

# **Underbank Primary**

## **Update 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**



School closes for the October break next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. I wish you all a relaxing break with family and friends.

We hope that many of you will be able to join us next Friday afternoon for Fairtrade – Brew it Fair, 1.45pm – 2.45pm, prior to the holiday week.

### **School Photograph Day**

Thank you to all families for sending their children into school looking so smart on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We will issue the proofs as soon as we have received these and inform you of the deadline for orders. Huge thanks to Ms Vicki Harrison, our photographer.

All payment instructions will be detailed on the order form when you receive the proofs. Please also note the deadline date for orders will be on the proof envelope.

***Please do not send any loose cash into school. All payments should be made directly to the photographer.***

### **P6 & P7 Bikeability**

Bikeability has now finished for our P6 and P7 pupils and we are delighted to share that they participated enthusiastically and are demonstrating increased skills. We hope they will continue to use these skills, perhaps even to cycle to school regularly. Thank you to Mrs McLeod, Mrs Higgins and Mr Craig for delivering these sessions.

### **JRSO Day**

Our Junior Road Safety Officers, Caelan and Mason, had a wonderful visit to Chatelherault Country Park to gather ideas for the session ahead at Underbank.

They have scheduled Be Bright Be Seen Day for 28<sup>th</sup> November and ask that everyone comes to school in their brightest clothes on that day.



### **Room 4 Forest School**

Room 4 have enjoyed three of their four Forest School sessions with Mrs Jackson, Miss Dickson, Mr Downie and Mrs McCabe. The class have hugely enjoyed exploring the site and the activities.

*"I liked building the dens with all the people in my team. It was good fun." Eilidh Cameron (P5)*

*"I loved making the bug hotel and I found slugs and put them inside." Emily Frame (P5)*

*"I liked making the houses for the bugs. My favourite thing was sitting around the fire that we lit with a flint and steel." Fred Parry (P6)*

*"My favourite thing was finding bugs and slugs and putting them in the bug hotels that we made. I like being outdoors." Sorcha Murphy (P6)*

### **Football Festival**

*"This is my first year going to the festival and I enjoyed it. We played well as a team. We played 5 games and won one and drew one. The other teams were good. I hope I am picked for the next team." Lucas Edwards (P6)*

*"This was my first time going to the Football Festival. It was a great experience being the goalkeeper and I progressed as the festival went on. Although I liked being the goalkeeper, I would like to play on the field too." Skye Carle (P6)*

### **Loose Parts**

Many of our pupils love being creative in our loose parts building area in the playground. Within the area we have short lengths of drain pipes and guttering, off cuts of decking, logs and tree slices.

If anyone can help us to source any more of these then please get in touch.

### **Request for Plants**

The changing seasons bring changing ideas about how to make use of our award winning 'Bee Café' planter. With autumn upon us we would like to fill it with succulents which are hardy and suited to our Scottish climate all year. We would gratefully accept any small succulents to transform our planter at the main entrance.

### **Parent Consultations – 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Please be aware that the booking facility for consultation has been closed. Should you require any changes to your chosen time, please contact the school office.

### **Wear Red Day - Together we are stronger**

This October sees 11 years of the charity, Show Racism the Red Card. To support this year's theme of 'Together we are stronger', we invite everyone to wear red on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.



### **Fairtrade Event - Brew It Fair – Sips and Smiles – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct we would like to invite all parents and community members for a 'Sips and Smiles', afternoon where our Fairtrade Committee will be serving Fairtrade tea and coffee (along with some lovely Fairtrade treats). Our Fairtrade Committee will give a short presentation about Fairtrade during the event. The event will take place in the gym hall from 1.45pm - 2.45pm.

Come along to support the pupil committee and the 2025 UK campaign to 'Brew it Fair'.

### **Scottish SPCA**

The visit today was unfortunately cancelled by the charity but has been rescheduled for early in November. The Pupil Council and the SSPCA would like to thank you for donating towels and old newspaper. They will collect all of your donations on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Book Amnesty**

This term the school has carried out a stock check on all reading books. The school endeavours to instil the importance of taking care of resources in all pupils and staff. However, we do have a few missing and damaged books that we are in the process of replacing. This can be an expensive process. We ask that if you come across any school books at home, please hand them in to the school office where they will be gratefully received.

### **Bonfire themed lunch**

This will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. Meal choices on that day will be:

Firecracker Pizza & Fries (v) - *(Pizza with spicy topping served with chips or potato croquettes and sweetcorn)*

Banger & Fries - *(Sausage in a finger roll served with chips or potato croquettes and sweetcorn)*

Sandwich selection - *(Cheese, tuna or ham)*

Firework Sponge - *(Sponge with icing and sugar strands)*

### **Proposed P6-7 Residential Trip – Lockerbie Manor**

A gentle reminder to login to ParentPay and pay the deposit for the Lockerbie Manor Residential trip by 8<sup>th</sup> October. After this date, parents/carers will be notified if there is sufficient interest to continue planning this trip. Please be assured that, if the trip does not go ahead, all deposits will be reimbursed.

