

Underbank Primary **Update 17 – 24 May 2024**



Welcome to our final Update for May. There are only 21 more school days until the summer break. This busy final term is passing so quickly!

Please remember that all schools discourage term time holidays and so I would encourage families to have their children in school every day, unless their child is unwell. The negative impact of school absence is well researched and impacts on your children's attainment.

Pupils' Body Sprays and Spray Deodorants

Please refrain from allowing pupils to bring body sprays and spray deodorants to school. We have had one child who has had an allergic reaction to a spray and these sprays can impact negatively on pupils with asthma. Our senior pupils have been notified of this.

Thank you for supporting us to ensure that our pupils do not bring these products to school.

Smile a While Sponsored Walk

As you already know, our Pupil Council have organised a sponsored walk around Crossford on the afternoon of Tuesday, 4th June. We are aiming to spread a little kindness and make people smile when we are out on our community walk. As part of this, all learners have created their own 'Be Kind' poster provided by the 52 Lives School of Kindness Charity. Look out for your child's personalised poster in their bag today and we would ask, no matter where you live, that they display their poster proudly in a front facing window to spread kindness and cheer to those passing.

Posters will be displayed in local businesses and across the community. We have attached the poster template for any siblings who would like to take part by colouring and displaying their own poster.

Thank you to those parents who have already responded to our request for parent helpers for our sponsored walk. We will be looking for a few more parent helpers to

walk with the children. If you are able to help, please telephone the school office.

Instrumental Music Showcase – 4th June at 9.30am

We have only had one parent express an interest in attending this showcase on 4th June. Last year the parents who attended thoroughly enjoyed this, and our music tutors and pupils have put lots of work into planning and preparing for the event. If your child is one of our drumming, violin or brass learners, please show your support by coming along.

This showcase is open to all parents, so please come along if you can.

Lanark & Carluke Gazette School Leavers' Souvenir Edition - 5 June

Don't forget to order your P7 Souvenir edition. All information regarding this has been sent in an email to P7 parents. The deadline for orders is 26th May at 11am.

Room 4 visit to Stirling Castle

On Wednesday 15th May we went to Stirling Castle as part of our Medieval Times topic in class. When we arrived, we were directed to go to Queen Anne's Garden where we were met by a Jester. The Jester introduced himself to us, he was called John. He explained how our visit to the Castle would go but did this in riddles and we had to work out where we were going and what we were going to do. He nominated us (Ellie and Eva) to be the group leaders and we were to be at the front of the line all the time. John the Jester called us Bob 1 and Bob 2 and shouted commands to us!

To get to the Main Hall, we had to pass through the café, which had a great smell of pizza! In the Main Hall, John the Jester told us all about the huge wooden roof and we learned that the roof did not contain any nails as it was held up entirely by wooden pegs. We also learned how the name 'Lion's den' came about. This was because, back in medieval times, Rulers would give other Kings a lion as a gift and the King would keep the lion in his courtyard.

Finally John the Jester showed us some medieval toys that would have been played with by children in medieval times. He also did a bit of juggling, which was great fun to watch. We all then got the opportunity to try juggling.

We had a great day and learned so much!

Reported by Eva Martin, P6 and Ellie Gray, P6

Room 4 Showcase of Learning – 12th June

Room 4 would like to invite their parents to their class showcase about Medieval Times on 12th June at 1.30pm. Please email the school office to reserve a seat at the event.

Room 2 Sustainability - Help us to save our planet

As part of Room 2's work on sustainability, a parent gifted them a rowan tree for our school grounds. The class will be looking out for the tiny 5 pointed star or pentagram on each of the berries and look forward to seeing the birds feast on them. Thank you to Mr J Gibson for this kind gift linking to the children's learning.

Room 2 will be sharing their learning with their parents on 29th May at 9.30am.

If Room 2 parents are able to attend, please email the office by Monday 27th at 3pm, to let us know how many seats you would like. This will allow us to quickly set up after Breakfast Club. Thank you to those families who have already expressed an interest in attending.

Crochet Club

This club have been crocheting with Mrs Hamilton (Ellie and Finlay's gran). Their hope is to create a blanket for our 'Cosy Corner' nurture space. Well done to Mrs Hamilton and the pupils involved. We can't wait to see the finished blanket.

Instrumental Music Service Primary Play Day

Some of our senior pupils who have instrumental tuition hugely enjoyed this event and performing with a large orchestra. We have shared some of the photos taken at the event on our Twitter account. Please have a look. Thank you to our tutors for helping to organise this day and to the parents who went along to enjoy the concert.

"When I first arrived at Hamilton Town House, we were all put into different groups to practise - trumpet, flute, saxophone, violin and cello. I felt so excited and happy to be taking part. My group played "We are the Champions" and "Beethoven's 9th Symphony".

Alasdair Smith, P6

"I got on really well at the showcase. We practised our pieces for two hours and it was lots of fun. We did a 'dress rehearsal' before our actual show to the audience. I played "African Adventure" and "Apollo Fanfare".

