

Today brought the end to our celebration of Scots language week. It was wonderful to see so many pupils across the school taking part in our annual recite a Scots poem challenge. At assembly today, we had representatives from classes across the school performing their poems and even a few highland flings too!

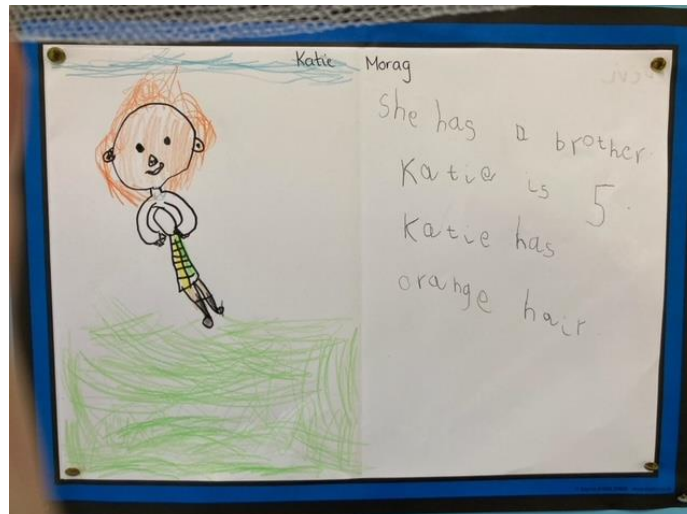
In the weeks ahead, we have our World Book week: 4th – 7th March and Science/STEM week: 11th-15th March. There will be more information about these events distributed to parents nearer the times.

A reminder that school is closed for the February long weekend on Friday 9th to Wednesday 14th. We are open again for all pupils on Thursday 15th February.

As always, if you have any feedback, questions or queries then please contact the school email address. 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.

P1 update

In P1 we are learning about Katie Morag. We all had to look very carefully at Katie and draw a picture of her, we then wrote super descriptions. In Maths, we have been learning about subtraction, we made our own Cookie Monsters and wrote a subtraction story to match how many cookies had been eaten.



Staffing Changes – P3B

We are pleased to announce that Ms Laura McIntosh has been appointed to work alongside Mrs Sheila Johnston in P3B. Ms McIntosh has previously covered classes as a supply teacher at Uryside School and we are pleased to appoint her to cover the maternity vacancy in this class.



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](#)

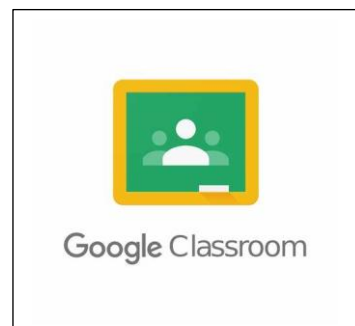
Primary 3 – [All of Primary 3](#)

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](#)



P7 Ski Trip

The date for the P7 ski trip is coming ever closer: departing Monday 26th February. We have collated all of the information you need on the site below:

[Uryside P7 Ski Trip \(google.com\)](#)

P6 Alltnacriche Trip – final Payment Reminder

A gentle reminder that final payments for this trip need to be completed by Friday 9th February. The total cost was £225.00. 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>

If you require longer to make the payment, please contact us at the school as our priority is giving the children a fabulous first school residential experience.

Curriculum Open Afternoon – Wednesday 21st February from 2pm

Our next open afternoon will take place on Wednesday 21st February at 2pm. This is a chance to share a story with your child, it could be from their writing or reading book, and an opportunity to play a maths game or take part in a maths challenge – can you solve the problems together?

As ever, to enable us to gauge interest and save everyone signing in as they arrive; please can you confirm your attendance using the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NwRTiPfhHg>

Quality Assurance Visit – Monday 4th March

Uryside School will receive a visit from a number of Aberdeenshire Quality Improvement Officers in line with the Scottish Government policy on self evaluation and quality assurance in schools. The focus will be looking at the progress the school has made since its last inspection visit in December 2021.

During this visit, the team will be visiting classes, speaking to groups of children and parents. Therefore, we are looking for a group of parents to meet with the team from 2.45pm-3.15pm on the 4th March. If you are free at this time and keen to share your views, please can you email the school confirming your availability.

School Photographer- Friday 15th March

Apologies, we've had to reschedule the school photographer visit again. The date clashed with the quality assurance visit. We have been advised that he can accommodate sibling as well as individual photographs and will cover all classes across the school: nursery to P7.

For those of you who have children on School Transport.

The DVSA have recently sent out a reminder to all operators of the importance of making sure all passengers wear seatbelts, we are hoping you could help us to enforce the importance of this with your child/ren. All operators should be asking pupils to wear seatbelts, and wherever possible doing a quick check to make sure all seatbelts are on, however it is difficult for them to ensure that pupils keep seatbelts on whilst driving.

Would it be possible for you to speak to your child/ren regarding seatbelts on any school transport to help make sure all pupils know how important it is and to encourage them to always put on and keep their seatbelt on for the whole journey.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Uryside Diary Dates overview 2023-24

These are up to date as of 02/02/24

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

- School photographs

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