

# **Underbank Primary**

## **Update 17 – 9th May**



We are currently being very fortunate with the weather and classes are enjoying some PE time outdoors.

We hope that this lovely weather continues over the weekend and over the next few months.

Don't forget to apply sunscreen to your child in preparation for the day ahead if sunny and consider sending your child with sunglasses and a sunhat or cap.

Please remember to put your child's name on these items please.

### **Forest School – Room 2**

The pupils in Room 2 have invited their parents/carers to join them for their last session. Details have been emailed to parents/carers.

### **Forest School – Room 1**

Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing the appropriate clothing for Forest School. This allows the class to leave the school promptly and have maximum time at the Forest School site.

### **P6 and 7 Outdoor Centre Experience**

A huge thanks to Mrs McInnes and Miss Robertson who accompanied me to Dalguise with 30 of our P6 and P7 pupils. We had an amazing few days of sunshine and our pupils had the opportunity to develop many life skills such as problem solving, teamwork, communication and leadership. We were really proud of our pupils as they displayed courage, determination and excellent behaviour over the 3 days.

We really liked Dalguise because we got to do a lot of activities and sometimes had to face our fears. It was great having our meals with our friends. The food was very good. Out of all of the activities the Giant Swing was a favourite. Reported by Alexander McLeod (P7) and Alexander Marshall (P7)

*"I liked the food, the beds and the activities at Dalguise."* - Robin Hawthorne (P6)

*"I really enjoyed Dalguise because we got to play football a lot more than in school."* – Robbie Marshall (P7)

### **Pupil Council Kindness Initiative**

Our Pupil Council representative have requested to re-commence spotting acts of kindness around our school. At assembly today we recognised those who were spotted being kind. Please congratulate your child if you spot them wearing a kindness sticker.

### **South Lanarkshire Council Cost of the School Day Parent Survey**

Please take the time to respond to the **SLC Cost of the School Day survey** for parents using the link below.

SLC are keen to know whether families feel schools are measured in their requests for money for various items including uniform, school outings, cost of participation in other school activities.

We are very fortunate that our PFA often help us to keep costs as low as we can.

Our KUA fund and PFA also help us to manage transport cost.

We would value your participation.

<https://forms.gle/NeSuZ2uUWs8GUg6u6>

### **Pupil Attendance at Underbank**

Each session we aim to keep our attendance figures high as we report on this annually. We all recognise that good attendance impacts on a child's attainment. At our Parent Council meeting I shared that last session our overall attendance was 95.8%. So far this session our attendance sits at 96.5%. Please help us to keep this figure high by refraining from taking term time holidays. Thank you.

### **Car Park Area Cordoned Off**

The grassy slope in our car park remains cordoned off as a safety measure as we are 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.

### **Scottish Schools Cross Country Championship (Kirkcaldy)**

The course was very long and tough with tricky narrow sections. It was quite windy as well. There were 99 runners and we placed 27<sup>th</sup> (Owen) and 30<sup>th</sup> (Caelan) overall. We both really enjoy running cross country and we are looking forward to taking part in the Track and Field event with the school on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Reported by Caelan Simpson (P6) and Owen Lennox (P6)

### **South Lanarkshire P4 Tennis Competition**

Well done to our P4 pupils tennis team – Reuben, Freddie, Hattie and Holly F who did really well at the SLC tournament at Hamilton Tennis Club. The team have been invited to the

P4 West Regional Primary School Tennis Finals on 1<sup>st</sup> June at Scotstoun Community Indoor Tennis Centre. We wish them all the best!

*"I liked it because in between the 5 matches, we got to help score the other matches."* – Holly Findlay

*"I liked playing against other schools and it showed how good I was."* – Hattie Wardrope

*"It was amazing and they explained all the rules really well. If you got something wrong, they took the time to correct and explain this to you. This has made me a better player."* – Reuben Thomson

*"The people there were really good and I had an amazing time. I hope that I can do more tournaments as I love tennis."* – Freddie Arrenberg

### **Trial Lunch for our Future P1 Pupils**

Today we were joined by 8 future P1 pupils and their parents to allow them to try a school lunch at Underbank.

This year we have pupils coming from 5 different local nurseries so the trial lunch is a good time for them to get to know each other too.

### **PFA next meeting**

The PFA will be holding their next meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **PC next meeting**

The Parent Council plan to hold their first meeting of the new session on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This is the same day as the PFA meeting. Our aim is to stagger the start of these meetings to allow those who wish to attend both to do so.

A huge thank you to Mr Scott Martin who has been our PC Chairperson over the last two years. He stepped down at our meeting last night as his daughter will head off to Lanark Grammar this summer. Mrs Jenny Parry agreed to act as interim Chairperson till our next meeting.

### **SLC Recruitment Campaign**

SLC are currently recruiting School Support Assistants. Details were sent out in an email dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and you can access the information via the link below.. Please pass on to anyone who may be interested. The closing date for applications is 12 May 2025.

[EDUC 1564 - School Support Assistant \(Office/Class/ASN\) - South Lanarkshire Council Careers](#)

At Lanark Memorial Hall – 10<sup>th</sup> till 12<sup>th</sup> May

Join three friends on an adventure in Tall Stories magical, musical adaptation of the much-loved Elmer books by David McKee. Visit the Memorial Hall website for ticket info and times information.

### **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)

### **Clyde Wind Ensemble (CWE) Children's Concert**

Clyde Wind Ensemble are hosting a free Children's Concert to promote music within South Lanarkshire to young children (primary and early secondary age). Please see the attached flyer for information and use the link below to secure tickets.

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/peter-and-the-wolf-video-lesson-12469073>

It is likely that this event will sell out quickly!

### **Introduction to Mindfulness workshop with LAMH at South Vennel, Lanark**

The workshop is on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm-2.30pm. Applying mindfulness helps develop helpful responses to low mood, stress and anxiety. To book your place, see the flyers attached and phone 01698 709260.

## **Reminders**

### **Water Only**

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

### **Names on Clothing**

Our Lost Property box has a few items that have remained unclaimed. Please ensure that all personal items are labelled with your child's name. At the end of each term all items remaining in the box will be handed to our School Uniform Bank or placed in our Clothing Bank.

### **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.

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**

### **Speed Limit – Outside the School**

Please continue to be mindful of your speed as you drive through the village and outside of the school.

Police Scotland have said that they will be undertaking regular speed monitoring throughout the valley.

### **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.

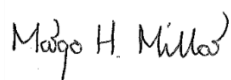
Please email Mrs Stewart direct at

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

if you 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)

10 May – Clyde Wind Ensemble Children's Concert 2pm

13 May - LGS P7 Transition Multisports 4-5pm

14 May – Room 2 Forest School and parents

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

20 May – Room 1 Forest School

22 May – Rag Bag Bin collection

23-25 May – The Garden Festival, Hamilton Racecourse

27 May – Room 1 Forest school

28 May – P1 Induction Visit with parents

2 June – Popinjay Cup

3 June – Room 1 Forest School

9 June – Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium

10 June – LGS Transition Day for P7 pupils

11 June – LGS Transition Day for P7 pupils

10 June – Sports Day themed lunch – more information to follow

11 June – Activities organised by Law and District Running Club

12 June – Lanimer Holiday

13 June – Lanimer Holiday

17 June – P1 Induction Visit (2<sup>nd</sup>)

19 June – Room 4 Trip (Bannockburn)

19 June – P6-7 Girls After School Football (Lanark Race Course)

20 June – Proposed Prize Giving in Crossford Church at 10am

25 June – School closes at 1pm