Keir Campbell P7

"I was on drums and also played the same two pieces as Keir, "African Adventure" and "Apollo

Fanfare". I enjoyed seeing my mum and my brother in the audience."

Heather Record, P7.

"The concert was brilliant, I think there were over 100 players in the concert band, a string orchestra of over 60, plus 40 singers in a choir. They clearly had worked super hard during the day to rehearse and perform six pieces to family and friends by the end of the day. For many of the children, this was their first opportunity to play in a "proper" orchestra or band, and they were excellent. The strings played some epic Beethoven and the percussionists in the concert band even had a wee dance mid performance! Well done to all the children and the music teachers too, they all clearly enjoyed themselves and should be super proud!" ***P7 Parent***

Clydesdale Track & Field Event

Well done to all of the seniors who participated in this event at John Cumming Stadium last week. Congratulations to the pupils who have qualified for the SLC Track & Field Event on 13th June. We will keep you posted on how well they do there.

Qualifiers:

P6 Boys 600m - William McKerral and Robbie Marshall

P6 Girls 600m - Iona Cameron

P7 Boys 600m - Keir Campbell

P6 Girls 100m - Sky Findlay

P7 Boys 100m - Tom Fraser

P7 Girls 100m - Aela Simpson

P7 Girls Javelin - Lexi Coll

P6 Boys Long Jump - William McKerral

A huge thanks to Vicky Harrison and her daughter Fiona who helped to prepare our pupils for each of the events.

Statutory Transport Consultation Outcome Report

The council has produced their outcome report following the statutory consultation on the proposal to alter the qualifying distance for free secondary school mainstream transport to those living over 3 miles from their catchment secondary school. (current entitlement is more than 2 miles).

The report will be available to view by the close of business on Friday 24 May 2024 [Secondary school transport - consultation - South Lanarkshire Council](#).

The next step is that the consultation outcome report will be submitted to the council's Executive Committee for decision on 26 June 2024.

Room 3 - Clyde Valley Family Park Photographs

These have now been emailed directly to parents by Jenni at the Family Park. Please check your emails. The link will expire next Thursday 30th May.

August P1 Transition Days

We are all looking forward to seeing our Aug P1 pupils on Tuesday 28th May and Tuesday 11th June. Our P6 pupils were informed of their own P1 buddy friend today during assembly. They are all super excited to meet the P1 that they will befriend next session.

Room 1 Forest School

This was the final week of Forest School for our Room 1 pupils. A huge thank you to Mrs Drennan, Miss Dickson and Mrs Deards (Parent Helper) for leading this activity. The children thoroughly enjoyed their four week block.

Please have a look on our school X account, formerly Twitter, where you will see some fabulous photos.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs on at present or starting shortly

- P6/7 Crochet Club with Mrs Hamilton (1 week remaining – Fri 31st)
- P3 After school STEM Club (2 weeks remaining – 27th and 3rd)
- P2/3 After School Games Club (starts on 4th June for 2 weeks)
- P5/6/7 After school girls football club (starts 3rd June for 3 weeks)
- P4 Fresh Air Club – (2 weeks remaining – 27th and 3rd)

Please don't forget to make a small contribution to our KUA fund on ParentsPay, as all money donated goes towards buses for the various sporting events throughout the school year, including the transport needed for our sports day in June.

ParentsPay Live Items

The following payment items are now on ParentPay.

- KUA (Keep Underbank Active)
- Smile - a - White sponsored walk (closing date for all donations – 21/6/24)

Parentsportal Live Items

The following items are now live on Parentsportal. Please complete the form on Parentsportal if you haven't already done so.

- P2/3 After School Games Club
- P5/6/7 Girls Football Club

- P7 Go – Ape, Dalkeith.
- Whole school Sports Day.

Fairtrade Committee

Don't forget that our Fairtrade and Rights Committee are planning to hold a Fairtrade Coffee and Chat event for all parents on 31st May at 2pm. They would like to invite all parents along for a Fairtrade cup of tea/coffee and a treat.

Clothing Bank Fundraising

As you may be aware, our Clothing Bank in the car park was recently emptied. The school has received £39.00 into school funds for this. Thank you to everyone who adds their unwanted clothing/household items etc to the clothing bank. As soon as we have a date of the next collection, we will let you know.

Community Events/Activities

Have your say on a new free to use Pump Track in Lanark

A new free cycle track is proposed in Lanark for wheeled sports enthusiasts of all ages and abilities, and the group behind it is seeking the public's feedback and support.

Local charity, Ride Community Development Lanark (RCDL), is behind the bid to bring a new pump track facility to the town, providing a free to use facility for wheeled sports users of all ages and abilities. They are keen to engage with the local community to determine the level of interest, potential use, and preferences for location for the track. The three options for siting the track are near Lanark Loch, the Equestrian Centre or the racecourse site.

