

Underbank Primary

Update 9 - 20th December



On behalf of our whole staff team, I'd like to wish all of our families a very happy and restful Christmas and to thank our families for their ongoing support and generosity at the end of this term.

I'd like to say a special thank you to those who support our children by volunteering in school. The time they give is hugely appreciated. If you would like to consider volunteering for an hour or so, please get in touch after the break to let us know when you might be available. The Underbank school community is indeed a very fortunate one.

Christmas Celebration in Crossford Church

We were the two presenters at the church on Wednesday morning. We got to use the mic in the pulpit and got a good view of everyone during the celebration.

Our favourite parts were Room 4 pupils singing 'Santa Claus is coming to town' and Eva's poem.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. We are delighted to be gifting £185.67 to Shelter Scotland from the collection. Thank you to everyone for being so generous. A further £40 will be added to this from our Enterprise Committee fundraiser.

Reported by Ellie Gray (P7) and Alastair Smith (P7)

P3 – 7 Panto Visit & P1-2 Gouldings Visit

We went to the panto in Lanark with our friends on Friday 13th. It was called 'A Crackin' Christmas Carol'. Fairy Bubbles was the main character. There were other characters called Wee Jimmy, Angelica Scrooge, Ghosty Fiona and Matilda.

Our favourite parts were when they went through the enchanted, haunted forest and where everyone in the audience was dancing. We had a brilliant time and thought the show was AMAZING.

Reported by Lochlyn King (P4) and Finnbar Shields (P4)

Good luck and Thank You to Mrs Smith

Mrs Smith has ably taken on the role of School Support Assistant in Miss Stewart's absence. Mrs Smith is now moving on to continue with her studies. We all hope that 2025 is a successful year for her and thank her for supporting our children.

Christmas Parties

The children enjoyed their parties and left red faced from all the dancing and fun games.

"It was good, we played games and I liked dancing 'The Grand Old Duke of York' – Evie Singh (P1)

"Corners was my favourite game but I didn't win. The party was great." – Eilidh Cameron (P4)

"The party was as great as William Shakespeare's plays." – Robin Hawthorne (P6)

Going to see Santa!

We saw 5 or 6 penguins, 2 polar bears and 1 was holding a baby polar bear. We also saw singing reindeer heads and some yetis. Then we saw Santa and got to choose a present from his toy shop. Santa asked us what we would like him to bring. After that we got to go on fun rides. Here are some of the presents we got: a poppit toy, a little kitty in a cage, a red racing car. It was so, so much fun!

Reported by Rowan Bradley (P2), Josh Carrol (P2) and Tess Lennox (All P2)

Santa Saunter round the Village

The pupils from Room 2 and Room 5 went for a saunter around Crossford this week. We all got to wear Santa hats, reindeer antlers or a red reindeer nose. We were singing Christmas carols and saw the decorated windows from the village advent walk. We were making people happy and they waved and tooted at us. We saw Lochlyn's mum, Josh's mum and Reuben and Amber's dad. We even saw Skye Carle and her mum as they waved at us from their window. We spotted lots of nice decorations all around the village.

Reported by Klark McNicol (P3) and Taylor Waddell (P3)

Room 5 Showcase of Learning

We enjoyed telling everyone about the culture of Japan, the Bullet Train and the responsibilities that children have at a very young age. In Japan, no one is allowed to be even one minute late!

We demonstrated the Tea Ceremony that must be done in silence. Everyone watching stayed quiet too.

We loved wearing the long, cosy, bright coloured kimonos and chopsticks in our hair buns.

Reported by Sky Findlay (P7) and Poppy King (P6)

P6/7 Dalguise Residential

Thank you to everyone who has paid the November instalment. The next instalment is due on 31st January.

Flu Immunisation Day

If your child missed their immunisation, then a catch up date has been scheduled by the team. This will take place on Wed. 15th January.

Scottish Celebration

In late January, we annually hold a Scottish poetry competition and Scottish celebration of learning which involves all classes. On this day we encourage our pupils to wear something tartan. This can be tartan items of clothing or a scarf, ribbon etc. We like to give parents plenty of notice about this.

Community News

The Village Advent Window Trail is a great activity to do during the holidays. As a reminder, the map has been re-attached to this email. Please consider heading out for a walk with family around the Advent windows in the village this festive season. Window two can be found at Underbank Primary. Thank you to Sue Neal, from the village, for organising this once again.

Reminders

Enrolling a P1 for August 2025

Children who are age 5 between 1 March 2025 and the end of February 2026 are required to register their child for starting school in August 2025 by completing an online registration form which will be available from **Monday 6 January 2025**. Please share this information with anyone that you know is due to enrol.

The registration form is available on the SLC website [Enrolling your child for school - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Outstanding School Meal Payments

Please check your School Meal balance on ParentPay and clear any outstanding payments when you can.

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 isn't 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 2pm every day. This is particularly important if your child is on school transport.

Can we ask that you include your child's full name on all communication to avoid any delay in fulfilling the requests.

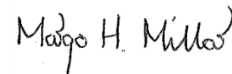
School Uniform Bank

Don't forget to make good use of our 'Good as New' Uniform Bank, which is overseen by Mrs Donna Stewart, parent of a former pupil. See the spreadsheet attached to this email.

Please email Mrs Stewart direct at upsuniformbank@gmail.com if you wish any items or if you have any items for the uniform bank.

**I hope that all of our families have a wonderful break with lots of time for family fun, good food and festivities.
We all look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on 6th January for another busy term.**

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)

6 Jan – School Re-opens at 9am
6 Jan – Aug P1 Enrolment commences online
9 Jan – P5 Swimming resumes
15 Jan – Catch up day for anyone who missed their flu immunisation
20 Jan – P1 & P7 Dental Inspections
30 Jan – PFA meeting @ 1830hrs
30 Jan – Parent Council meeting @ 1830hrs
31 Jan – Dalguise Instalment due
12 Feb – P7 Team to Rotary Quiz (More information to follow for selected team)
19 Feb – Inservice Day (No pupils)
20 Mar – Parent Consultations
4 April – School closes for Spring Break