

# **Underbank Primary**

## **Update 13 – 28th February**



I hope that all families enjoyed the February holiday weekend break. This term is the longest of the session and we still have five busy weeks till Spring Break!

### **Lanark Grammar Visitor for P7**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Mrs Lynn Macauley, from LGS came to Underbank to introduce herself to our P7 children and to share some information about Lanark Grammar. The pupils also got the opportunity to ask her questions about the building, the timetable, Houses, lunches etc.

Our P7 pupils have also started their Transition Mission lessons. These are lessons designed to introduce P7 pupils to the Faculties of LGS.

### **Scottish Garden Festival – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Priory Bridge Landscaping invited our school and Cairns Primary School to design a garden that the company could recreate at The Garden Festival on 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May, at Hamilton Racecourse.

I am delighted to share that one of our Underbank entries has been selected as the overall winner. The winning design was created by Eva Martin (P7) and Lucy Lennox (P7). The girls' design is called 'A Garden of Peace'. Congratulations girls!

Priory Bridge now plan to meet with the girls to talk over their design so that they can start to plan for The Scottish Garden Festival.

### **Electronic devices – Smart watches**

We are noticing that some pupils are bringing devices to school which can take photographs. They are then taking photos of pupils. We request that these devices remain at home.

### **Lunch Time Cherry Dance Club – P5-7**

This group of pupils have started to prepare for the Clydesdale Dance Festival which will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Lanark Memorial Hall. Leah from Cherry Dance Academy and Miss Robertson will continue to work with our pupils over the coming weeks to be ready for their performance.

Tickets for the festival went on sale on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and demand is very high!

### **P5-7 After School Girls' Football**

This club is held in our MUGA or in the gym hall if the weather isn't great. Derek Howitt, our Active Schools Coordinator leads this club with two of his Active Schools students, Lisa and Rachel.

A few P7 girls from Carmichael Primary are joining our pupils for this club so that they can improve their skills but, also get to know some of the girls they will meet at Lanark Grammar in August.

Thank you to our girls for being so welcoming.

### **Girls' Football Festival**

P6 and P7 girls were invited along to Lanark Grammar for a Football Festival last night, 9 girls from Underbank attended. Events such as this allow our pupils to meet with others from across Lanark Learning Community.

*"I was delighted to be announced as Overall Best Player of the Festival. The club is great fun and it has been an amazing end to my week!"*  
Lucy (P7)

*"It is great fun and I really liked meeting all of the girls. Ellie, Nova and I had 3 girls from other schools in our team. They were really nice."*  
Skye C (P5)

### **Lunch Time Cross Country Club**

Our cross-country training sessions continue, led by Vicky Harrison and Fiona Currie. Pupils are preparing for the Clydesdale Cross Country event on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Last P5 Swimming Lesson**

This week our P5 pupils had their last swimming lesson at Lanark Pool. Over the block they have increased their skills and had great fun.

Thank you to Miss Fleming, and the helpers who have assisted with supervision. We hugely appreciate your help.

*"I liked how every week was different and you got to do new things."* Sophie (P5)

*"I liked swimming in the deep end."* Farhan (P5)

### **Autism Awareness Day**

Autism Awareness Day is on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and pupils are encouraged to wear blue. This could be a piece of clothing, hairband or scarf – you decide. Please see attached poster.

### **Parent Consultation Booking System**

We plan to open our parent consultation booking system next week. Please look out for this going 'live'.

### **Book Fair – 20<sup>th</sup> March**

During our parent consultation we will have a Book Fair. All books at the fair will have a special offer price of £2.50.

All classes will have the opportunity to visit the fair prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> and books will be available to buy during parent consultations. **Only cash will be accepted.**

We will not have our stationery stall available.

### **Easter Show – P5-7**

Our P5-7 pupils are busy rehearsing for their Easter Show, Resurrection Rock. The performance will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 0945hrs. We will allocate 2 tickets per family initially. Look out for an email with further information next week.

We do not plan to charge for seats but our pupils will make a programme which will be available for a donation on entry.

### **Attachment Network and Accreditation**

Throughout the session, we have continued to engage with South Lanarkshire Council's Psychological Services Attachment Informed – Trauma Sensitive Accreditation Scheme. To date we have gained accreditation for four of the six pledges:

- Recognise behaviour as communication
- Act to make a difference
- See the whole person
- Hear the voice

This week, we have submitted evidence for our fifth pledge, Respond with Compassion.

Last Friday, I met with a SLC Development Officer to share our journey and good practice so far.

After school yesterday, we hosted the Attachment Network for Clydesdale and welcomed teachers from as far away as Leadhills Primary School.

### **Water Only**

We encourage pupils to bring a refillable bottle of drinking water to school each day. Please do not fill bottles with juice.

