

# **Underbank Primary**

## **Update 20 – 20<sup>th</sup> June**



We are just days away from our last day of this school year and so on behalf of all staff at Underbank, I'd like to wish you and your family a very restful summer. Thank you for your continued partnership throughout session 2024 – 2025. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 9am.

This is our final newsletter for this term. Thank you, as always, for taking the time to read this.

### **Class configurations for the session ahead**

As previously advised, we will have 8 new P1 pupils joining us in August. Our class configurations for next session are noted below, but as always, we may need to reconfigure our classes should there be any additional catchment children who join during the summer.

Currently our planned classes are:

P1/2 - 21 pupils  
P3/4 - 23 pupils  
P4/5 - 21 pupils  
P5/6 - 21 pupils  
P6/7 - 23 pupils

At this time, I am unable to confirm our full staffing for the session ahead.

We will shortly be emailing out your child's class group however, until we know our complete staffing we are unable to allocate staff to classes.

### **P7 Leavers' Presentation**

Thank you to all parents and family members who came along to our P7 leavers' assembly on Monday afternoon. Thank you to Mrs McLeod for all her hard work in ensuring that this was a fitting send off for our P7 children. The theme of this year's assembly was 'Stars in your Eyes'.

At this celebration the children were gifted their new school tie from our PFA.

### **P7 Leavers' Treat**

Our P7 pupils headed to Drumpellier Country Park for a play then to Hollywood Bowl for bowling and lunch for their Leavers' Treat Day. All declared the day a huge success.

### **P7 Finale on Wednesday**

As the final send off for our P7 pupils, P1 – 6 pupils will create 'a tunnel' to cheer our leavers on their way on Wednesday at approximately 12.50. This will take place at the riverside of our playground. P7 pupils can however then make their way back around the school and exit via the back gate if this is where their parent collects them.

### **Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium – 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Although the sun stayed away for Sports Day, our pupils participated well in the organised events. Thank you to all who came along to support our children.

This year we decided to return to school for our packed lunch as heavy rain was predicted around lunchtime.

### **Room 4 – Bannockburn Trip**

Room 4 had a fabulous day at The Bannockburn Centre on Thursday. They thoroughly enjoyed their workshop, dressing up as knights, spearsmen and archers, and practising their advance manoeuvre against the English cavalry!

### **South Lanarkshire Track and Field Final – 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Well done to our P6 and P7 pupils who qualified for this event. Our pupils did well in their heats and many qualified for the finals.

Although our pupils didn't return with any medals, they were complimented on their behaviour, positive attitudes and good sportsmanship.

### **Summer Celebration – 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Our Summer Celebration was very well attended and a lovely way for all in our school community to round off the session.

Congratulations to all pupils who received an award at this event.

P7 pupils were gifted their Yearbooks on this morning. A huge thank you to Mrs Baxter for her hard work and creativity in compiling the P7 Yearbook. I'm certain that our P7 pupils will treasure this.

Our PFA have yet again covered the cost of the Yearbook and I'd like to express my thanks to them for their ongoing support.

Our P1 children were gifted a book to mark the end of their P1 year.

### **Roll out the Kindness**

Well done to the P6 group and Mrs McGarry for working on this kindness initiative. We have been able to gift 227 toilet rolls/kitchen rolls to Clydesdale Foodbank and they are delighted

with the total. Thank you to all who added to our total.

### **P1 Induction Day – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Our eight new P1 pupils returned to school this week. They participated in some learning activities, spent playtime with their buddies and joined our current P1 pupils for a fun PE lesson in the gym hall.

We look forward to the children joining us from the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Room 3 Showcase - The Iron Man**

Room 3 pupils have been reading the book, Iron man by Ted Hughes and so they based their showcase on this work. They performed the story for their visitors and then invited them to class to create an animation of the story together. Well done to Mrs Bond and her pupils, as the audience agreed that they had been entertained and even learned how to create an animation using Stop Motion!

### **LGS Transition Days – P7**

Our P7 pupils had a great two days at Lanark Grammar on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of June. They received their timetables and, class and house information then headed off to their first class. They declared that the food choices at LGS were amazing!

We are certain that this talented group will continue to achieve and look forward to hearing of their future successes.

### **School Meals Accounts**

Please ensure that all school meals accounts (P6 & P7 only) are clear of any debt before we finish up on Wednesday.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Millar should you wish some support or advice.

### **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.

### **PFA and Parent Council - Next Meeting**

The PFA and PC will be holding their next meetings on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 of 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 **many** 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](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.

### **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

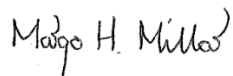
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if you would like to request any items or if you have any items for the uniform bank.

As you pack away uniform for the summer, please consider donating any items that are too small for your own child. Our uniform bank is very well used and items are of a very good quality.

**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)

**24 June – Water Safety Talk**

**25 June – School closes at 1pm**

**12 & 13 August – Staff Return**

**14 August – Pupils Return**