

Underbank Primary

Update 16 – 10 May 2024



What a very busy term ahead!

Lots of important dates to record in this update. Please refer to this before telephoning the school to ask for dates of activities/after school clubs. We would really appreciate this as our school office is exceptionally busy at this time of year and at times unmanned.

P4 Tennis Tournament

Our P4 tennis team players, Jayden, Mya, Charlie and Sophie took part in the SLC Tennis Tournament on Sunday 21st April.

“We had lots of fun at the tournament. Jayden and Charlie played against two of their friends from their football team. Although we didn’t win that match, Charlie won 6 of his matches and Jayden won 5 of his matches. Mya and Sophie played against lots of different players, and both won 5 of their matches. It was a great fun day, and we all enjoyed it so much!”

Reported by Mya Henderson, Charlie Gray, Sophie Theanne and Jayden Donnelly, all P4.

P6/7 Wiston Lodge

On 23rd and 24th April all P6 and P7 pupils went to Wiston Lodge, near Biggar.

“We all really enjoyed the archery, low ropes and high ropes. The best activity was the kayaking because we all had lots of fun and at the end of the session some of us jumped into the water. During bushcraft, we built dens out of lots of different materials. We then toasted marshmallows over a campfire that we had made ourselves. It was a brilliant two days, and we would highly recommend it to next year’s P6/7s!!”

Reported by Alasdair Smith, P6 and Keir Campbell, P7

Room 1 Almond Valley

On 25th April, Room 1 went to Almond Valley as part of their class topic, Life on Land.

“When we arrived at the park there were so many things to see and do that we didn’t know where to start! Miss MacDonald had arranged a workshop for us where we saw lots of little animals eg birds and mice. We got to hold an egg and pet a chicken. We went on the trampolines and the giant jellybelly (type of

trampoline). It was such good fun. We saw alpacas and we got to touch them. We saw peacocks that were just walking around the park. Some of them spread their plume and it was beautiful and multicoloured. We also saw an angus bull. It was a great day and we had loads of fun.”

Reported by Rowan Bradley P1, Ellie Speirs, P2 and Fergus Currie P2.

Instrumental Music Showcase – 4th June at 9.30am

Some of our senior pupils have music tuition from SLC music tutors.

Mrs Shona Robertson – Violin Tutor

Mr Paul Michael – Brass Tutor

Mr David Calder – Drumming and Percussion Tutor

We would like to invite parents along to a music showcase so that these pupils can experience the joy of performing and so that parents can enjoy seeing all of the talent we have in this area. All parents are welcome to attend. Please email the school office to book a seat. All classes will attend the event and so we may have to restrict parent numbers should lots of parents wish to attend.

Room 4 visit to Stirling Castle

We have arranged for Room 4 to visit Stirling Castle on Wednesday 15th May as part of their class topic, Medieval Times. A payment item has been added to ParentPay and a permission form has been added to Parentsportal. Please complete your child’s form as soon as possible. If the payment item could be paid before Wednesday, we would really appreciate that.

August P1 Transition Days

We have invited our new August P1 children to two transition days here at Underbank. We are all looking forward to seeing them on Tuesday 28th May and Tuesday 11th June. They all came along to our ‘Come along and try a School Lunch’ on 30th April. For some of the children, it was there first time inside of our school.

P7 LGS Transition Days – 11th, 12th June

Our P7 pupils will have two transition dates to Lanark Grammar in June. Parents have been notified of these dates. Children going to other Secondary Schools will also enjoy transition days between now until mid-June. Our P7 pupils should come into Underbank first and will then travel to LGS together. They will return to Underbank in time to go home with school transport as normal.

Should I keep my child off school?

Attached to this update is a Public Health Scotland poster with information and a QR code on whether children should be kept off school or not when ill and, for how long. Please download and keep the poster to hand.

P7 Leavers Treat Day

Our P7 Leavers have selected to go to Go-Ape in Dalkeith on Monday 24th June as their leavers' treat. This will be an all-day activity so children should be here for a sharp departure. We anticipate that the children will not return to school in time for 3pm dismissal. We will keep in close contact with Mrs McLeod and will notify parents of when the bus is approximately 30 minutes away. We anticipate a 3:30pm – 4pm arrival back at school. Children who are normally on the school bus will not be back in time and will therefore need a parent to collect them. We will be able to share an approximate return time when they are enroute back to school.

A packed lunch will be required on the day, together with a snack and a bottle of water. Children can wear their hoodies and leggings/jogging bottoms on this day. A form has been added to Parentsportal for completion. There is a shop at the Go-Ape venue and we will permit pupils to bring a maximum of £5 to spend on an ice cream and/or memento if they wish.

P7s Fun Playtime – 31st May

Our P7 pupils will have a variety of stalls and activities around the playground for pupils to participate in. All money raised at this event will help to fund the P7 Big Day Out at the end of term. Some of the activities on offer are:-

- Treat Day Stall – Biscuits/cakes
- Sponge the P7s
- Face painting,
- Hair Braiding,
- Glitter or temporary tattoos,
- Beat the goalie

These activities will have a small charge of between 50p and £1.

Nail Bar – 1 coat £1
1 coat & glitter finish - £1.50

The following **FREE** activities will be run by the P6 pupils:

- Obstacle course
- Guess the P7 from their baby photo
- Karaoke
- Colouring in fun

If your child has any allergies or you do not wish him/her to take part in certain activities, please notify the school office.

Our Primary 7 pupils are also looking for items of home baking for their bake sale. Please hand in all homebaking on the morning of **31st May**. No products with nuts please.

