

# **Underbank Primary** **Update 11 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



## **Our School Chaplain – Mr Reid**

Mr Reid visited Room 3 last week to enhance their RME learning. He praised their good behaviour and attentiveness.

While he was with us, he shared his intention to retire after Easter. I know that all in our school community will wish him a very happy retirement and lots of new adventures with family and friends.

We plan to thank him for his commitment to Underbank at our Spring Celebration in Crossford Church at the end of March.

## **Scottish Celebration – Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan**

Thanks to all parents and friends who attended this busy event. Our pupils hugely enjoyed the morning.

Below is some of the feedback we received:

“The Scottish Morning was simply amazing.” (P1 parent)

“What a wonderful morning filled with talent and entertainment! Every pupil shone on the stage and each class shared amazing knowledge and skill.” (P2 & 6 parent)

“What a wonderful morning. It was so lovely to see all children involved and talent celebrated.” (P4 parent)

“The Scottish Morning was a fantastic event with a lovely community feel. The engagement and motivation of the children shone through.” (P1 parent)

One parent has requested that we start the event earlier. We will try to start a little earlier next year, but do have lots to set up after Breakfast Club is tidied away at 9am.

## **Some Poetry Finalists at Coffee and Chat**

The children who attended this event were warmly welcomed by the group. The children recited their poems and then enjoyed some time chatting to the community members who attended.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Eco Green Flag Award Success**

Mrs McInnes and the Eco Committee submitted our latest Green Flag assessment last week. This week, Nicola Davidson, an Eco Assessor contacted us to share that she had assessed our Eco-Schools application and wanted to send her congratulations to Underbank Primary School for successfully achieving their 7<sup>th</sup> Green Flag Award. She stated that this was 'a great achievement that reflected so much hard work and commitment.'

Well done to Mrs McInnes and her Committee!

## **Attachment Informed Accreditation Success**

We are delighted to announce that Underbank was one of nine SLC schools to be awarded their 'Act to make a difference' pledge award after the accreditation panel met to review our action plan, actions and self-evaluation. This award recognises Underbank's commitment to becoming an Attachment Informed, Trauma Sensitive School. This is another wonderful achievement that recognises the huge commitment and professionalism of Team Underbank.

We have invited two members of the SLC Educational Psychologist team to our next Parent Council meeting so that they can share more information on Attachment Informed Practice. If you would like to attend the Parent council meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> February, please inform our school office.

## **P5-7 Magpie Manor Production**

Our P5-7 pupils are busy rehearsing for the production, Magpie Manor. They intend to do a morning show (Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March) and afternoon show (Thur 14<sup>th</sup> March) for parents and family members. Ticket information will be issued in the next few weeks.

## **Netball Festival – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

We were split into two teams, the Blue Team and Yellow Team. The Underbank teams played 8 games in total. In the first game, the Blue Team lost against Lanark Primary, the score was 7-1, however they won their next 3 games. The Yellow Team won their first game against Robert Owen, the score was 6-4, then they went on to win 3 more games.

We had a great time and got to know some of the players from the other teams. Thank you to Miss Robertson and Mrs Simpson (parent) who took us along.

*Reported by L McAvoy (P6) & L McLeod (P6)*

### **Football Festival – Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**

We headed to John Cumming Stadium yesterday. Everyone had a great time and showed determination and resilience throughout the afternoon, even although it was a chilly afternoon. The boys' team lost one of their games and drew the other, while the girls' team won a game (3-0), drew a game and lost a game.

All teams skilfully demonstrated good passing and tackling. We are very proud of ourselves and our performances.

*Reported by Mrs Campbell and the footballers*

### **Online Art Gallery Competition for Race Equality Week**

This week has been Race Equality Week. All classes have been considering 'Show Racism the Red Card' and have been creating 'masterpieces' to submit to the Show Racism the Red Card online art gallery competition – Good luck everyone!

We will keep you posted should any of our entries be successful in gaining entry to the online gallery and we aim to have some of the 'masterpieces' on display at parent consultations on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### **My Diverse Scotland Lessons**

Our P5-7 pupils will be commencing some lessons on My Diverse Scotland soon. These lessons will allow our children to gain an understanding of anti-racism and to consider what to do if they ever experience or witness racism.

### **SAMH Parent Workshop**

I'm afraid this session had to be postponed as the presenter was unwell. We hope to reschedule this and will share information on this when we are able to confirm a new date.

### **Parent Contact Information**

Please remember to update any changes to home address, phone numbers, email addresses or medical history throughout the school year. This can be done via Parentsportal. Thank you.

### **Transport Consultation**

This remains open for statutory public consultation until Friday 1 March 2024.

The proposal document is available via the following link:

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/302/>

### **High School Transport Arrangements**

P7 children transferring to high school in August will require to apply for school transport. This can be done via the South Lanarkshire Website.

Parents making a placing request to Lanark Grammar may also apply for privilege transport. This can be done by clicking on the privilege transport link.

### **P6 & P7 Wiston Lodge Outing 2024**

The second payment of £15 for Wiston Lodge is due on **29.2.24**. Thank you to all who have made their first payment. If you prefer, you can pay the full amount of £47.50 in one easy payment.

If, for any reason, you feel that you cannot meet the cost of this activity, please get in touch with me.

### **Lunchtime/After School Clubs**

P5/6 After School Basketball – This activity has now concluded. Pupils who attended thoroughly enjoyed the activity and developed their ball skills. Some of these pupils have since attended the Titans Basketball Club at Clyde Valley High School. If your child is keen to continue to attend basketball then please email [info@nititans.com](mailto:info@nititans.com)

Huge thanks to Coach Devin for coming along to Underbank.

