

Underbank Primary

Update 18 – 14 June 2024



We are just over a week away from our last day of this school year. Your children, their motivation and their love of learning have ensured that the staff team have many happy memories of the activities and achievements of our pupils over this session.

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

At this time, we have 12 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. We also have one family awaiting the outcome of a placing request appeal.

Currently our planned classes are:

P1/2

P2/3

P4/5

P5/6

P6/7

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

I will shortly be emailing out your child's class group, once these are finalised.

P7 Leavers' Assembly

Thank you to all parents and family members who came along to our P7 leavers' assembly this 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 Catchphrase.

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

P7 Fun Playtime

Our P7 pupils raised the amazing sum of £446.72 at their recent fun playtime. This money will go towards the cost of their day out at Go-Ape on Monday 24th June. The school will make

up the difference in cost. I am sure that the children will have an amazing day out.

Summer Celebration - Friday 21st at 10am

Our Summer Celebration is due to take place on Friday morning in Crossford Church. All of our children will be participating on that morning. Awards gained will be celebrated including our Stars of the Year, our P1 pupils will be awarded a book for completing their P1 year, our P7 pupils will be gifted their Yearbook on behalf of the PFA and we will be singing to celebrate what has been a fabulous year. A huge thank you to Mrs Baxter for all of 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.

We hope that you are able to come along to join with us on that morning.

I would ask that all pupils wear their school uniform, a waterproof jacket with a hood (just in case!) and comfortable walking shoes.

We are looking for helpers to walk with us to church. If you have the time to do this, then please email the school office to give your name.

CONGRATULATIONS - UK Award for Underbank

Over the session our Pupil Council representatives have linked with a UK based charity called 52 Lives. Our Pupil Council group have worked hard to promote a culture of kindness in school and more recently throughout our community with our kindness posters. Today we were joined by two representatives from 52 Lives, who travelled from London to Glasgow and then on to Crossford, to announce that Underbank Primary is the UK winner in the Kind School category of the National Kindness Awards 2024.

We are delighted to have been recognised for our work in promoting a culture of kindness for pupils and staff.

Sports Day

Thank you to all who came along to sports day to support our children on what was a rather chilly morning. The experience of visiting John Cumming Stadium is always hugely enjoyed by our pupils. Thank you also to our PFA group who sold refreshments on the day to add to their funds. I know that many of you were delighted to have a warm cuppa and a sweet treat!

Room 2 Showcase

Room 2 had a fabulous time showcasing their learning on sustainability. Thank you to all who joined us on that morning. The children's shadow puppet skills were outstanding.

Room 4 Showcase

Thank you to all who came along to support Room 4 with their Showcase of Learning on Wednesday. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Medieval topic and visit to Stirling Castle. They were able to show lots of their learning and even spotted some parents having a go at the diablos and juggling.

Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card and the Educational Institute of Scotland have been working together to celebrate and continue the important work of anti-racism in schools. As part of this, Underbank pupils responsible for creating artwork for this event, were invited to the Anti-racism Creative Showcase on Monday 10th June, held in St. Mungo's Museum, Glasgow. Pupils from Underbank joined with schools from across Scotland to take part in a day of activities which included sharing messages of positivity on a 'Wall of Solidarity' and joining with the TMRW Dance Crew.

"It was good because you could see all the other schools and people's work." Ayanda, Primary 5.

"It was good seeing Room 1's art on the big display board with everyone else's." Taylor, Primary 2.

"My favourite bit was the TMRW Dance Crew." Fergus, Primary 2.

SLC Track & Field Event

Eight of our senior pupils attended the South Lanarkshire Council Track & Field Event at John Cumming Stadium yesterday. Each of the pupils had qualified after the Clydesdale heats earlier this term. Well done to:

Iona Cameron - P6

Sky Findlay - P6

Robbie Marshal - P6

William McKerral - P6

Keir Campbell - P7

Lexi Coll - P7

Tom Fraser - P7

Aela Simpson - P7

At the event our pupils performed well and showed great sportsmanship, but didn't return with any medals.