### **South Lanarkshire Instrumental Music Service**

The South Lanarkshire Instrumental Music Service have a selection of events that you may wish to consider attending. To arrange tickets,

please contact individual venues. Please see details below:-

- **South Lanarkshire Schools' Big Band Concert featuring the South Lanarkshire Schools' Choir** – Thursday, 6 March – Rutherglen Town Hall – 7pm
- **South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society Spring Concert** – Monday, 24 March - Hamilton Town House – 7.30pm
- **South Lanarkshire Council Young Musician of the Year** – Wednesday, 2 April – Low Parks Museum – 1pm

### **PFA News**

#### **Spring Fling**

Save the Date - Our PFA plan to hold their "Spring Fling" on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm – 4pm. Teas, coffees, tombola, raffle and much more! Look out for further information.

### **Community News**

#### **Village Coffee and Chat Group**

The Coffee and Chat will have their next gathering on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please share this with anyone in the village that you feel may enjoy being part of the group.

#### **Letting the Village Hall**

A community group have now taken over the management of the village hall. To check availability, should you wish to book the hall, please contact Jonathon Gibson via the email: [crossfordhall@gmail.com](mailto:crossfordhall@gmail.com)

#### **Clydesdale in Conversation (CLiC)**

**from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership, and their local partners, are offering 1:1 advice about a range of health and social care topics in Clydesdale. See the poster attached for information on services and partners attending.

#### **Volunteer Festival at St Mary's Clubrooms, Lanark – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 11am-2pm**

Clydesdale Community Initiatives are proud to organise and host this Volunteer Festival at St Mary's Clubrooms, Lanark. A variety of Charities and Organisations will be in attendance and will be showcasing their volunteer opportunities - perfect for anyone looking to contribute their time and skills to come along and find the right place for them. Where possible, "taster" sessions of each organisation's work will be showcased, to allow for a hands-on experience.

## Reminders

### Forest School – Room 3 & 4

Room 3 and 4 Forest School sessions will continue for one more week on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please ensure that your child is dressed for all that the Scottish weather can throw at them. We recommend children wear layers.

Mrs Stewart, our uniform bank organiser, does have some waterproofs etc available. Please contact her via her uniform bank email address if you would like to access items.

### School Enquiries

In order that all communication is dealt with as swiftly as possible, can we kindly ask that you include your child's full name. **This is especially important when the name on the email address does not correspond to the child's surname.**

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

### Car Park

Our car park is a one way system. Please adhere to this.

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

Our car park is very busy, and the spaces are quite tight so please take care opening car doors.

We would ask that everyone using our car park is always courteous to others.

### Lost Property – See attachment

#### **Our lost property box is filling up!**

This 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.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Millar should you wish some support or advice.

### School Uniform Bank

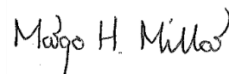
Don't forget to make good use of our 'Good as New' Uniform Bank, which is overseen by Mrs Donna Stewart, parent of a former pupil.

Please email Mrs Stewart direct at [upsuniformbank@gmail.com](mailto: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)

28 Feb – Dalguise payment due (P6/7)

28 Feb – P7 Leavers' Hoodie payment due

28 Feb – After School P5-7 Girls' Football

3 Mar – Forest School – Room 3 and 4 (Final session)

4 Mar - P6 & 7 Cross Country Club

4 Mar – Circle Dance After School Club

6 Mar – World Book Day

6 Mar – Football Festival

7 Mar – Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7

11 Mar – P6 & 7 Cross Country Club (Final session)

11 Mar – Circle Dance After School Club  
14 Mar – P7 to LGS for Enterprise Challenge  
14 Mar - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7  
14 Mar – After School Football – P6/7  
19 Mar – Clydesdale Cross Country Event  
(Selected pupils)  
20 Mar – Parent Consultations and Book Fair  
21 Mar - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7  
20 Mar – School Book Fair (All books £2.50 –  
cash only)  
21 Mar – After School Football – P6/7 (Final  
session)  
25 Mar - Cherry Dance Lunch Club P5-7  
(Final Session)  
25 Mar – Circle Dance After School Club  
**27 Mar – P5-7 Resurrection Rock at 0945hrs**  
28 Mar – Fun5z Netball Festival  
28 Mar – After School Football Festival at  
Lanark Grammar – P6/7  
**28 Mar – PFA SPRING FLING – 2-4pm**  
31 March – Dalguise final payment due (P6/7)  
2 April – Wear Blue for Autism Awareness Day  
3 April – Provisional Spring Celebration in  
Crossford Church at 10am  
4 April – School closes for Spring Break  
22 April – P7 visit from Lanark Grammar staff  
member  
24 April – PFA Meeting  
28 – 30 April – P6-7 pupils to Dalguise  
1 May – Inservice  
8 May - Parent Council Meeting  
23-25 May – The Garden festival, Hamilton  
Racecourse