

Underbank Primary

Update 15 – 28th March



This is the final Update of this term and we have some lovely news to share with everyone.

Mr and Mrs Donnelly are delighted to share that their gorgeous little daughter has arrived! Lena and Mrs Donnelly are now home and are well. We cannot wait to meet her!

Garden Design Competition by Priory Bridge

Today, Mrs Doyle returned to school to present the prizes for the winning garden designs.

Overall winners : Lucy Lennox & Eva Martin

Other winners:

Alexander Marshall & Sky Findlay

Sophie Theanne

Holly Findlay

Freyja Ross

Archer Harding

Ayanda van der Kaars & Amanda May Nelson

We can't wait to see the design created by Eva and Lucy at the Festival.

Autism Awareness Day

Autism Awareness Day is on Wednesday 2nd 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.

Forest School – Room 2

The pupils in Room 2 are now halfway through their block of Forest School sessions. Each week they followed the preferred approach of John Muir, the 'Father of the National Parks', in exploring and then discovering. They have certainly discovered a lot! The children found different leaves, buds, new sprouts, bugs, empty insect eggs and even frog spawn! They are preparing for the next 2 sessions in May and their parents can expect an invite!

Primary School Inter Area Badminton Championships

Well done to Caelan Simpson (P6) for representing Lanarkshire at the Primary School Inter Area Badminton Championships. He made it to the Singles Quarter Final and the Doubles Semi-final.

"I enjoy taking part in the competitions and played against one of the best players in Glasgow. I was proud to represent Lanarkshire, we were the smallest team and came 3rd overall." – Caelan Simpson (P6)

Cross Country Competition

Our P6-7 pupils took part in the Clydesdale Cross Country Competition at Lanark Race Course on 19th March. Not only did our P6 Boys' Team come 2nd overall but Owen Lennox (P6) qualified for the SLC finals at Chatelherault Country Park this week. At the SLC event he came home in an amazing 8th place. Great effort by everyone involved.

In addition, Owen Lennox and Caelan Simpson will be representing our school at the Scottish Schools Cross Country Championships at Kirkcaldy High School in April. We wish them all the best in their race.

"It was a lot of fun but a very hard course. It was great that we had staff and parents cheering us on." – Poppy King (P6)

"I believe in 'never give up and anything can happen'. The course at Chatelherault was quite tough with a hill. I was proud of coming 8th." - Owen Lennox (P6)

Circle Dance

Thanks to Jo Freeman for returning to the school, to deliver Circle Dance as an After School Club. The adults and pupils who attended had fun.

P5-7 Resurrection Rock

Thank you for coming along to support our P5-7 production. The children displayed great confidence and many skills throughout the show. Thank you to Mrs McLeod, Mrs Tait and Mrs Higgins for thoroughly preparing pupils for the show. Special thanks also to Mrs Mathieson for creating the wonderful backdrop for the production. This also featured on the front of the programme.

"During practices we never got our cues but today, at the actual show, we got them all. The singing was really good." – Ayanda van der Kaars (P6)

"I liked the story and the way it was performed. I liked the costumes and us all singing together!" – Sky Findlay (P7)

SLC Sustainability Conference - Reported by Jake Findlay (P7), Louis Ferguson (P6) and Sophie Theanne(P5).

The conference was about sustainability, being eco-friendly and looking after the planet. There were many schools from all over Lanarkshire and we worked together on different activities.

We took part in a Sustainability relay race, planted sunflowers and made seed bombs.

"I liked how it was very interactive. It inspires me to want to make changes that are better for the environment." – Sophie

"I made friends from other schools and the lunch was amazing." – Louis

"I enjoyed getting out of school and the activities were good." – Jake

Dance Festival

Well done to our dance team who performed at Lanark Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Their performance was hugely enjoyed by all in the audience. Thank you to Miss Robertson and Leah, from Cherry Dance Academy, who prepared our team for the event.

"It was really fun to see the other schools and the digital introduction for the competition was cool!" – Sophie Theanne (P5)

"It was fun. We got to see lots of other schools perform and they were really good." – Iona Cameron (P7)

Car Park Area Cordoned Off

Mrs Brown, our janitor, has cordoned off the grassy slope in our car park as a safety measure as she has become aware of loose manhole covers in that area. This has been reported to SLC. Please discourage your children from going into this area. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our parent consultation meetings on Thursday 20th March. Teachers have now spoken to 99% of our families about their child's attainment and achievements. We always attempt to run to time but this isn't always possible. Thank you for your patience if your appointment ran a little later than it was scheduled.

Thank you to all families who completed our survey. We will share the results after we have had time to collate these.

Pupils loved looking for their parents' comment stickers in jotters on the Friday morning.

Book Fair

Lots of our children were allowed to select a book while attending parent consultations and many parents commented on the great value of the books on offer. Thank you for encouraging your children to continue to develop their reading skills at home. We sold 163 books!

Themed Lunch - Stop Food Waste – Wednesday 30th April

On Wednesday 30th April we will participate in International Stop Food Waste Day by offering a

Stop Food Waste themed lunch on this day. The menu below will be available for all pupils.

Blue meal - Firecracker Pizza and arrabiata pasta (v)

Red meal - Sausage in a finger roll with potato croquettes

Green meal - Ham sandwich

Dessert – Half and half cookie

Cheese and tuna sandwiches available (orange/purple tray)

Fresh fruit and salad selection also available

The Stop Food waste menu includes food items from the top 5 menu choices that pupils choose each week from our primary menu. We hope that this will help to ensure that pupils eat everything on their plate and so reduce food waste!

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.**

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 Council Young Musician of the Year** – Wednesday, 2 April – Low Parks Museum – 1pm

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

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

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.

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.

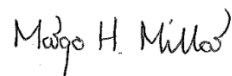
Please email Mrs Stewart direct at

upsuniformbank@gmail.com

if you would like to request 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)

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 at 2.30pm for Spring Break

22 April – School reopens at 9am

22 April – P7 visit from Lanark Grammar staff member

24 April – Football Festival (Selected pupils)

24 April – PFA Meeting

25 April – Netball Festival (Selected pupils)

26 April – Scottish Schools Cross Country Championships

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

16 May – Clydesdale Track & Field (Selected pupils)

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