### **Pupil Led Football Skills Club for P4**

Thank you to P7 boys - Innis, Joshua and Taylor for leading this club. Our P4 pupils had lots of fun at this club on a Wednesday playtime. Well done boys.

P6/7 Lunchtime Dance – This club commenced last Friday and is currently full. Thank you to Leah from Cherry Dance for leading this club in preparation for the Clydesdale Dance Festival.

P6/7 Lunchtime Running Club – This club commenced yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Drennan, Ms V Harrison (parent) and her daughter Fiona, for offering this opportunity to our P6 & 7 pupils.

Pupil Led P1 Playtime Fun Fitness Club – This club commenced today and is being led by some of our P7 girls – Lexi, Aela, Jorgie, Ava and Annie. Thank you to the girls for organising this for our youngest pupils.

### **ParentsPay live items**

The following payment items are now on ParentPay.

- KUA (Keep Underbank Active)
- P6 & P7 Wiston Lodge

### **Eat Them to Defeat Them**

This commences in our canteen on 19<sup>th</sup> February. During this initiative pupils will be encouraged to try vegetables. Your child has been issued with an Eat Them to Defeat Them Mission Pack today. This encourages your child to join in with eating vegetables at home too. The pack contains a sticker chart and stickers, so that your child can add a sticker to their chart every time they eat some vegetables at home. Thank you for considering taking part in this initiative. If any child fills their chart, then they can bring it back to school and we will give them a mention during an assembly in February.

### **Community Events/Activities**

#### **Scottish Folk Stories – National Museum of Rural Life – 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Join a great friend of Underbank, Allison Galbraith, for traditional Scottish folk tales all about the people and mystical creatures of Scotland. Learn how the master baker of Scotland flummoxed a fairy and enjoy familiar rhymes and songs with a riot of joining-in opportunities.

Sessions - 11:00–11:30, 12:30–13:00 and 14:00–14:30 (sign up on the day)

*If you go along, please say hello to Alison from everyone at Underbank.*

#### **ACE Sessions at Lanark Grammar**

Attached to this email you will find information about two SLLC clubs available for primary school children. (Football – Tuesdays, Games - Thursdays) These clubs are FREE for ACE members.

### **Reminders**

#### **Drinking Water in School**

We would like to encourage all pupils to bring a bottle of water to school each day. Bottles can be refilled in classes. Please ensure that pupils have only water in their bottle.

#### **After School Arrangements**

Please contact the school office before 2:30pm if your child has not to go on the school bus. We have five buses, a Playbarn minibus and a taxi to co-ordinate at 3pm and when children don't arrive to register for their bus at 2:55pm, it holds up all other buses.

Please also bear in mind when asking other parents to collect your child, that we would really appreciate if we could be notified of these arrangements. This is particularly important for our younger children.

### **Covid Reminder**

Although there is no longer a requirement to do a Lateral Flow Test, there is still the need to be vigilant and continue with good hygiene.

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can come back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

### **Lost Property**

We endeavour to ensure that pupils return home from school with all their belongings and can easily do this if items have a child's name on them. If we can't identify who an item belongs to, then we put it into our lost property box in our foyer. Please feel free to pop in and check this box, if your child does misplace any items.

### **Uniform and Belongings**

Children should wear their school uniform and should wear jackets and footwear that are suitable for playing and learning outdoors. Children will change into indoor shoes on entering the building each day. If going outdoors for PE, then our children will wear the outdoor shoes they are wearing to school on their PE days.

***Please ensure all items of clothing, footwear, packed lunches, snack tubs etc. are all clearly labelled with your child's name.***

### **School Uniform Bank**

Don't forget to email our Used Uniform Co-ordinator, Mrs Stewart, should you require any items of school uniform throughout the school year. All items are in a good condition, and we encourage all families to use our bank in keeping with our Eco status.

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

If you have any item(s) that your child has outgrown, please contact Mrs Stewart directly to arrange collection.

### **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:

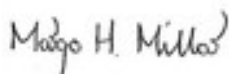
[gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk)

Please be aware that our school office is not 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.

***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)

12 Feb – Holiday  
13 Feb – Holiday  
14 Feb – In-service day (no pupils in school)  
15 Feb – P5 Swimming Wk10  
15 Feb - Forest School Sessions (P6 and Rm3 P3&4 pupils)  
16 Feb – Lunchtime Dance Club Wk 3  
22 Feb – P5 Swimming Wk 11  
22 Feb - Forest School Sessions (P6 and Rm3 P3&4 pupils)  
23 Feb – Lunchtime Dance Club Wk 4  
29 Feb – P5 Swimming Final week  
29 Feb - Forest School Sessions (P6 and Rm3 P3&4 pupils) – Final Week  
**29 Feb – P5-7 After School Girls’ Football Wk1**  
29 Feb – PC Meeting at 6:30pm  
7 Mar – Football Tournament (selected pupils)  
**7 Mar – P5-7 After School Girls’ Football Wk2**  
**7 Mar – Themed Lunch in the Cafeteria for World Book Day – More info to follow**  
13 Mar – Cross Country at Lanark Racecourse (selected pupils)  
**14 Mar – P5-7 After School Girls’ Football Final Wk**  
**14 Mar – P5/6/7 Production (afternoon)**  
**15 Mar – P5/6/7 Production (morning)**  
21 Mar – P7 Enterprise Challenge at LGS (more info to follow)  
21 Mar – Parent Consultations  
22 Mar – Fun5z Netball (Selected pupils)  
27 Mar – Clydesdale Dance Festival  
28 Mar – School Closes at 2:30pm  
15 April – School re-opens 9am