

Underbank Primary

Update 12 – 14th February



Today we welcomed Mrs Totten back into school. She attended our morning assembly and had the opportunity to say, 'Goodbye' to our pupils.

Mrs Totten was overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents when she received the amount collected. She plans to use the money gifted to her to enjoy a holiday soon.

As you all know, Mrs Totten was hugely loved by our pupils and so we also presented her with a book of memories from pupils.

February Break

Please note that this weekend is a long weekend and that Wednesday is an inservice day. We will welcome pupils back to school on Thursday 20th February.

Village Coffee and Chat Group

On Thurs 6th Feb a group of pupils recited their Scottish poems for those who were attending Coffee and Chat at the village hall. Our pupils received lovely feedback from everyone as they loved our pupils visiting.

Well done to Amber (P1), Caelan (P2), Ellie (P3), Khaya (P4), Lucas (P5), Finlay S (P6), Lucy (P7), Eva (P7) and Alexander M (P7).

The Coffee and Chat will have their next gathering on 6th March. Please share this with anyone in the village that you feel may enjoy being part of the group.

Health & Wellbeing Workshop for P5-7

Our P5-7 pupils had great fun in this workshop hosted by Saint Phnx. They thoroughly enjoyed it. Please ask them about the 'blue feather'.

"It was inspirational, uplifting and emotional at times." – Finlay Speirs (P6)

"I liked how they got us to interact and I liked the singing." – Ayanda van der Kaars (P6)

"I really liked the 'shaking off' at the beginning." – Eva Martin (P7)

"I liked the whole session and we got a free meal voucher for Black Roosters." – Louis Ferguson (P6)

Scottish Garden Festival

Priory Bridge Landscaping invited our school and Cairns Primary School to design a garden that the company could recreate at The Garden Festival on 23rd-25th May, at Hamilton Racecourse.

Well done to all of our pupils for designing fantastic gardens. It was a difficult decision to choose our finalists so congratulations to: Archer Harding (P2), Frejya Ross (P3), Holly Findlay (P4), Sophie Theanne (P5), Ayanda van der Kaars and Amanda May Nelson (P6), Lucy Lennox and Eva Martin (P7) and Alexander Marshall and Sky Findlay (P7)

These pupils met 'Landscape Hero' last Friday and we cannot wait to hear which school and pupil is selected as the overall winner.

Room 5 RME Input on The Covenanters

This week Fiona Anderson from Dalserf Church visited to share a little of the history of the covenanters in the valley. Please look out for a plaque at Crossford Church to commemorate two covenanters from Crossford – Archibald Stewart of Underbank and James Muir of Crossford Boat.

Room 3 Responsible Citizens

At Forest School the pupils of room 3 demonstrated that they were responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Many of the paths at Crossford's Hilly Park were blocked by a fallen tree and other debris from Storm Eowyn and so the pupils decided to clear up the storm damage. They worked together with Mrs Jackson, Miss Dickson and Mrs Drennan using tools, including a bow saw and loppers. They then used the fallen wood to create a small seating area and several bug hotels. Well done boys and girls!

The Rotary Club of Lanark – Primary Schools Quiz 2025

This Rotary Quiz took place on Wed 12th Feb and we were delighted to have a team representing Underbank. Our team were placed 5th at the event and did well to answer some really tricky questions. Well done to our P7 team of Iona Cameron, Ellie Gray, Jake Findlay, Lorenzo McAvoy and our reserve, Lucy Lennox. Congratulations to the Robert Owen team who were placed first.

Netball Festival

A group of our P6 and P7 pupils attended a Netball Festival in Carluke today. They thoroughly enjoyed participating and making new friends from other schools in the area.

"It was really good, and you were able to mix with groups from other schools." - Ayanda van der Kaars (P6)
"Everybody was really friendly, and we did very well in all of our games" - Lucy Lennox (P7)

Water Only

We encourage pupils to bring a refillable bottle of drinking water to school each day. Please do not fill bottles with juice.

Community News

Letting the Village Hall

A community group have now taken over the management of the village hall. To check availability, should you wish to book the hall, please contact Jonathon Gibson via the email: crossfordhall@gmail.com

Summerlee Science Festival (14 – 19th Feb)

Get excited about science over the February weekend at Summerlee's annual Science Festival. Some activities are FREE. Some activities require to be pre-booked.

