

# Underbank Primary

## Update 14 – 14th March



It is lovely to see the spring bulbs flowering and to have some warmer days. With only 3 weeks till our holiday, school has been as busy as ever and our P7 pupils have continued with transition activities. Today, they attended an Enterprise Challenge event at Lanark Grammar with other P7 pupils from our Learning Community. They are also continuing to access a series of online lessons called Transition Mission in class.

### School Enquiries

This term has seen many emails to parents and carers requiring a reply. 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.**

### P7 Enterprise Challenge – Lanark Grammar

Mrs McLeod and Ms Stewart accompanied the P7 pupils to the Transition Enterprise event at Lanark Grammar today. The pupils behaved impeccably and were a credit to themselves and the school. Through different activities, they built relationships with their future year group.

*"It was lots of teamwork and it was very crowded. We were put into groups and did sports, maths and built a parachute too!" – Sky (P7)*

*"The courtyard is about the same size as our school! I was in the winning team because we got the most points for doing all the activities." – Alexander McL (P7)*

### Castle Underbank – Room 1 Showcase

Thank you to everyone who attended this showcase. The class did a short, outdoor presentation and then were delighted to welcome so many family members into Castle Underbank.

*"My mum liked my work, she said it was fantastic." - Grace (P1)*

*"My dad said that it was brilliant and the best work. He said we had put a lot of work into our castle." – Amber (P1)*

*"My mum was proud of my work, she said it was super." – Oisin (P2)*

*"My gran said our presentation was nice and clear." – David (P2)*

### Forest School – Room 3 and Room 4

The pupils from Room 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their blocks of Forest School this term. They used tools to clear paths, did fire lighting, made birdfeeders and bug hotels, and enjoyed den building together.

*"I liked getting hot chocolate and climbing trees." – Mason, Room 3*

*"I liked making bracelets and making a bug hotel." – Hattie, Room 3*

*"I liked climbing trees and the mud slide." – Jax, Room 4*

*"I enjoyed eating s'mores and using the tree swing." – Morgan, Room 4*

### Forest school – Room 2

The pupils in Room 2 have now started their block of Forest School sessions. Two sessions will take place before our Spring Break and a further two sessions will be after the holiday. This will help the children to appreciate all of the seasonal changes in the Forest School site. In class they have been learning about John Muir, also known as 'Father of the National Parks'. He encouraged people of all backgrounds to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places.

### Thank you to Mr Morton

Some of the stakes for our small orchard trees had broken or been damaged due to the weather. Mr Morton has kindly re-staked and tidied the area, and so we hope to get a good crop of apples again later in the year.

### Primary School Inter Area Badminton Championships

We were delighted to be informed that Caelan Simpson (P6) has been selected to represent Lanarkshire in the Primary School Inter Area Badminton Championships which will be held at Wishaw Sports Centre tomorrow, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Best of luck, Caelan!

### Football Festival – John Cumming

Well done to the P6 and P7 pupils who took part in the recent Football Festival at John Cumming Stadium, Carluke. They all played very well and had great fun.

*"The girls won all of their games and demonstrated great teamwork." – Lucy (P7)*

*"The boys' team worked well together and had fun at the festival." – Robbie (P7)*

### **Resurrection Rock – P5-7**

Our P5-7 pupils are busy rehearsing for their Easter show, Resurrection Rock. They will be performing the show on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.45am and have invited some guests along to join us on that morning.

### **Lunch Time Cherry Dance Club – P5-7**

If you would like tickets for the Dance Festival, then tickets can be purchased from Lanark Memorial Hall. The Underbank dancers will perform in the 5.15pm show on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck to our team!

### **Lunch Time Cross Country Club**

Our final cross-country training session has now taken place. Thank you to Vicky Harrison and Fiona Currie for leading these sessions. They will now take part in the Clydesdale Cross Country event on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck everyone!

### **Odd Sock Day – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March is World Down Syndrome Day. We are asking that pupils wear odd socks with their uniform on this day. The idea was created because chromosomes are shaped liked socks and people with Down syndrome have an extra chromosome.

