

Welcome to Uryside Link newsletter for December and the last of the year.

Well, it's not the white Christmas end of term as we always hope for but a rather wet and windy one.

It has been quite the term with lots of things going on including Books and Bosies, open events for parents, parents' evenings, the Christmas Fayre, nativities and parties. The makings of a busy school.

The bugs have certainly taken their toll on many this term. A nasty set of viruses making their way through the school affecting staff and pupils for longer than normal periods. If you have managed to escape them so far, we hope they don't come during the Christmas/ New Year festivities.

It was good to get back to Uryside after a challenging time personally. It is great to be in amongst the hustle and bustle of the school and see the pupils busy at work and enjoying all that has been going on. It certainly lifts the spirits.

As we close this term, may I take the opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of the school and nursery. A special thank you to the Forum who have helped organise and support the events throughout the school. It is very much appreciated.

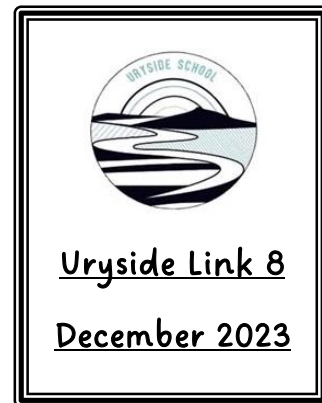
May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes. We look forward to welcoming you back on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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. Please report all pupil absences before 9am, our office staff spend a considerable amount of time each morning trying to locate pupils not in school. Thank you.

### **P7 Rugby Sessions**

Throughout the course of this term, Primary Seven have received weekly P.E sessions hosted by Nikki from Garioch Rugby Club. In these sessions the children have learned the various skills and qualities you need to be an effective member of a rugby team. They took part in touch rugby games, demonstrated safe ways to tackle an opponent and took part in a (very muddy) outdoor game.



### **Christmas Fair/Christmas Sing & Craft**

Many thanks to everyone that came along to support his event, the turnout was well beyond our expectations. The event raised in excess of £3500 which will go directly to classes to improve resources for all pupils. A huge thank you to the Parent Forum for organising and co-ordinating the event.

### **STEM Mascot Winner!**

Well done to Cameron Maitland P4B who won the best overall drawing for the Uryside STEM mascot. Thanks to everyone that took part in the competition. The STEM team have been doing some fantastic work across the school. We look forward to seeing and hearing more about it next term.



### **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](#)



### **House Points Totals**

The amounts have been totalled for this term and are as follows:

Craigshannoch (blue) - 192

Mithertap (red) - 194

Esson (green) - 214

Oxencraig (yellow) - 223

The winning house has chosen some additional break/play time which will be given to them in the new year.

### **Admissions to P1: Session 2024/2025**

Aberdeenshire's Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024."

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2024.

Parents/Carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2024 should now register their children for the appropriate local primary school.

To register for a primary school place, for a school within your catchment area, please complete the online application which can be found at:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>.

It is usual practice for children to attend their local catchment primary school, however, you have the right to apply to place your child in a school other than your local school. Please complete an out of zone placing request. (You should still register your child in a school in the area you live in until you know the outcome of your application) Out of Zone Request form can be found at:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/admissions/out-of-zone-school/>

Please bring the below with you when your child starts school:

- the child's birth certificate as this is required as evidence of their date of birth and;
- evidence of the parent/carer's home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement).

All schools in Aberdeenshire have the same start date, in the middle of August each year. You will be informed of this year's start date at the time of registration at school.

Aberdeenshire Education & Children's Services makes no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported or Forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery or playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception.

### **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 asap. 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>



Lastly a wee shout out to our very own Hudson Barr, in P6, who will be playing his DJ set at The Hub as part of a Youth Disco.

We hope it goes well and that those who attend have a great party night.

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

**These are up to date as of 22/12/23**

### **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