

Underbank Primary

Update 15 – 19 April 2024



Welcome back to all families. I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Spring break. This last term, as always, will be a very busy term. Lots of new diary dates can be found at the end of this update. These will also be on Parentsportal, so please bear this in mind if looking for dates for a specific event/activity.

Birthday Treats - Health Promoting School

As parents may be aware, we are not allowed to distribute birthday cakes in school due to allergies etc. Following on from this, parents are now sending in large bags of funsize sweets, chocolate bars and packets of Haribo etc. We are a health promoting school and as such, we do not encourage the eating of snacks that do not fall into the 'healthy snack' category in school.

Children's birthdays are always marked and celebrated in class and at our weekly assemblies. Children get to choose a treat from the 'Birthday Box' therefore, I would really appreciate if parents could refrain from sending in treats to be handed out at 3pm. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

P4 Tennis Tournament

Good luck to our four selected Tennis players, Jayden, Mya, Charlie and Sophie who are competing at Hamilton Tennis Club on Sunday as part of the South Lanarkshire Schools Tennis Competition. We wish them all the best of luck and will hear how they performed on Monday!

August P1 Lunch invitation

We recently sent an email to our new P1 pupils and parents inviting them to come for a lunch taster session on Tuesday 30th April at 11:20am. We are all looking forward to meeting our new pupils and their parents.

P7 Hoodies

Our P7 pupils were presented with their leavers' hoodies at assembly this morning. Their parents have been given a note of the days/dates when P7 can wear their hoodies in school. The first dates are next week, Tuesday and Wednesday, when they will be visiting Wiston Lodge.

P7 Important Dates Calendar

Parents in P7 were issued with this, via email on Tuesday of this week. Please keep this somewhere safe.

Room 1 Forest School

Room 1 will be commencing a four week block of Forest School on Monday. There are a number of outstanding forms to be completed on Parentsportal for this activity. Yesterday, a reminder has been sent to those parents yet to complete this. Please ensure that these are completed to allow your child to take part.

Room 2 & Room 5 Change of PE Days

As advised earlier this week, for next week only, Room 5 will have PE on Monday and Room 2 will have PE on Tuesday. They will revert to their normal days the following week.

Indoor Shoes

A reminder email was sent out on Monday of this week. If you haven't already done so, please send in a pair of suitable indoor shoes for your child. Pupils use these indoor shoes for indoor PE sessions.

Uniform

We allow pupils to wear their leggings, joggers to school on their PE days. On all other days of the school week they should wear their uniform and **not** leggings/joggers.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs on at present or starting shortly

- P6/7 Crochet Club with Mrs Hamilton (started up today for 5 weeks)
- P2 Intergenerational Circle Dance After School Club for child and a family member (over 18). Starts Tuesday 30th April
- P4/5 After School Basketball (started this week, Wednesday for 3 more weeks)
- P6/7 Lunchtime Running Club (4 weeks starting on Thursday of next week)

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.

ParentsPay Live Items

The following payment items are now on ParentPay.

- KUA (Keep Underbank Active)

Parentsportal Live Items

The following items are now live on Parentsportal.

- Room 1 Forest School - April
- P6/7 Netball Festival – April
- P6/7 Football Festival – May
- P7 Two day visit to LGS - June

Fairtrade Committee

Our Fairtrade and Rights Committee are planning to hold a Fairtrade Coffee and Chat event for all parents on 31st May at 2pm. They would like to invite all parents along for a Fairtrade cup of tea/coffee and treat. They plan to share some information about why it is important to try to support Fairtrade when you can. Currently, we hold a FairActive Schools Award. Our pupils learn about Fairtrade and that they have the power to make a difference in the world.

Please try to come along to support this committee.

Lost property

A little silver necklace with a rainbow pendant has been found in the playground but hasn't been claimed by any child. If your child has lost this, please get in touch with the school office.

We also have an age 13-14 school branded, blue jacket which has been unclaimed. The jacket has no name on it.