Today at assembly, pupils listened to the story 'Trudy & Me' by Bridget Campbell. The book celebrates difference by sharing the perspective of siblings Patrick (then aged 4) big brother to Trudy (then aged 2) who has Down Syndrome.

### **Autism Awareness Day**

Autism Awareness Day is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and our Inclusion and Equity Committee are encouraging pupils to wear blue to mark the day. This could be a piece of clothing, hairband or scarf – you decide.

### **Parent Consultation Booking System**

We opened our parent consultation booking system last week. Thank you to everyone as appointments were booked up very quickly. We look forward to welcoming everyone into school next Thursday.

### **Book Fair – 20<sup>th</sup> March**

During our parent consultation we will have a Book Fair. All books at the fair will have a special offer price of £2.50.

All classes will have the opportunity to visit the fair prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> and books will be available to buy during parent consultations. **Only cash will be accepted.**

We will not have our stationery stall available.

### **Water Only**

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

### **South Lanarkshire Instrumental Music Service**

The South Lanarkshire Instrumental Music Service have a selection of events that you may wish to consider attending. To arrange tickets, please contact individual venues. Please see details below:-

- **South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society Spring Concert** – Monday, 24 March - Hamilton Town House – 7.30pm
- **South Lanarkshire Council Young Musician of the Year** – Wednesday, 2 April – Low Parks Museum – 1pm

### **PFA News**

#### **Spring Fling**

Save the Date - Our PFA will hold their "Spring Fling" on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm – 4pm. Teas, coffees, tombola, raffle and much more! Any prizes for the tombola and baking will be gratefully received. Please see the attached flier which was emailed last week.

### **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](mailto:crossfordhall@gmail.com)

### **Reminders**

#### **ParentPay Reminders**

Please consider donating to our KUA Payment item, no matter how small, to help subsidise the cost of transport to the various events that the children participate in throughout the year.

#### **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](mailto: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**

Our car park is a one-way system. Please adhere to this and the spaces are quite tight so take care opening car doors.

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.

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.

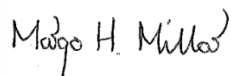
Please email Mrs Stewart direct at

[upsuniformbank@gmail.com](mailto: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)**

### **Important dates for your diary – new dates are in bold**

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

17 Mar – Dalguise Information Session at 9.30am

19 Mar – Clydesdale Cross Country Event (Selected pupils)

20 Mar – Parent Consultations and Book Fair

21 Mar - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7

21 Mar – After School Boys' Football Club

20 Mar – School Book Fair (All books £2.50 – cash only)

**21 Mar – Down Syndrome Awareness Day/ Wear odd socks**

21 Mar – After School Boys Football – P6/7 (Final session)

**24 Mar – Room 2 Forest School**

25 Mar - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7 (Final Session)

25 Mar – Circle Dance After School Club

**26 Mar – SLC Sustainability Conference for selected pupils from P5-7**

27 Mar – P5-7 Resurrection Rock at 0945hrs

28 Mar – After School Football Festival at Lanark Grammar – P6/7

28 Mar – PFA SPRING FLING – 2-4pm

31 March – Dalguise final payment due (P6/7)

**31 Mar – Fun5z Netball Festival**

2 April – Wear Blue for Autism Awareness Day

4 April – School closes for Spring Break

22 April – P7 visit from Lanark Grammar staff member

24 April – PFA Meeting

**25 April – Netball Festival (Selected pupils)**

28 – 30 April – P6-7 pupils to Dalguise

1 May – Inservice

**5 May - Holiday**

**7 May – Room 2 Forest School**

**6 May – LGS P7 Transition Multisports 4-5pm**

8 May - Parent Council Meeting

13 May - **LGS P7 Transition Multisports 4-5pm**

**14 May – Room 2 Forest School**

**15 May – LGS Parent Information Session for P7 pupils and parents at 6.15pm**

**20 May – LGS P7 Transition Multisports 4-5pm**

23-25 May – The Garden festival, Hamilton Racecourse

**9 June – Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium**

**10 June – LGS Transition Day for P7 pupils**

**11 June – LGS Transition Day for P7 pupils**

**12 June – Lanimer Holiday**

**13 June – Lanimer Holiday**

**25 June – School closes at 1pm**