

Welcome to our Second Uryside Link newsletter of the term. The children are all beginning to settle into their classes, and they are getting to know their teacher more and vice versa. This term we have been focussing on the UNCRC at whole school assemblies – the rights of the child. To begin with we are looking at non-discrimination and how we should be an inclusive and welcoming school. As we progress through the year, we will be developing this and looking at the other rights and what they mean. They are quite substantial, so we are ensuring they are discussed in age and stage appropriate language and making the connections and links. If you are interested in finding out more about them then you can click on the link below.

[UNCRC Articles Archive - The Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland \(cypcs.org.uk\)](http://cypcs.org.uk)

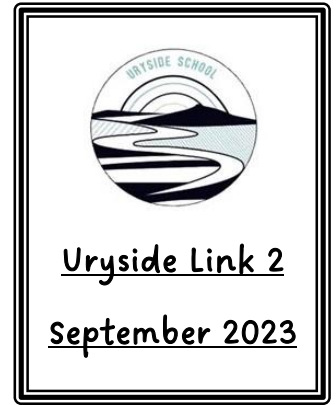
As always, if you have any feedback, questions or queries then please contact the school email address. [Uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

### **Open Afternoon 29<sup>th</sup> September 2-3pm**

We are holding our first Open Afternoon at the end of this month. A chance to come and visit your child's class, see their work and briefly meet their new teacher. This event is billed as a welcome and introduction to your child's new class.

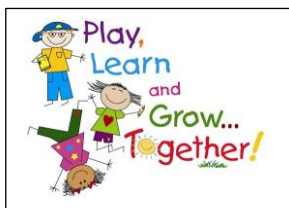
If you are interested in attending, please complete the form below:

[Microsoft Forms](#)



### **Green Area/Primary 1 Update**

The P1 children have all settled well into school and are looking very smart in their school uniforms.



We have been learning the rules and routines and making new friends. Our focus has been on the books 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Colour Monster goes to School'; each morning we use our peg to show the teacher how we feel.

We have started to learn our letters and the sounds they make as well as having a go at writing them. The new play equipment in the playground has been lots of fun as we develop our gross motor and sharing skills.

Later this term we will be focusing on People who Help us, we would love to have some visitors in to talk about their job. If you are willing to come in and speak to the P1 children, please contact the school office.



## **Parents Portal and Flu Vaccinations Update**

We would like to encourage all parents/carers to link their young person with the school on Parentsportal if they haven't already done so. Thanks to those who have.

When you sign up for Parentsportal you will receive your Annual Data Check reminder and the privacy notices relevant to this can be viewed at the links below.



### Publications - Aberdeenshire Council

[Scottish Exchange of Data: privacy Information - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-exchange-of-data-privacy-information-2018-2019/pages/1-1-introduction-to-the-privacy-notice.aspx)

313 Annual Data checks have been issued online to parents/carers

112 still need to be completed; please can you complete asap.

All Reports and Annual Data Checks will now be processed through Parentsportal and we are no longer able to send these home in School Bags. Useful information for parents/carers can be found at the links below:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/parents-portal/>

<https://parentsportal.scot/home/>

When signing up to the portal all information that is entered must match exactly with what the school hold on record and what is used to set up your mygovscotland account to enable a link. Therefore, if you are having trouble linking up please call the School Office on 01467 536800 or email [uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) and we can help you resolve this.

Flu Vaccinations are on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November; all letters must be returned even if you don't want your child to receive it.

## **Google Classrooms**

A reminder that all information and notices for individual classes can be found on our google virtual classrooms. They also contain home learning activities and ideas.

