

Underbank Primary Update 19 – 6th June



We all missed the holiday weekend at the end of May but are now hugely looking forward to our two days off on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June.

We hope that the sun shines for everyone, especially for all those who are heading off to Lanark Lanimer celebrations.

Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium – 9th June

We are keeping everything crossed that the weather will be kind on Monday for our planned sports day.

Please ensure your child has a rain jacket just incase we do have any heavy showers. All children will take their packed lunch and their water bottle.

The forecast currently isn't promising, but parents are welcome to come along to support this event. Activities should commence around 10am and conclude around midday. If it is dry, then we will remain in the stadium for our packed lunches and a play before returning to school.

Scottish Garden Festival

What a great Festival and **TWO GOLDS** for Underbank! Well done to Lucy Lennox (P7) and Eva Martin (P7) for their fantastic garden design brought to life by Priory Bridge Landscaping. It was creative, practical and very colourful. Also, congratulations to the pupils of Room 2 and Mrs McInnes for their winning Pallet Garden - Bee Café. Each pupil had their own bee flying over the beautiful flowers too.

A massive thank you to Priory Bridge Landscaping and everyone who went along to support this event.

"It was an amazing experience. We loved how our design came to life with all the terrific, explosions of colour." - Lucy Lennox (P7) and Eva Martin (P7)

"I liked planting the flowers and I got to water them." - Cormac Gibson (P3)

"I liked making the bees." – Mirren Clark (P3)

"It was fun to make with my friends." – Rehan Mohammad (P3)

"I was proud of my dad who make the pallet for our pallet garden." – Cian McCabe

South Lanarkshire Track and Field Final

We are delighted to report that we have a small group of pupils who qualified for the SLC Track and Field event which will take place next Wednesday at John Wright Sports Centre, East Kilbride.

Good luck to our qualifiers:

- P6 Boys' 600m - Owen Lennox & Caelan Simpson
- P6 Girls' 600m - Holly Davidson
- P7 Boys' 600m - Robbie Marshall
- P6 Boys' 100m - Matyas Hudec
- P6 Girls' 100m - Morgan McKechnie
- P6 Boys' Relay Team - Mason Brown, Matyas Hudec, Owen Lennox, Caelan Simpson

William McKerral also qualified but is unable to attend.

IMS Showcase

Thank you to all who came along to this fabulous event and a huge thank you to our instrumental music tutors for their hard work and dedication. We are very fortunate to be able to offer brass, violin and percussion/drumming tuition to our P5-7 pupils. On the day Room 3 also performed as they are participating in an IMS project called The Fundamentals of Music. The finale was a wonderful Samba Band performance which almost raised the roof!

"The performance was excellent. All IMS staff and pupils put in a lot of hard work." – P5 Parent
"A thoroughly enjoyable morning watching the talented musicians showcase their skills." – P6 Parent

"You can tell that the kids really enjoyed the performance. It was well organised and the music was well played. We were all jigging in our seats to the samba beat. Lots of happy, smiley faces all round." – Former Parent

P4 Tennis West Regional Finals

Well done to our P4 Tennis Team who attended the West Regional Finals at Scotstoun Community Tennis Centre on Sunday 1st June. Freddie Arrenberg, Holly Findlay, Reuben Thomson and Hattie Wardrope all played well and loved participating. Mrs Bond went along to cheer our team on and was very proud to see them demonstrating their skills and good sportsmanship.

Football Festival

The pupils were delighted that the Football Festival was rescheduled after a cancellation in April. They represented the school impeccably, as always.

"It was brilliant and I scored 5 goals." – Robbie Marshall (P7)

"Although there were not my teams, it was great fun. I played in defence which is my favourite

position. I hope that I get picked next year too.”
– Poppy King (P6)

Popinjay Cup Competition

Many thanks to Mr David Marshall, father of Robbie (P7) for organising three after school sessions for our Popinjay Cup players. The team did really well and made it into the final against Dalsersf Primary. However, after a great effort they lost on penalties.

“We had a good team and there were lots of goals. I was proud to get to the final.” – Matyas Hudec (P6)

“It was fun. I was a defender, and it is a shame I will not be here next year.” – Iona Cameron (P7)

Show Racism the Red Card, Award Ceremony

Reported by Alasdair Smith (P7) and Lorenzo McAvoy (P7):

The stadium tour was brilliant, it is huge and we got to sit on the VIP seats. Kingsley the Mascot was very funny. We were allowed in the changing room and it had Scotland football strips from all the years hanging up. A professional footballer showed us different ball skills which was very impressive. It was good overall and we got a gift bag that contained a football, video game, wristband and headover. The poem that Room 5 created won second place in the P5-7 category. Well done, Room 5.

