

Underbank Primary **Update 18 – 23rd May**



The fabulous weather has continued and we are hoping it lasts for the Scottish Garden Festival this weekend. This term remains very busy in the run up to the summer holidays.

Forest School – Room 2 showcase

The pupils from Room 2 put on a fantastic, outdoor performance of 'The man who planted trees' to showcase their learning around John Muir, the Scots-born founder of the modern conservation movement. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along. We hope all the hidden hedgehogs were found!

"I liked that we learned about plants as they are very interesting. In the play I loved using my butterfly puppet the most." Harley Brown (P3)

"The puppet show was my favourite part of Forest School because I was the main character. I loved writing in my Nature Journal." Cormac Gibson (P3)

"My favourite part was doing the show because it was such fun. I liked that my mum came to Forest School and I showed her my Nature Journal. She found my hidden hedgehog too." Rowan Bradley (P2)

Track and Field

Amazing weather and amazing achievements at the Track and Field event on Friday 16th May. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and came back with medals. Our P6 Boys Relay Team: Owen Lennox, Matyas Hudec, Mason Brown and Caelan Simpson, won Bronze. In addition, Robbie Marshall won Bronze in the 600m and William McKerral won Silver in the long jump. Well done to everyone who competed.

"I really enjoyed the Track and Field, I came 1st in my heat and 3rd in the final of the 600m. It was way too warm to run but I still did it. Some schools did very well but I am proud of our school." Robbie Marshall (P7)

"I got silver in the long jump and I got in to the final of the 100m. I really enjoyed myself and I saw a lot of my friends from other schools. It was a great day." William McKerral (P7)

IMS Play Day

It was a fun day where we got to play music with pupils from all over South Lanarkshire. We even saw an old friend who left Underbank last year. It was quite tiring as we practised all day but we think that we have improved. We would love to take part in more Play Days.

Reported by Poppy King (P6) and Lorenzo McAvoy (P7)

"I liked that most of the schools had not worked together before and that meant we were able to work together from break until lunch." Ayanda van der Kaars (P6)

"It was nice to play with other children who have the same passion for brass as I do." Charlie Gray (P6)

Scottish Garden Festival

The Scottish Garden Festival runs from today, Friday 23rd May until Sunday 25th May at Hamilton Park Racecourse. Prior Bridge Landscaping will be creating a garden designed by two of our P7 pupils, Eva Martin and Lucy Lennox. It will be super seeing their design brought to life.

In addition, we wish the pupils from Room 2 the best of luck for their entry of a 'Bee Café' in the Pallet Garden Competition. Why not go along and support them this weekend?

P7 Fun Playtime – Thursday 5th June

The P7 pupils are running a Fun Playtime to raise money for their P7 Leavers' treat. There are many activities including facepainting, 'Sponge the P7's', home baking and many more. Some of the activities are free and we ask you to bring change, if possible, for the others. Costs for activities and items will range from 50p to £2.

Please inform the school if your child has any allergies to food stuffs, facepaint or temporary tattoos.

If you are able to donate any home baking or Tombola prizes, please deliver to the school on 5th June.

Written by P7 pupils.

Social Enterprise - "Roll out the Kindness"

The primary 6's from Room 5 are 'rolling out the kindness' by collecting toilet rolls and kitchen rolls for Clydesdale Food Bank. Your support can help provide essential items to those in need.

We kindly ask that donations are to be brought to school by 6th June where the primary 6 pupils from Room 5 will collect them from their class. Thank you in advance for supporting a worthy cause.

Pride in our school

The school community take great pride in their building and grounds and we kindly ask that children are encouraged to be especially careful around the trees and plants at the start and end of the school day.

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.

PFA next meeting

The PFA will be holding their next meeting on Thursday 4th September.

Parent Council next meeting

The Parent Council plan to hold their first meeting of the new session on Thursday 4th 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 on 6th May as his daughter will head off to Lanark Grammar this summer. Mrs Jenny Parry agreed to act as interim Chairperson until the next meeting on Thursday 4th September.

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

Rag Bag

The collection date from the clothing bank has been delayed. Please continue to add to the bank and, if you find it full, please bring your bags to the school office. We appreciate all your support in this continuous fundraiser.

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

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. A spreadsheet of the available clothing and sizes is attached.

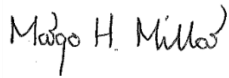
Please email Mrs Stewart direct at

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)

23-25 May – The Scottish Garden Festival,
Hamilton Racecourse

27 May – Room 1 Forest school

28 May – P1 Induction Visit with parents

29 May – P2 Lunchtime Multisport Club

29 May – P3 After school Multisport Club

2 June – Popinjay Cup

3 June – Room 1 Forest School

3 June – Show Racism the Red Card Award
Ceremony, Hampden Stadium, Glasgow

4 June – IMS Showcase

5 June – P7 Fun Playtime

5 June – P2 Lunchtime Multisport Club

5 June – P3 After school Multisport Club

9 June – Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium

10 June – LGS Transition Day for P7 pupils

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

11 June – LGS Transition Day for P7 pupils

11 June – Activities organised by Law and
District Running Club

12 June – Lanimer Holiday

13 June – Lanimer Holiday

16 June – P7 Leavers Presentation

17 June – P7 Leavers Day Treat

17 June – P1 Induction Visit (2nd)

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