



Welcome to Uryside Link newsletter. I can't believe we are at the start of October already – darker nights coming and temperatures are getting lower. Autumn is certainly upon us. We have had a very busy 2 weeks since the last newsletter. There have been visits from the countryside classroom, classes are in full swing with their learning and we had a very successful open afternoon on Friday. It was great to see so many parents and carers in school sharing in their child's learning and getting the opportunity to see their classes and teachers for the first time.



P6 start off our Assemblies and Community Cafes this coming Friday and we look forward to welcoming P6 families, parents and friends. If you haven't already completed the form for attendance, then please do so as soon as you can. It will help us set up and for catering.

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

Industrial Action

Last week saw a change to our usual school week due to the industrial action taken by many support staff across Scotland. This did have an impact on how we could run the school day. Whilst disruption is never good, I would like to thank you all for your efforts in helping make the three days go as smoothly as possible. We value all of our support staff who do a fantastic job and it shows what we can and cannot do without their hard work across the school. We have not had any further information about future possible disruptions but we will keep you posted if and when we hear of anything.



Orange Area/Primary 2 Update

This term Primary 2 have been busy learning new routines and getting to know their new class. We have been learning about farming as our topic. We have learned about the different animals, machines and different types of farms that you get. This week we have been very lucky to have had the Countryside Classroom come to visit us. We got the chance to meet sheep and learn all about them. We even got to find out new pieces of information about what life is like on a farm.



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](#)

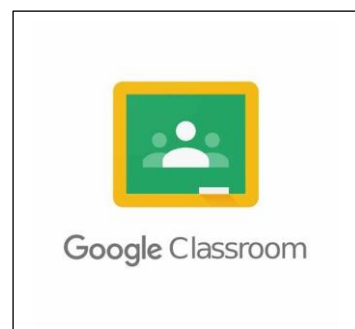
Primary 3 – [All of Primary 3](#)

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](#)



P6 Residential Trip – Payment Information

School is now ready to accept payments for the P6 residential trip to Alltnacriche in March 2024. The total cost is £225.00 and deposits of £65.00 are required by Friday 13th October. Further recommended payment dates

as follows:

Monday 4th December - £80

Monday 5th February - £80

We can accept payments via bank transfer, cash or cheque. More details are on our school website along with guidance on how to apply for travel grants:

<https://uryside.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/alltnacriche>

Reporting to Parents Survey

We are desperately seeking the views of all stakeholders on our methods of reporting pupil's learning, success and attainment. Your views are really important to us and will impact how we proceed in the future. In particular, we are seeking your views and opinions on Learning Journals and our Open afternoons/mornings:

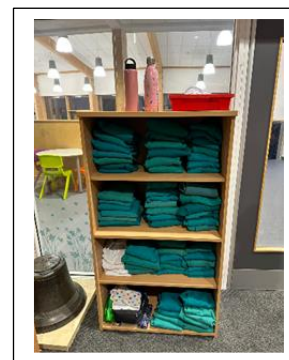
[Microsoft Forms](#)



Lost Property and Well Loved School Uniform

Our lost property station has had a massive tidy-up and re-organisation. A huge thank you to those involved in sorting this out.

We urge all parents to please seek out any lost belongings and name all items of clothing (these are easier for us to return). A reminder we also have our well loved station of school uniform for anyone looking for items, all free to a good home. Also, at the rear of the school we have our clothing recycling bins for all unwanted items. At the end of this term, we will put unclaimed items of lost property into the recycling.



🌿 Cauliflower Card Design Fundraiser for School 🌿

Just a gentle reminder.

If you wish to take part, please can artwork and form be returned to school/class teacher by Monday 2nd October. All orders must be placed online.



The poster features a vibrant background of autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. At the top, the text 'Tattie Holiday FUN 2023' is written in a white, cursive font, with 'FUN 2023' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the dates '16.10.23 – 29.10.23' are displayed. The main title 'Active Schools & ASN/ Disability Multi-Sports Sessions' is centered in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Underneath, it says 'Bookings Open – Monday 2nd October 12noon'. A small note reads: 'Please remember to book using your child's account. Sessions may appear as full when logged in to an adult account on the app.' Below that is the website 'Tattie Holiday Fun - Live, Life Aberdeenshire (lifelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk)'. At the bottom left, there are two cartoon potato characters holding tennis rackets. To their right is a QR code with the text 'Scan the QR code to find out more and to book now!'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'Aberdeenshire COUNCIL', 'sportscotland activeschools ABERDEENSHIRE', and 'LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE'.

Parent Forum and Fund raising

We will be meeting with the parent forum fundraising committee this week to plan ahead for some exciting activities and events. We will be having our Christmas Fayre earlier than planned in November. There will be some lovely crafts which the children will be making as well as some stalls from external providers. We hope to be able to share this with you as soon as possible so that you can keep the diary date free. Any suggestions would be most welcome.

Uryside Diary Dates overview 2023-24

These are up to date as of 02/10/23

October

6th October – P6 Community Café and Assembly – 1:45 start for parents and families of P6 pupils

13th October – End of Term 1

30th October – Term 2 begins

November

1st November – Halloween Disco – times tbc

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

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

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

16th November – INSET – school closed for pupils

17th November – INSET – school closed or pupils

21st November – Books and Bosies – timings tbc

23rd November – Parent Forum – 6:30pm at Uryside and Online

December

7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

13th December - Infant Nativity – times tbc

14th December – Infant Nativity – times tbc

Christmas Lunch and parties tbc

22nd December – End of Term 2

January

8th January – Start of Term 3

25th January – P4 Burns Community Café and Assembly – 2pm start for parents of families of P4 pupils

February

9th February – Local holiday – school closed to all

12th February – Mid term holiday – school closed to all

13th February – INSET – school closed to pupils

14th February - INSET - school closed to pupils

21st February – Open afternoon – curricular activities – 2pm start

March

Start of reading month for all

7th March – World Book Day

8th March – P3 community café and Assembly – 1:30pm start

20th March – P6 Altnacriche Trip

28th March – end of term 3

29th March – Good Friday – School closed to everyone

April

15th April – Term 4 starts

26th April - School reports issued

May

6th May – May Day Holiday – school closed to all

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

21st May – Provisional Sports Day

28th May – reserve sports day

30th May - Shorts and Shades Summer Disco

June

3rd June – local holiday – school closed to all

7th June – Uryside School Community Summer Fayre

17th June – Open Afternoon Showcase

26th June – P7 Show

27th June – P7 Show

July

3rd July – Potted Sports (am)

4th July – Whole School Assembly and P7 awards