Roll out the Kindness

Thank you to everyone who has donated toilet rolls and kitchen rolls so far for ‘Roll out the Kindness’. The final day for donations is the morning of Monday 9th June. Please see attached flyer and consider supporting the P6 pupils from room 5 with this social enterprise initiative.

P1 Transition Day – 28th May

We welcomed eight new P1 pupils and their parents to this event. Our current P1 pupils told them a little about being a pupil at Underbank and then our new pupils participated in some learning activities.

The P7 buddies for next session then introduced themselves to the children and their parents. We look forward to seeing the group again on the morning of the 17th June.

Underbank's Sustainability Conference

Earlier in the session, one staff member and a few of our pupils attended a sustainability conference. From this, we decided that we would aim to have our very own sustainability conference based around learning that had taken place in each class.

Last Friday, each class hosted a stall and each class visited the conference and rotated around stalls.

Station/Class	Stall Theme
Room 1	Every Droplet Counts
Room 2	Biodiversity and the Importance of Bees
Room 3	Impact of Plastic
Room 4	The World's Changing Climate
Room 5	Compost Crusaders

The conference was a huge success and many of our pupils enjoyed learning in such an active way. It was amazing to see the skill and confidence of our well-prepared pupil presenters.

‘I especially enjoyed the room 4 rap about sustainability.’ - Leo Barr (P6)

‘It was fun to learn from the other children.’
William McKerral - (P7)

‘I loved the seed balls that room 2 showed us how to make.’ Hattie Wardrope - (P4)

P7 Fun Playtime – Thursday 5th June

Our twelve P7 pupils and Mrs McLeod did an outstanding job of organising Fun Playtime for everyone in school. The money raised will pay for the P7 Treat Day on 17th June, when the group will go bowling and enjoy lunch together. The grand total raised was £593.59 and one of our families rounded this up to £600.

Our P7s will use a small amount of money for a classroom farewell party on the last day of the session and also plan to purchase something for P1-6 pupils to enjoy as a huge thank you for helping to make the event such a great success.

“I liked being sponged and we are very pleased that we raised lots of money for our P7 Treat.” – Alexander McLeod (P7)

“Everyone was very excited and they all enjoyed themselves. I was on the Tombola stall and we sold out very quickly. It was fun.” – Jake Findlay (P7)

Lunchtime and After School Multisports Club

We had a fantastic turn out for the P1, P2 and P3 Multisports Clubs. We are grateful to SLLC for offering this club which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed.

If your child attended one of these clubs, please consider making a small contribution to our Keep Underbank Active fund (KUA) which helps us to pay for such activities and transport to sporting events.

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 and Parent Council - Next Meeting

The PFA and PC will be holding their next meetings on Thursday 4th September. The plan is that they will join together initially to discuss new PVG guidance which will impact on both groups.

The groups will then meet separately.

Please consider coming along, if you can.

Community News

ACE Summer Programme P1-7 Multisport

Please see the attached flyer for details about the ACE Programme over the summer holidays.

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 is full, please bring your bags to the school office. We appreciate all your support in this continuous fundraiser. We will aim to let you know when they plan to empty the bank when they communicate this to us.

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 activities and transport to 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.

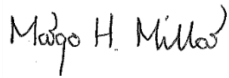
Please email Mrs Stewart direct at

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)

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

10 June – Room 3 Showcase ‘The Iron Man’

11 June – LGS Transition Day for P7 pupils

11 June – Activities organised by Law and District Running Club

11 June – South Lanarkshire Track and Field Final

12 June – Lanimer Holiday

13 June – Lanimer Holiday

16 June – Foodbank – Roll Out Kindness collection ends today

16 June – P7 Leavers’ Presentation

17 June – P7 Leavers’ Treat

17 June – P1 Induction Visit (2nd)

19 June – Room 4 Trip (Bannockburn)

19 June – P6-7 Girls’ After School Football Festival (Lanark Racecourse)

20 June – Prize Giving in Crossford Church at 10am

24 June – Water Safety Talk

25 June – School closes at 1pm