### **Evening Football Opportunity P1-3 & P4-7 at Lanark Grammar - Reminder**

Our active schools' coordinator has shared this opportunity with us. If you have a child who may be interested, then it is essential to book but this first block (19th Aug - 7<sup>th</sup> Oct) is **FREE**.

Book at Lanark Lifestyles – Tel 01555 666800

P1-3 - Tuesdays, 6-7pm

P4-7 - Tuesdays, 7-8pm

### **PFA and Parent Council Meetings**

The next meetings will take place on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the times below:

PFA 1830-1930hrs

Parent Council 1930-2030hrs

Times may alternate for future meetings, but we will make you all aware of this in advance. We will be delighted to welcome any new members along who would like to attend, without any commitment.

If you wish to contact the Parent Council Chairperson, please email

[upsparentcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:upsparentcouncil@hotmail.com)

### **PFA Halloween Disco**

Our PFA will be in touch soon with information on how to purchase an entry token for the P1-4 and the P5-7 Halloween Discos.

A huge thanks to the PFA for agreeing to fund the Clyde in the Classroom activity for P4/5 and Mind Marvels workshops for all classes. Mind Marvels deliver practical wellbeing sessions to help children to develop their confidence and resilience and manage anxiety and 'big feelings'. Each class will have 2 workshops early next term.

PFA funds allow us to offer additional opportunities such as these to our pupils.

### **School Uniform Bank**

As the majority of parents are aware, we have a 'Good as New' Uniform Bank, which is overseen by Mrs Donna Stewart, parent of a former pupil. Mrs Stewart prepares a spreadsheet of all items available, and this is updated at regular intervals and will be attached, regularly to our updates. If you see any items you would like please email Mrs Stewart direct at

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

If your child needs any particular item(s), Mrs Stewart is also happy to receive requests.

Mrs Stewart will agree with parents on how items will be distributed. This can be direct via Mrs Stewart or via the school.

Please make use of this facility, we are an eco school and encourage all types of recycling! All items available are in excellent or 'as new' condition and are completely free of charge. This will all be done in the strictest confidence.

If you have any item(s) that your child has outgrown, please contact Mrs Stewart directly to arrange collection or drop them off at the school office.

### **Underbank is a Nut Free School!**

As we have children in school who have an allergy to nuts, we request that no snacks, confectionery, etc which contain or may contain nuts, are sent into the school.

### **School 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 2:30pm every day. This is particularly important if your child is on school transport.

In all communications, please state your child's name as many parents email addresses are alpha-numeric, maiden names etc. This helps the office respond to emails quicker.

### **Bus Bays/Drop off Zone**

The designated bus bays must be kept clear for our school minibuses and taxis at the end of the school day. The same applies to the drop off zone, please do not park here, this is purely for dropping off children before 9am. Our school minibuses and after school care buses sometimes spill into this area.

### **Community News**

#### **Lanark Panto Club Juniors**

Some of our pupils and ex-pupils are performing in Goldilocks and the Three Bears at Lanark Memorial Hall over the weekend. We hope that

they enjoy participating in the show after their hard work at rehearsals.

Good luck to these current pupils:

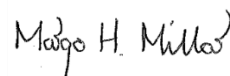
Robyn Carle (P2), Grace Frame (P2), Rowan Bradley (P3), Tess Lennox (P3), Oonagh Simpson (P3), Cormac Gibson (P4), Hattie Wardrope (P5), Cora Ram (P5), Emily Frame (P5) and Skye Carle (P6)

Good luck, also, to our past pupils:

Freya Ram, Lucy Lennox and Ella Baxter.

***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)

**8 Oct – Forest School, Room 4 – Final**

8 Oct – Parent Consultations

10 Oct – Fairtrade Brew It Fair – Sips and Smiles

11 Oct – 19 Oct – October holiday break

**23 Oct – PFA and Parent Council Meeting**

**27 Oct – Mind Marvels Workshops for all**

**29 Oct – PFA Halloween Disco**

**31 Oct – Wear Red Day by Show Racism the Red Card**

**3 Nov – Mind Marvels workshops for all**

**5 Nov – Bonfire Night themed lunch**

**7 Nov – SSPCA visiting during assembly**

10 Nov – In-Service Day (No pupils in School)

**11 Nov – LGS P7 Transition After School Multisports**

14 Nov – Netball Festival (Selected pupils)

**18 Nov – LGS P7 Transition After School Multisports**

**20 Nov – Rag Bag Collection Day**

**28 Nov – Be Bright Be Seen Day organised by our JRSO**

**29 Nov – PFA Christmas Fayre**

12 Dec – P3 – 7 Panto visit

19 Dec – School closes at 2:30pm for the Christmas Holiday break

5 Jan – School Re-opens