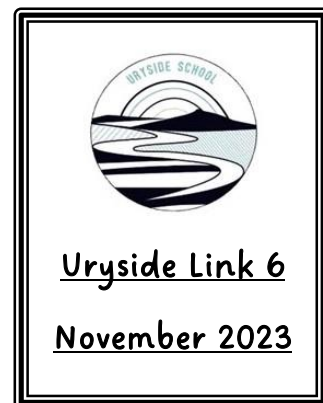


Welcome to Uryside Link newsletter.

As winter approaches, please could parents take notice of the details below regarding winter clearing guidance. We ask for all in our community that choose to drive to school to drive with care, patience and caution. Leave that extra 5 minutes earlier or park further from school and walk the remainder of the way.

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



Christmas Fair/Christmas Open Day – Friday 15th December (1.30-3pm)

We are pleased to announce our Christmas Fair this year will run as a Christmas Open Day for all parents/carers and visitors. Classes have been busy making some festive wares to sell and each 'area' will be performing some Christmas tunes. Please come along and support our cause, monies raised will be going back to the classes to spend on resources all pupils can make use of. Our Parent Forum will be organising a raffle along with a tea and coffee stand. There will be a small charge to enter and this can be pre-paid to speed-up access to the fair (more information on this will follow).

Our Christmas Jumper Day is on the 8th December to coincide with our annual Santa Run. We ask that pupils bring a donation for our raffle on this day, donations can be left at the office and we can accept them prior to the 8th December.

Please see the calendar of dates at the back of this newsletter for more on our Christmas events.

Christmas Party Dates

The dates for our year group Christmas parties are below. Pupils may come to school dressed in party clothes that day, they can bring to change into; alternatively, there is always the option to collect your child at lunchtime and change them during a home lunch.

- P1- Thursday 21st December (from 1.30pm)
- P2 – Friday 22nd December (from 9.30am)
- P3- Wednesday 20th December (from 9.30am)
- P4 – Thursday 21st December ((from 9.30am)
- P5 – Tuesday 19th December (from 1.30pm)
- P6 – Monday 18th December (from 1.30m)
- P7 – Friday 22nd December (from 1.30pm)



Winter Clearing Guidance

Uryside School is classed as a Priority 2 council building meaning the school car park areas will be cleared at the latest on the second day of adverse weather. As not all of the streets surrounding our campus have been passed across to the local authority, clearing of these lie with the various factors and developers who built them. Therefore, on days of wintery weather; there can be no guarantee that the roads surrounding our building have been treated.

Our janitor's remit is to clear a path from the school car park to the main school entrance and, where possible, the many fire exits that surround our building. He often goes way beyond this remit but does not have the capacity to clear pathways leading

to and from the school. Our priority remains to keep the school open for all of our pupils and staff; if our community can help with this, working together to grit pavements and walkways to and from school, this would be to everyone's benefit. There are numerous grit bins in the community and on our site that are stocked up and ready to be utilised.

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](#)

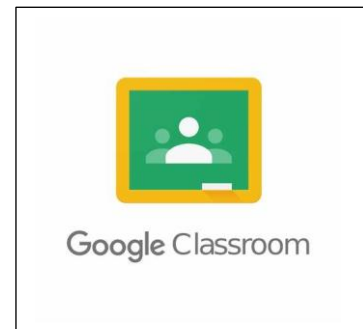
Primary 3 – [All of Primary 3](#)

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](#)



Rotary Shoeboxes

We had a superb response to our very late shoebox appeal, to the extent rotary members had to beg, borrow and possibly even steal a few empty boxes from nearby schools. For next year, we have a better idea of the level of support our community is willing to give this worthwhile project so will have more boxes to offer. Rotary thank everyone again for helping to support their project and apologise to those who were keen to support but were unable to receive an empty shoebox.



Scottish Poppy Appeal 2023

Following the success of Primary 5s remembrance assembly and community café, we received acknowledgment from the Poppy Appeal that they had raised over £216 from donations received and sale of poppies in school. Thank you to everyone that supported the appeal and well done to P5!

Inverurie Events – Christmas Lights Switch On and Local Events

The festivities commence on **Sunday, November 26th for the Big Christmas Light Switch On** at Inverurie Town Centre. Setting the tone for a wonderful season, visitors can expect the wonderful pipe band parade and a breathtaking fireworks display to go alongside the live music, kid's funfair, numerous food vans and market stalls.

Then, **Santa's Grotto opens its doors on Saturday, December 2nd and 9th, as well as Sunday, December 10th**. Children and families will have the opportunity to meet Santa Claus in a charmingly decorated grotto with the opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Carols, smiles and singing voices will light up the town for this year's **Big Sing at the West Church on Saturday, December 2nd**. Inverurie Events have teamed up with The West Parish Church and local schools to bring you a feel-good community singalong with all your favourite Christmas songs.

Saturday December 2nd is also INverurie BID's Small Business Saturday where the very best of Inverurie's Independent businesses are taking part in this national initiative to encourage 'Shopping & Eating Locally'. The Nativity Trail is simultaneously taking place, hosted by The Catalyst Vineyard Church. Starting at St Mary's Church Hall (2pm to 4pm), you are invited to join the Nativity Trail around Inverurie Town Centre to find 'real life' characters from the Nativity Story.

The Big Switch On

Sunday 26th November

Closure	
Closed 3.30 - 6.00pm	
Barriers	
Food Vans	
Stalls	
Stage	
Disabled Viewing Area	
Firework Viewing Area	
Mini Fun Fair	
Fireworks	



B9170 Inverurie to Oldmeldrum Road Closure

From the 4th to the 15th December parts of the main Inverurie to Oldmeldrum Road will be closed (except for access) for resurfacing and repair works. Work will be carried out in stages and a rolling road closure will be in place from Souterford Bridge to the junction with Osprey Heights. This will have a significant impact on traffic trying to access Uryside School. More information is available [here](https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/roadworks/) along with the diversion in place: <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/roadworks/>

Uryside Diary Dates overview 2023-24

These are up to date as of 24/11/23

December

8th December – Santa Run and Christmas Jumper Day

13th December - Infant Nativity

14th December – Infant Nativity

- School Christmas Lunch

15th December – Christmas Fair 1.30-3pm

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

22nd February – Uryside Parent Forum meeting 6.30pm

March

Start of reading month for all

7th March – World Book Day

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

15th March – Family bingo night

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