Room 2 Showcase of Learning

Room 2 would like to invite their parents or grandparents along to their Showcase of Learning on 29th May at 9.30am. They have been learning about sustainability and have called their Showcase, 'Help us to save our planet'.

If you are able to attend, please email the office by Fri 24th May, to let them know how many seats you would like so that we can quickly set up after Breakfast Club.

Room 3 - Clyde Valley Family Park

Photographs

A parent has brought to my attention that the photographs requested from the family park visit have not yet been sent to parents. We have made enquiries with the park, and they are still going through these. They will send them direct to the parents who requested them in due course. Please let us know if these don't arrive.

Room 1 Forest School

Room 1 have started their Forest School sessions this term and are demonstrating their creativity and exploration skills at Crossford 'Hilly' Park.

"I just loved climbing the big (fallen) tree with Miss Dickson. Climbing is so much fun and the branches were bending when we walked on the low ones." Harvey Stephens, Primary 2

"I loved climbing the trees. The big fallen tree was the best one." Olive Cook, Primary 1

"The mud kitchen was the best bit. It was raining, but it just made more mud. I like the mud the best." - Oisin Shields, Primary 1

Please have a look on our school X account, formerly Twitter, where you will see some fabulous photos.

Football Festival

Yesterday two teams of footballers went to John Cumming Stadium to take part in the latest football festival. The boys won two of their games and drew two games. The girls drew all of their games. We showed good sportsmanship by passing the ball to teammates so that everyone got a touch of the ball. Mrs Campbell and Mr McKerral were really good coaches,

shouting lots of encouragement at us. We think that this is the best we have ever played because we were all shouting motivating words to each other. **Reported by Freya Ram and Joshua Martin both P7**

Lunchtime/After School Clubs on at present or starting shortly

- P6/7 Crochet Club with Mrs Hamilton (3 weeks remaining)
- P3 After school STEM Club – starts 13th May for 4 weeks.
- P6/7 Lunchtime Running Club (2 weeks remaining)
- P1 After School Games club (starts 14th May for two weeks)
- P2/3 After School Games Club (starts on 4th June for 2 weeks)
- P5/6/7 After school girls football club (starts 3rd June for 3 weeks)
- P6/7 After school football club (starts on 13th May for 2 weeks)

Thank you to Emma from the Titans Basketball Club who led an after school basketball club for three weeks for our P4 & P5 pupils.

Thank you also to Jo Freeman who ran a P1 & P2 after school Parent and Child Circle Dance club.

Both these clubs are now finished.

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)
- Room 4 Stirling Castle

Parentsportal Live Items

The following items are now live on Parentsportal.

- P6/7 Football Festival
- P7 two day visit to LGS
- P1 After School Games Club
- P2/3 After School Games Club
- P5/6/7 Girls Football Club
- P6/7 Football Club
- Anti Racism Award Presentation at St Mungo's Museum (selected pupils)
- P7 Go – Ape, Dalkeith.

Fairtrade Committee

Don't forget that 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 a treat.

Community Events/Activities

Clydesdale Community Concert Band

Attached to this update is a flyer, aimed at P5, P6 and P7 pupils for a recruitment session at Carluke Lifestyles on Tuesday 25th June. Please see the flyer for contact details. No previous musical instrument experience needed.

Reminders

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.

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.

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 – Please label

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.

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:

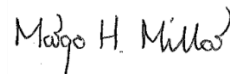
gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

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 May – Room 1 Forest School Wk 3
13 May – P6-7 After School Football – Week 1
13 May – P3 After School STEM Club – Week 1
14 May – Selected pupils to Hamilton Townhouse for Music Fun Day
14 May – P7 LGS After School Multi Sports Club
14 May – After School P1 Games Club
15 May – Room 4 outing to Stirling Castle
16 May – Clothing Bank being emptied
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)
20 May – P6-7 After School Football Club (Final)
20 May – P3 After School STEM Club – Week 2
21 May - P7 LGS After School Multi Sports Club
21 May – After School P1 Games Club (Final)
23 May - P6/7 Lunchtime Running Club
24 May - P6 & 7 Lunch Time Crochet Club
24 May - P4 After School Tennis at LGS (Final week)
27 May P3 After School STEM Club – Week 3
28 May - P7 LGS After School Multi Sports Club (Final week)
28 May – Aug P1 Transition Event – 1.15pm
29 May – Room 2 Showcase at 9.30am
30 May – Girls' Football Festival at Lanark Racecourse – 3.30 – 5pm
31 May – P7 Fun Playtime
31 May - P6 & 7 Lunch Time Crochet Club (Final)
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)
3 June – P3 After School STEM Club (Final)
3 June – P5,6,7 Girls' After School Football
4 June – Instrumentalists Showcase – 9.30am
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)

4 June – P2-3 After School Games Club
5 June – Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium
6 June – Lanimer Holiday
7 June – Lanimer Holiday
10 June – P5,6,7 Girls' After School Football
11 June – Aug P1 Transition Event – 10 –
11.45am
11 June – P7 Transition Visit Day at LGS
11 June - P2-3 After School Games Club (Final)
12 June – P7 Transition Visit Day at LGS
**13 June – SLC Track & Field Event
(Qualifiers only)**
14 June - P7 Leavers' Celebration for parents
17 June - P5,6,7 Girls' After School Football
(Final)
21 June – Proposed Summer Celebration in
Crossford Church (May be subject to change)
24 June – P7 Leavers' Treat Day to Go-Ape
26 June – School closes at 1pm