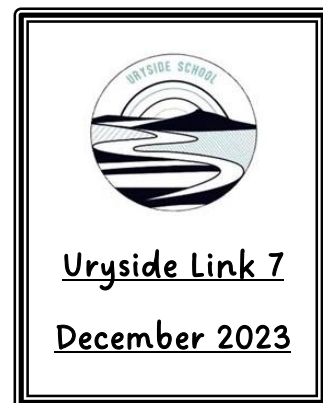


Welcome to Uryside Link newsletter.

In somewhat wetter conditions than we had hoped (at least the ice from earlier in the week has melted!) our annual Uryside Santa run took place across the school today. Christmas jumpers, festive headwear and even the odd dash of tinsel helped bring some seasonal cheer today. We hope you are able to join us for our festive events next week, more details on those below.

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)  
All queries for staff should be sent to the school email address, that way we can ensure they are answered in a timely manner.



### **P6 Screams**

We are excited to share the wonderful journey that Primary Six has embarked on, exploring the renowned artist Edvard Munch.

Our budding artists have been inspired by Munch's iconic masterpiece, "The Scream" (1893), and have delved into the world of oil pastels to create their own interpretations.

The children had a great time creating their own versions using oil pastels, which sparked some interesting conversations. They

wondered why the person in the painting was screaming, talked about brushstrokes, and shared their thoughts on colours and details, such as the bold line of the railing. It was a fun and insightful exploration, and we are proud to see their creativity at work.



### **Christmas Fair/Christmas Sing & Craft – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (1.30-3pm)**

A reminder we are hosting our Christmas Sing and Craft fundraiser as our Christmas Fair on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Entry tickets can still be bought in advance up to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, the hope is this might ease entry to the event. Please send the correct money in an envelope with your child's name and class; along with the number of tickets you might need. Payment will still be accepted at the door; entry is £2 per adult.

Details of the items your child's class will be selling will be on our virtual classrooms or via Learning Journals. We are encouraging everyone to please bring the correct change. A rough estimate of the singing times are below:

- 1.40pm- green area (P1 and Nursery)
- 2.00pm – orange area (P2)
- 2.15pm – yellow area (P3-P4)
- 2.30pm - P5 purple area
- 2.40pm – Purple area (p6 and P7)

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



### **Winter Clearing Guidance**

Early this week saw testing road and foot conditions at Uryside School with rain falling on areas of already thick ice. A huge thank you to everyone that lent a hand to try and make the areas safer to walk and drive on. The grit bins have been replenished again. It demonstrates the power of the community in pulling together to try and make the campus and surrounding areas safe for all.

There was some confusion in how messages regarding school closures or delayed opening are communicated; our apologies for this. In the first instance, a notice is placed on the Aberdeenshire School Closures website (the link is [here](#) and parents can sign up for notifications). Secondly, we will send an email message via our Groupcall facility to all parents. We aim to make a decision before 7am in order to take consideration of our Breakfast Club that runs daily; however, due to every changing conditions this may not always be possible.

### **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](#)



### **B9170 Inverurie to Oldmeldrum Road Closure**

School issued guidance on this road closure on our last newsletter (see below) but confusion arose on Monday when the closures came into place. We contacted the roads department for an update and were advised that work will begin from Souterford Bridge (railway bridge) and work it's way up towards the school. That it is

a rolling programme of road works so there is no timeline for when specific parts will be opened, closed or completed. Therefore the guidance below remains in place, we did inform them that access would be required to the school on a daily basis; roads initiated they would look at improving the signage that was currently in place.

From the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](#) along with the diversion in place: <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/roadworks/>

### **P7 Ski Trip**

All final payments should now have been made for pupils intending on going on this trip. We have issued medical and consent forms ([copy here](#)) please could these be returned to school by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. For any more information please see the details on our school website: [Ski Trip – Uryside School](#)

### **P6 Alltnacriche Trip**

A gentle reminder for some upcoming payment dates for the P6 residential trip to Alltnacriche in March 2024. The total cost is £225.00.

Recommended further payment dates as follows:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - £80

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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>

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

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

#### **December**

13<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Nativity

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

- School Christmas Lunch

15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair 1.30-3pm

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

#### **January**

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

25<sup>th</sup> January – P4 Burns Community Café and Assembly – 2pm 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

19<sup>th</sup> February – School photographer; individuals and siblings

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

22<sup>nd</sup> February – Uryside Parent Forum meeting 6.30pm

## **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

15<sup>th</sup> March – Family bingo night

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