Two Transition Days to Lanark Grammar

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week we had our two day transition visit to Lanark

Grammar. When we first arrived we were given our House groups and our timetables which we had to follow. We were taken to our first class by our Year 6 buddies. My first subject (HD) was Geography, and the teacher was called Mr Smith. My first subject (JM) was French with Miss Ferguson. I think we are really going to enjoy Lanark Grammar. We are all looking forward to going to Secondary School in August. ***Reported by Joshua and Heather Davidson, both P7.***

Instrumental Music Showcase

What a fabulous turnout to our Instrumental Music Showcase on Tuesday 4th June. The children, as always, excelled themselves. Here are a few comments from parents, which we have shared with our musicians and with their tutors, Mr Michael, Mrs Robertson and Mr Calder.

"I was delighted to be able to attend this morning's Musical Showcase and really wanted to thank you and say just how much I enjoyed all of the children's performances. Their concentration, commitment, and joy in music was clear for all to see. I am continually blown away by the talents and confidence of Underbank children, and this is absolutely related to the high quality education they receive."

"A brilliant wee performance and great to hear the P4s having a go too, it's lovely to see them involved and hopefully coming through the ranks too! Nice, varied music choice as well. Everyone was super but a special shout out to Keir whose wee solo was excellent."

"What an amazing performance showcasing the talent and hard work of all the pupils involved. Thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the brass, string and percussion performances. Every child who performed displayed such confidence and enthusiasm and their musical skills were of such a high level. Thank you so much to the LGS staff for all their efforts and to the Underbank team for inviting us along to witness such great performances. Superstars in the making!"

"I was so impressed by the musical showcase - the quality of the performances was outstanding! It was lovely to see how well the young people play, and it has given my child a real boost of confidence in their ability. Very grateful to the tutors for their time, patience and enthusiasm with the kids. You can see how much they all enjoyed playing especially in the group samba performance at the end, which was just brilliant - I wanted to join in too!"

“Thanks so much for a lovely morning of music, which cheered up a miserable day! Was super impressed by the music produced at the showcase by the talented pupils and good to hear the finished pieces after snippets at home during practise! Thanks to the tutors for their hard work with the children and it was clear to see that they have built up a great relationship with their pupils!”

School Meals Accounts

Just a gentle reminder, as we are fast approaching the end of term, all school meals accounts should be paid in full or in credit.

Could P7 parents try to clear any credit balances they have on ParentPay as these balances do not automatically transfer to Lanark Grammar

Lanark & Carlisle Gazette School Leavers' Souvenir Edition

All orders of this special edition were distributed on Wednesday of last week.

August P1 Transition Days

Our August P1 children joined us for their final transition day on Tuesday 11th June. They met with their buddies and joined in some activities with our current P1 children.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs on at present or starting shortly

- P5/6/7 After school girls football club (final week Monday 17th June)

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)

Smile a While Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all parents who have added their donations to ParentsPay for our Smile a While Sponsored Walk. If you haven't already done so, please send in your child's yellow sponsor form and add the sponsor money to ParentsPay. We will email out the total amount raised after the deadline date of 21st June.

KUA (Keep Underbank Active Fund)

We will shortly be archiving our KUA for this school year. At this time we have raised the fabulous sum of £937.00. This has helped go towards the costs of some of the sporting events that we participate in. Without this fund and the money it raises, there are quite a number of events that we simply would not be able to participate in due to transport costs.

If you are still to contribute to this fund, please do so as soon as possible.

P7 Finale – 26th June

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 26th June 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. We hope that we can share the footage of this with all families via Twitter.

If you do not wish your child filmed at this 'final exit of primary school', please get in touch no later than 3pm on Friday 21st June.

Reminders

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.

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.

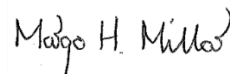
Please email:

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)

17 June - P5,6,7 Girls' After School Football (Final)

19 June – SAMH Workshop on Managing my Wellbeing for P5-7 pupils

21 June – Summer Celebration in Crossford Church – 10am

24 June – P7 Leavers' Treat Day to Go-Ape

26 June – School closes at 1pm

First Week Back dates

12th Aug - Staff in-service day (no pupils in school)

13th Aug - Staff in-service day (no pupils in school)

14th Aug – All pupils return to school. P1 delayed start – 9:30am and collection at 2.45pm on this first day