

# Underbank Primary

## Update 15 – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026



We welcomed everyone back to school last week for the final term of the session. We hope that everyone had a wonderful break. We have heard of many adventures, near and far, from our pupils.

This is an extremely busy term for us as we say farewell to our current P7 pupils. This week they had a visit from Mrs Quinn, Pupil Support Teacher from Lanark Grammar. She shared lots of information with them. Pupils are hugely looking forward to their 2 day visit on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### Extra Holiday Day

Please note that Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June has been approved as a holiday for South Lanarkshire Council schools.

### SLC Attendance Campaign – Every School Day Matters

We all recognise the link between attendance and achievement but coming to school is so much more than books and numbers. Attendance helps to nurture, support and create social skills, friendships, confidence and the ability to learn, change and adapt.

Did you know that a pupil with an average of 90% attendance from P1 onwards could miss the equivalent of an entire school year by the time they reach S3.

Please work in partnership with us to build happy, successful and resilient young people by encouraging good attendance and avoiding term time holidays.

### Outdoor Trio of Instruments

This week we have installed a trio of musical instruments in an area of our playground. The rainbow bongos, metallophone and chimes will allow our pupils to explore and create music

outdoors, while building many skills including hand-eye coordination and listening skills.

Huge thanks to Mr Jackson for helping with the installation.



### Fruity Fun Run – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Thank you to Miss Niddrie and the Health and Outdoor Committee for organising a fabulous Fruity Fun Run at the end of last term.

*“I am part of the committee that organised the run and it was good fun. I ran 6 laps with my friend, Tess, and we kept each other going. At the end I chose an apple.” – Oonagh Simpson (P3)*

*“It was quite a cold day but I was boiling while running. I ran 12 laps but the last 6 were a bit tough. I chose an orange at the end of it.” – Holly Findlay (P5)*

*“We had to run 10 -12 laps of the school and it was not as easy as I expected. I managed to run 12 laps then added on another 4! We got fruit at the end and I chose a tangerine.” – Jayden Donnelly (P6)*

### Charity and Enterprise Committee

The Charity and Enterprise Committee are organising a donation bin where you can donate children’s old shoes that don’t fit or you don’t want anymore. They must be in a good condition e.g. no holes in the soles or single shoes.

We will accept any infant or child sizes, both male and female. We request that you please put them in a plastic bag with the sex and the size on the front. These can be handed in to our collection bin outside the school from Term 4. Frequent reminders will be put in the Friday Update and posters will be displayed around the school to promote this recycling activity. We plan to deliver the shoes to Shoe Aid, a UK wide charity. Reported by the Charity and Enterprise Committee

### JRSO Campaign

Caelan and Mason are encouraging all pupils to be more active this term by scooting, cycling or walking to school.

For those who live outwith the village, the boys are encouraging parents to ‘Park and allow your child to Scoot, Cycle or Walk,’ even one day per week. Please consider supporting the campaign by parking even a short distance from school. The boys are issuing stickers to those they see arriving on foot, cycling or scooting.

### School Meal Cost

P1 - 5 pupils are all entitled to free school meals. From 20<sup>th</sup> April the price of a school meal for P6 and P7 pupils is **£2.71**. The cost for a carton of milk will not change and remains at **30p**.

The lunch choices provided ensure pupil favourites are available with two hot main meal choices (one being a vegetarian option) and a snack choice (sandwiches) being available each day. All meals come with a seasonal fresh fruit selection, vegetable side, choice of salad, and depending on the day, either soup or dessert.

### **P7 Residential – Lockerbie Manor**

What an amazing time the pupils and staff had at Lockerbie Manor. The fabulous weather certainly helped. A huge thank you to Mrs Bond, Mrs McInnes and Miss Stewart for attending with our pupils. The centre shared that they thought our pupils were confident, responsible and hugely encouraging to their peers. Well done P6 & 7.

*“The food was really good and the rooms were nice too. It was great fun and my favourite activity was paddleboarding, even though I fell into the lake. I loved archery because on my first shot I got a bullseye.” – Owen Lennox (P7)*

*“I learned a lot of new skills and it was so much fun. I loved going away on holiday with all my friends. During paddleboarding I got very wet and cold so it was not my favourite activity. I did love the abseiling and the chicken nuggets.” – Emily Littlejohn (P6)*

*“A lot of the activities were new to me. I liked the paddleboarding and rock climbing but when we did abseiling, I thought what I had to do with my feet felt awkward. I had a lot of fun in the water which was quite warm in the afternoon. I loved it all.” – Sorcha Murphy (P6)*

### **Netball Tournament – 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Miss Stewart took two teams along to the final netball event of the session. Everyone had great fun and lots of goals were scored. Our 7 Team 2 players were awarded silver medals for being 2nd overall and our 6 Team 1 players were 4th overall. We are very proud of all our players.