To help in form the project, they are looking for any many people as possible to complete the survey below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lanarkpumtrack>

This will help to inform the location, design, and running of the track, as well as support key funding applications.

Strathaven Park Miniature Railway Rides

Strathaven Model Society Ltd operates the miniature railway in Strathaven Park in South Lanarkshire. This is now the oldest continuously running miniature railway in Scotland, with passenger hauling trains running from 14th May 1949.

They are open from 11am - 4.30pm each Saturday and Sunday. £1 per passenger. Visit their website for more information.

Grace and Elegance at Harvest Church, Hamilton – 1st June 11am-2pm

This ECO themed event showcasing fashion for women and children, to select, swap or donate.

Reminders

P7s Fun Playtime – 31st May

Our P7 pupils will have a variety of stalls and activities around the playground for pupils to participate in. All money raised at this event will help to fund the P7 Big Day Out at the end of term. Some of the activities on offer are:-

- Treat Day Stall – Biscuits/cakes
- Sponge the P7s
- Face painting
- Bracelets
- Hair Braiding
- Glitter or temporary tattoos
- Beat the goalie
- Tombola (party bag filler type items e.g. bouncy balls, notepads, novelty sharpeners, novelty pencils etc)

These activities will have a small charge of between 50p and £1.

Nail Bar – 1 coat £1
1 coat & glitter finish - £1.50

The following **FREE** activities will be run by the P6 pupils:

- Obstacle course
- Guess the P7 from their baby photo
- Karaoke
- Design a pebble

If your child has any allergies or you do not wish him/her to take part in certain activities, please notify the school office.

Our Primary 7 pupils are also looking for items for their tombola stall and items of home baking for their bake sale. Please hand in all homebaking on the morning of **31st May**. No products with nuts please.

Birthday Treats - Health Promoting School

As parents may be aware, we are not allowed to distribute birthday cakes in school due to allergies etc. Following on from this, parents are now sending in large bags of funsize sweets, chocolate bars and packets of Haribo etc. We are a health promoting school and as such, we do not encourage the eating of snacks that do

not fall into the 'healthy snack' category in school.

Children's birthdays are always marked and celebrated in class and at our weekly assemblies. Children get to choose a treat from the 'Birthday Box' therefore, I would really appreciate if parents could refrain from sending in treats to be handed out at 3pm. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Uniform

We allow pupils to wear their leggings, joggers to school on their PE days. On all other days of the school week they should wear their uniform and **not** leggings/joggers.

Chewing Gum in School

We do not allow chewing gum in school, at any time, and would appreciate if you could ensure that your child does not bring this into the school.

After School Arrangements

Please contact the school office before 2:30pm if your child has not to go on the school bus.

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.

Lost Property – Please label

We endeavour to ensure that pupils return home from school with all of 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 that 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

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.

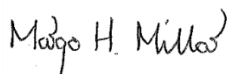
Please email:

gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

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)

27 May P3 After School STEM Club – Week 3
27 May – P4 Fresh Air Club – Week 2
28 May - P7 LGS After School Multi Sports Club (Final week)
28 May – Aug P1 Transition Event – 1.15pm
29 May – Room 2 Showcase at 9.30am
30 May – Girls' Football Festival at Lanark Racecourse – 3.30 – 5pm
31 May – P7 Fun Playtime
31 May - P6 & 7 Lunch Time Crochet Club (Final)
31 May – Fairtrade Committee Coffee & Chat for all parents – 2pm
3 – 5 June – Health and Wellbeing Week
(Pupils to wear gym clothes each day – No football colours)
3 June – Water Safety Sessions in school
3 June – Popinjay Cup (Selected pupils)
3 June – P3 After School STEM Club (Final)

3 June – P4 Fresh Air Club – Week 2
3 June – P5,6,7 Girls' After School Football
4 June – Instrumentalists Showcase for all parents – 9.30am
4 June – SLC Pupil Award Ceremony (TBC)
4 June – Go Fresh Gang Sports Day lunch served in our cafeteria
4 June – Smile-a-while-sponsored walk. (More information to follow)
4 June – P2-3 After School Games Club
5 June – Sports Day at John Cumming Stadium
6 June – Coffee & Chat in village hall for the community
6 June – Lanimer Holiday
7 June – Lanimer Holiday
10 June – P5,6,7 Girls' After School Football
11 June – Aug P1 Transition Event – 10 – 11.45am
11 June – P7 Transition Visit Day at LGS
11 June - P2-3 After School Games Club (Final)
12 June – P7 Transition Visit Day at LGS
12 June – Room 4 Showcase Event – Medieval Times – 1:30pm
13 June – SLC Track & Field Event (Qualifiers only)
14 June - P7 Leavers' Celebration for parents
17 June - P5,6,7 Girls' After School Football (Final)
19 June – SAMH Workshop on Managing my Wellbeing for P5-7 pupils
21 June – Proposed Summer Celebration in Crossford Church – 10am
24 June – P7 Leavers' Treat Day to Go-Ape
26 June – School closes at 1pm