

Underbank Primary

Update 10 - 10th January



Welcome back to all of our families. Our first day did not get off to the best of starts but after one week we are all back into our routine and the building is warm and cosy once more.

I hope that everyone had a lovely break with family and friends and that 2025 can be a great year for all in our school community.

Staffing at Underbank

I'm delighted to report that our Team Leader post has now been filled on a permanent basis and would like to welcome Mrs Jackson to our team. She has very ably covered this post over the last few months. Congratulations Mrs Jackson.

Mrs Donnelly will return to school next week. Thank you to Mrs Drennan and Mrs Shilliday for ensuring our P1/2 class were well looked after. Mrs Bond is currently absent due to family circumstances. P4/5 have been well supported by Miss Dickson and Miss Johnstone. We hope to have Mrs Bond back with us sometime soon. We continue to miss our support assistant, Miss Stewart, in school. We have welcomed Miss Robertson back to cover this role.

Enrolment for August 2025

This week is enrolment week across SLC. If you know of any families with a child who is due to start school in August 2025, please remind them to complete their child's enrolment via the SLC website.

SLC Road Safety Calendar Competition

Our pupils entered this competition earlier in the session. Congratulations to the following pupils who received Highly Commended certificated for their entry. SLC received over 2000 entries.

P2 - Olive Cook

P4 - Holly Findlay

P4 - Cora Ram

P7 - Lucy Lennox

Huge congratulations girls!

Scottish Celebration

Our annual Scottish poetry competition and Scottish celebration of learning will take place at 0945hrs on Wednesday 29th January. This involves all classes and the children are working hard on their poems and class presentations.

On this day we encourage our pupils to wear something tartan. This can be tartan items of clothing or a scarf, ribbon etc.

Parents and carers are encouraged to attend so the children can share their learning. Information about tickets will be emailed out next week. As you can appreciate space is limited but we hope to accommodate as many adults as possible.

Flu Immunisation Day

The Flu Immunisation Team have scheduled a catch-up date for any child that missed their flu immunisation last year. This will take place on Wednesday 15th January.

Pupil Water Bottles

Please encourage your child to bring a bottle of water to school each day. Bottles can be refilled in classrooms when needed.

Playtime Snack

We would encourage all families to provide their child with a small, healthy playtime snack for morning break. A piece of fruit would be ideal but for any other type of snack, please remember that we are a nut free school. Any snack items containing nuts will be held in the office and returned to the pupil at 1500hrs

P6/7 Dalquise Residential

Thank you to everyone who has paid the November instalment. The next instalment is due on 31st January.

Reminders

Car Park

Please be extremely cautious as you enter our car park on wintery morning. The road and car park can be very icy.

Lost Property

Our lost property box can be found just inside our main doors. Please pop in to have a look for any items your child has lost.

Please don't forget to put your child's name on all items of clothing, packed lunches, snack boxes etc. This allows us to return lost items easily.

Attendance and Time Keeping

Parents/carers, children and the school all have a part to play in encouraging and stressing the importance of attendance at school. We would ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school and arrives promptly. We would encourage you to have your child in the playground a few minutes before 9am.

Timekeeping is a skill we promote in preparing our pupils for learning, life and work.

Outstanding School Meal Payments

Please check your School Meal balance on ParentPay and clear any outstanding payments when you can.

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 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 2pm every day. This is particularly important if your child is on school transport.

Can we ask that you include your child's full name on all communication to avoid any delay in fulfilling the requests.

School Uniform Bank

Don't forget to make good use of our 'Good as New' Uniform Bank, which is overseen by Mrs Donna Stewart, parent of a former pupil. See the spreadsheet attached to this email.

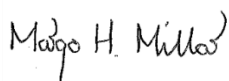
Please email Mrs Stewart direct at

upsuniformbank@gmail.com

if you wish any items or if you have any items for the uniform bank.

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)

15 Jan – Catch up day for anyone who missed their flu immunisation

16 Jan – P5 swimming resumes

20 Jan – P1 & P7 Dental Inspections

29 Jan – Scottish Morning @ 09.45hrs

30 Jan – PFA meeting @ 1830hrs

30 Jan – Parent Council meeting @ 1830hrs

31 Jan – Dalguise Instalment due

4 Feb – P6 & 7 Cross Country Club begins (lunchtime)

7 Feb - Health and Wellbeing Workshop for P5-7

12 Feb – P7 Team to Rotary Quiz (More information to follow for selected team)

17 & 18 Feb – Holidays

19 Feb – Inservice Day (No pupils)

21 Feb – P7 visit from Lanark Grammar staff member

14 Mar – P7 to LGS for Enterprise Challenge

19 Mar – Clydesdale Cross Country Event (Selected pupils)

20 Mar – Parent Consultations

2 April – Wear Blue for Autism Awareness Day

4 April – School closes for Spring Break

22 April – P7 visit from Lanark Grammar staff member

Dates of P5-7 Easter Show and Spring

Celebration will all be advised in due course