### **Football Festival – 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Underbank Primary had one boy's team and one girl's team. There were about 6 matches played by each team and we were allowed to change positions for each match, if we wanted. The other teams were very good but we played well against them and won 2 games. We worked well together as a team and the day was enjoyable, even the weather was great.”  
*Reported by Lucas Edwards (P6) and Farhan Mohammad (P6)*

### **Popinjay Cup Tournament**

This annual event will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Spectators are welcome but must stay

behind the barriers. Mr Lennox is leading training sessions for P6 and P7 pupils who are keen to improve their skills.

Many of our pupils are keen to be selected to represent Underbank at this tournament. We will notify the successful players in May.

### **Community**

#### **FREE Concert for Children - 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Award winning local wind band, (Clyde Wind Ensemble), will be performing a selection of well-known classics on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May in Calderglen Parish Church (formerly Claremont Church), East Kilbride, at 2.00pm.

The music has been specifically chosen for children from nursery to secondary school age (and parents too).

This is a free concert (donation welcome) to promote music in our local area and will last approximately 1 hour.

Tuck shop available (cash only).

See poster attached for additional information. To take advantage of this opportunity, parents/carers should reserve their tickets using the Google Form below:-

[Clyde Wind Ensemble - Children's Concert - reserve your FREE ticket HERE](#)

#### **Free Period Products Available in Lanarkshire**

The Scottish Government continue to provide funding to ensure that free period products are available to all women, girls or anyone who needs to access them. You can use the “Pick Up My Period” app to locate free products in your local area, via the App Store or Google Play. Alternatively, you can find more information on your local authority website. Each local authority website allows you to search for venues local to you, where products can be collected, free of charge:

·South Lanarkshire Council:

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/period-positive>

·North Lanarkshire Council:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/working-communities/free-period-products>

#### **Autism and Neurodiversity Football**

Please find attached information regarding a taster session for the Autism and Neurodiversity Football sessions. These sessions are for girls and boys aged 10-16yrs.

#### **Stress Control Classes taking place in Hamilton and Lanark**

Stress Control classes help us develop skills and techniques to manage common issues caused by modern day living such as stress, anxiety or low confidence, which can affect well-being. See attached for more information on the sessions available.

·Hamilton on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of May Fairhill Lifestyles Centre, Neilsland Road, ML3 8HJ (6.30pm - 8pm)

·Lanark on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at St Nicholas Parish Church Hall, Castlegate, Lanark, ML11 9DZ (10.30am - 12 noon)

### Reminders

#### PFA and Parent Council Meetings

Please see below for information regarding Parent Council and PFA meetings. Consider becoming involved in either group.

Parent Council: **Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May @ 1830hrs**

PFA: **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May @ 1830hrs**

If you wish to contact the Parent Council Chairperson, please email [upsparentcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:upsparentcouncil@hotmail.com)

#### 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

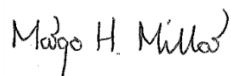
[gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk)

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.

***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)

1 May - After School Football Club

4 May – Holiday

5 May – P7 Lanark Grammar School Transition Multi Sports

**6 May – Room 1 Showcase of Learning (0930hrs)**

**6 May – Room 2 Forest School (1 of 4)**

7 May – In-service Day

8 May - After School Football Club

**11 May – Rag Bag Collection**

12 May - P7 Lanark Grammar School Transition Multi Sports

13 May – IMS Play Day – selected pupils only

**13 May – Room 2 Forest School (2 of 4)**

**13 May – Room 1 Forest School (1 of 4)**

14 May – PFA Meeting @ 1830hrs

14 May – P7 LGS Information Evening

15 May – Clydesdale Track and Field Event, Carluke – selected pupils only

19 May – Final P7 Lanark Grammar School Transition Multi Sports

**20 May – Room 2 Forest School (3 of 4)**

**20 May – Room 1 Forest School (2 of 4)**

**20 May – P4 Tennis Competition (selected pupils only)**

22 May – Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium (Whole School)

22 May - After School Football Club

**27 May – Room 2 Forest School (4 of 4)**

**27 May – Room 1 Forest School (3 of 4)**

27 May – Popinjay Cup Tournament – selected pupils only

28 May – Parent Council Meeting @ 1830hrs

**3 June – Room 1 Forest School (4 of 4)**

9 Jun – P7 LGS Visit (Day 1)

10 Jun – P7 LGS Visit (Day 2)

11 Jun – School Closed (Lanimers)

12 Jun – School Closed (Lanimers)

15 Jun – School Closed (Additional holiday)

17 Jun – SLC Track and Field Event Final (Qualifiers only)

25 Jun – School closes @ 1300hrs