Clydesdale Dance Festival

Our Dance Troupe had a great time at the recent Clydesdale Dance Festival. A huge thank you to Leah from Cherry Dance Studio and to Miss Robertson for their input in putting our dance routine together.



Community Events/Activities

Lanark Tennis Club Activities

Lanark Tennis Club have an Open Day on Sunday 21st April 2024. They have also asked that we shared some tennis activities that our pupils can attend. Please see the fliers attached with this Update for further information.

Coalburn Brass Band

Attached to this update is a flyer, aimed at P5, P6 and P7 pupils for taster sessions at Coatburn Brass Band Hall on Wednesday 1st and 8th May 6:30pm to 8:30pm. If you would like to book a space, please see the flyer for contact details.

Reminders

Chewing Gum in 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.

After School Arrangements

Please contact the school office before 2:30pm if your child has not to go on the school bus.

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 of 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:

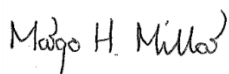
gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

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)

22 April – Room 1 Forest School Wk 1

23 & 24 April – P6 & 7 to Wiston Lodge

24 April – P4/5 Basketball – Week 2

25 April – Room 1 outing to Almond Valley

25 April – P6/7 Lunchtime Running Club

26 April – Netball Festival (Selected pupils)

26 April – P6 & 7 Lunch Time Crochet Club

29 April – Room 1 Forest School Wk 2

30 April – P2 Circle Dance with an adult (Wk 1)

30 April – Aug P1 Lunch Taster Session

1 May – P4/5 Basketball – Week 3

1 May – Parent Council Meeting (6.30pm)

1 May – PFA Meeting (6:30pm)

2 May – In-Service Day (no pupils in school)

3 May – Dogs Trust visiting school

6 May – May Day Holiday (Pupils and staff)

7 May – P2 Circle Dance with an adult (Final week)

7 May – LGS Transition After School Club (only pupils previously signed up for this)

8 May – P4/5 Basketball (Final week)

9 May – P6/7 Lunchtime Running Club

10 May – P6 & 7 Lunch Time Crochet Club

10 May – P4 After School Tennis Club at LGS – 3.45pm

13 May – Room 1 Forest School Wk 3

14 May – Selected pupils to Hamilton Townhouse for Music Fun Day

14 May – P7 LGS After School Multi Sports Club

16 May – P6/7 Lunchtime Running Club

16 May – LGS Parents' Information Evening

17 May – Clydesdale Track and Field Event (Selected pupils)

17 May – P4 After School Tennis at LGS

20 May – Room 1 Forest School Wk 4 (Final)

21 May – P7 LGS After School Multi Sports Club

24 May – P6 & 7 Lunch Time Crochet Club

24 May – P4 After School Tennis at LGS (Final week)

28 May – P7 LGS After School Multi Sports Club (Final week)

28 May – Aug P1 Transition Event – 1.15pm

30 May – Girls' Football Festival at Lanark Race Course – 3.30 – 5pm

31 May – Proposed date of P7 Fun Playtime

31 May – P6 & 7 Lunch Time Crochet Club

31 May – Fairtrade Committee Coffee & Chat for all parents – 2pm

3 – 5 June – Health and Wellbeing Week

3 June – Water Safety Sessions in school

3 June – Popinjay Cup (Selected pupils)

4 June – SLC Pupil Award Ceremony

4 June – Go Fresh Gang Sports Day lunch served in our cafeteria

4 June – Smile-a-while-sponsored walk. (More information to follow)

5 June – Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium

6 June – Lanimer Holiday

7 June – Lanimer Holiday

11 June – Aug P1 Transition Event – 10 –

11.45am

11 June – P7 Transition Visit Day at LGS

12 June – P7 Transition Visit Day at LGS

14 June - P7 Leavers' Celebration for parents

21 June – Proposed Summer Celebration in
Crossford Church (May be subject to change)

26 June – School closes at 1pm