had so much fun and met lots of new people. **Reported by Aela Simpson, P7 and Alexander Marshall, P6.**

Eat Them to Defeat Them

This week again, pupils have been encouraged to eat vegetables and salad as part of their lunch. Members of our Health Committee issued a sticker to those who gave the veg or salad a try.

You can take part in this initiative at home too by using the stickers and chart issued previously. Please return any completed sticker charts and we will give the children a mention during an assembly in March.

School Chaplain Retiring

As previously advised, our School Chaplain, Mr Steven Reid will be retiring from Crossford Parish Church next month. As a staff, we would like to present Mr Reid with a gift to mark his retiral. If any member of our school community would like to contribute to this gift, a payment item has been set up on ParentsPay.

Chewing Gum in School

It has been brought to my attention that a number of children have been chewing gum within the school.

We do not allow chewing gum in school, at any time, and would appreciate if you could ensure that your child does not bring this into the school.

Community Events/Activities

Help encourage Reduce, Reuse Recycle - The Little Children’s Market Scotland

The Little Children's Market Scotland is coming to Carluke Leisure Centre this Saturday, 9th March 11am – 12.30pm The best baby & children's nearly new sale, catering for babies and children aged 0- 11. Adults - £2, Children - Free

Unveiling of Plaque to Commemorate Local Covenanters – 23rd March at 11am

This service will start outside the church with the unveiling of the plaque. The plaque will be sited on the inside of the church boundary wall. Those attending will then move inside. The service inside the church will also celebrate Mr Reid’s commitment to the community over the last 26 years, since starting his service in October 1997. Those attending are invited to stay for a light lunch after the event.

Reminders

No Football Colours Policy

Please note that South Lanarkshire Council have a ‘No football colours’ policy for all of their schools. It is therefore not acceptable for pupils to wear football colours to PE or any other school activities.

Clydesdale Dance Festival Date/Time

Our Dance Squad will perform on **Wednesday 27th March, show 2**, which will take place between **7:30pm and 8:30pm**. Please ensure

when purchasing tickets, that you choose the correct show.

Tickets for the SLLC Active Schools Primary Dance Event are available at www.sllcboxoffice.co.uk, from all South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Box Offices in person or over the phone on: Lanark Memorial Hall - 01555 673199
Tickets cost £3.00 each and must be paid in full at the time of booking.

We currently hold a South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture photographic consent for all of the children taking part, which will cover this event. If any parent has not given photographic consent, this has been noted and your child will not be photographed at this event. Parents will be responsible for taking and collecting their child from this event.

High School Transport Arrangements

P7 children transferring to high school in August will require to apply for school transport. This can be done via the South Lanarkshire Website.

Parents making a placing request to Lanark Grammar may also apply for privilege transport. This can be done by clicking on the privilege transport link.

Drinking Water in School

We would like to encourage all pupils to bring a bottle of water to school each day. Bottles can be refilled in classes. Please ensure that pupils have only water in their bottle.

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.

Lost Property

We endeavour to ensure that pupils return home from school with all their belongings and can easily do this if items have a child's name on them. If we can't identify who an item belongs to, then we put it into our lost property box in our foyer. Please feel free to pop in and check this box, if your child does misplace any items.

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 that 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.

An updated spreadsheet is attached to this update.

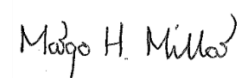
School Enquiries

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)

13 Mar – Cross Country at Lanark Racecourse (selected pupils)

13 Mar – P5/6/7 Boys After School Football Wk 3

13 Mar – Health & Safety Inspection in school

14 Mar – P5-7 After School Girls' Football Final Wk

14 Mar – P5/6/7 Production (afternoon – 1.30pm)

15 Mar – P5/6/7 Production (morning – 10am)

15 Mar – Lunchtime Crochet Club (P6/7) Grp 2

20 Mar – Room 1 Showcase of Learning at 9.30am (Room 1 Parents welcome)

20 Mar – P5/6/7 Boys After School Football Wk 4

21 Mar – P7 Enterprise Challenge at LGS (more info to follow)

21 Mar – Selected Room 1 pupils to St Mungo's Museum, Glasgow

21 Mar – Parent Consultations

22 Mar – Fun5z Netball (Selected pupils)

22 Mar – PFA Spring Fling 2pm – 4pm (See PFA update for further info)

22 Mar – Lunchtime Crochet Club (P6/7) Grp 2

23 Mar - Unveiling of Plaque & Service to Commemorate Local Covenanters (11am)

27 Mar – Spring Celebration in Crossford Church at 10am (Presentation to Mr Reid)

27 Mar – Leah from Cherry Dance doing a final run through with our Dance Team

27 Mar – P5/6/7 Boys After School Football Wk 5 (final)

27 Mar – Clydesdale Dance Festival 7:30 – 8:30pm

28 Mar – School Closes at 2:30pm

15 April – School re-opens 9am