Primary 1 – [All Primary 1](#)

Primary 2 – [All Primary 2](#)

Primary 3 – [All of Primary 3](#)

Primary 4 – [All of P4A, P4B and P3/4](#)

Primary 5 – [P5A and P5B](#)

Primary 6 – [P6](#) and [P6/7](#)

Primary 7 – [P7A](#) and [P7B](#)

## **Mobile Devices Policy and Acceptable Use Policy Update**

As a part of our policy reviews we have made significant changes to our [Mobile Devices Policy](#). The rapid expansion and upgrading of mobile devices and technologies presents both opportunities and challenges for school, particularly over the developments of digital wearable devices. As a school, we have long taken the stance that pupils do not require access to mobile phones when on our campus both in term of safeguarding the pupils and keeping the devices safe. Wearables present a greater challenge and while many offer similar functionality to mobile phones; others can be limited and their functionality controlled by parents. As result, our stance, is if any of these devices are used in ways that infringe upon the [Acceptable Use Policy](#) and/or the Mobile Device policy; sanctions will be put in place that may or may not involve contacting parents and/or the police.



The Policies can be viewed on the links provided and we welcome any thoughts or comments on these whilst they remain at the draft stage. They will remain in consultation until the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **P6 Residential Trip**

We have had a great response to our proposed P6 residential trip to Altnacriche in March 2024. A reminder there is an online parent information event next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, we welcome both parents and P6 pupils to this event. Links have been emailed to all P6 parents, please contact us if you have not received this link. We are unable to record the meeting but will post the presentation on our school website.

## **Uryside Diary Dates overview 2023-24**

### **These are up to date as of 15/09/23**

#### **September**

29<sup>th</sup> September – Open Afternoon – 2pm – 3pm

#### **October**

6<sup>th</sup> October – P6 Community Café and Assembly – **1:45** start for parents and families of P6 pupils

13<sup>th</sup> October – End of Term 1

30<sup>th</sup> October – Term 2 begins

### **November**

1<sup>st</sup> November – Halloween Disco – times tbc

10<sup>th</sup> November – P5 Poppy Community Café and Assembly - 1:30 start for parents and families of P5 pupils

14<sup>th</sup> November – parent/ teacher meetings – 3:30 – 6pm

15<sup>th</sup> November – parent / teacher meetings – 5:30pm – 8pm

16<sup>th</sup> November – INSET – school closed for pupils

17<sup>th</sup> November – INSET – school closed or pupils

21<sup>st</sup> November – Books and Bosies – timings tbc

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Parent Forum – 6:30pm at Uryside and Online

### **December**

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

13<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Nativity – times tbc

14<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Nativity – times tbc

Christmas Lunch and parties tbc

22<sup>nd</sup> December – End of Term 2

### **January**

8<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term 3

25<sup>th</sup> January – P5 Burns Community Café and Assembly – 1:30 start for parents of families of P4 pupils

### **February**

9<sup>th</sup> February – Local holiday – school closed to all

12<sup>th</sup> February – Mid term holiday – school closed to all

13<sup>th</sup> February – INSET – school closed to pupils

14<sup>th</sup> February - INSET - school closed to pupils

21<sup>st</sup> February – Open afternoon – curricular activities – 2pm start

### **March**

Start of reading month for all

7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> March – P3 community café and Assembly – 1:30pm start

20<sup>th</sup> March – P6 Altnacriche Trip

28<sup>th</sup> March – end of term 3

29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday – School closed to everyone

## **April**

15<sup>th</sup> April – Term 4 starts

26<sup>th</sup> April - School reports issued

## **May**

6<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Holiday – school closed to all

10<sup>th</sup> May – P2 Community Café and Assembly – 1:30 start for parents of families of P2 pupils

21<sup>st</sup> May – Provisional Sports Day

28<sup>th</sup> May – reserve sports day

30<sup>th</sup> May - Shorts and Shades Summer Disco

## **June**

3<sup>rd</sup> June – local holiday – school closed to all

7<sup>th</sup> June – Uryside School Community Summer Fayre

17<sup>th</sup> June – Open Afternoon Showcase

26<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Show

27<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Show

## **July**

3<sup>rd</sup> July – Potted Sports (am)

4<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Assembly and P7 awards