More information can be found at:

<https://culturenl.co.uk/museums/summerleewhatson/summerlee-museum-events/sl-science-fest/>

Reminders

Forest School – Room 3 & 4

Room 3 and 4 Forest School sessions will continue for two more weeks on Monday 24th Feb and Monday 3rd March. Please ensure your child is dressed for all that the Scottish weather can throw at them. They have certainly been enjoying being outside for the two sessions.

Mrs Stewart, our uniform bank organiser, does have some waterproofs etc available. Please contact her via her uniform bank email address if you would like to access items.

School Enquiries

In order that all communication is dealt with as swiftly as possible, can we kindly ask that you include your child's full name. **This is especially important when the name on the email address does not correspond to the child's surname.**

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.

Car Park

Please be extremely cautious as you enter our car park on wintery morning. The road and car park can be very icy.

Our car park is very busy, and the spaces are quite tight so please take care opening car doors. Unfortunately, we have been notified of some damage to cars due to car doors being opened without due care and attention to other car owners.

We would ask that everyone using our car park is always courteous to others.

Lost Property – See attachment

Our lost property box is filling up!

This can be found just inside our main doors. Please pop in to have a look for any items your child has lost. We have attached a list of all items in the box at this time.

Please don't forget to put your child's name on all items of clothing, packed lunches, snack boxes etc. This allows us to return lost items easily.

Attendance and Time Keeping

Parents/carers, children and the school all have a part to play in encouraging and stressing the importance of attendance at school. We would ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school and arrives promptly. We would encourage you to have your child in the playground a few minutes before 9am. Timekeeping is a skill we promote in preparing our pupils for learning, life and work.

Outstanding School Meal Payments

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

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Millar should you wish some support or advice.

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.

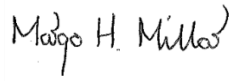
Please email Mrs Stewart direct at

upsuniformbank@gmail.com

if you wish any items or if you have any items for the uniform bank.

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)**

3 April – Provisional Spring Celebration in Crossford Church at 10am
4 April – School closes for Spring Break
22 April – P7 visit from Lanark Grammar staff member
24 April – PFA Meeting
28 – 30 April – P6-7 pupils to Dalguise
1 May – Inservice
8 May - Parent Council Meeting
23-25 May – The Garden festival, Hamilton Racecourse
Dates of P5-7 Easter Show to be confirmed.

Important dates for your diary – new dates are in bold

(Please note that diary dates may be subject to change)

17 & 18 Feb – Holidays
19 Feb – Inservice Day (No pupils)
21 Feb – P7 visit from Lanark Grammar staff member
21 Feb - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7
21 Feb – After School P5-7 Girls' Football
24 Feb - Forest School – Room 3 and 4
25 Feb - P6 & 7 Cross Country Club
21 Feb - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7
27 Feb – P6-7 Girls Football Festival (Lanark Grammar 1530 -1700hrs)
28 Feb – Dalguise payment due (P6/7)
28 Feb – P7 Leavers' Hoody payment due
28 Feb – After School P5-7 Girls' Football
3 Mar – Forest School – Room 3 and 4 (Final session)
4 Mar - P6 & 7 Cross Country Club
4 Mar – Circle Dance After School Club
6 Mar – World Book Day
6 Mar – Football Festival
7 Mar – Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7
11 Mar - P6 & 7 Cross Country Club (Final session)
11 Mar – Circle Dance After School Club
14 Mar – P7 to LGS for Enterprise Challenge
14 Mar - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7
14 Mar – After School Football – P6/7
19 Mar – Clydesdale Cross Country Event (Selected pupils)
20 Mar – Parent Consultations and Book Fair
21 Mar - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7
20 Mar – School Book Fair (All books £2.50 – cash only)
21 Mar – After School Football – P6/7 (Final session)
25 Mar - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7 (Final Session)
25 Mar – Circle Dance After School Club
28 Mar – Fun5z Netball Festival
28 Mar – After School Football Festival at Lanark Grammar – P6/7
31 March – Dalguise final payment due (P6/7)
2 April – Wear Blue for Autism Awareness Day