

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, we have our third open afternoon of the session. We hope to welcome as many parents along as can manage; there is more information later in this newsletter about this event. The open afternoons and access to Learning Journals bring about changes to the way Uryside School reports to parents. Towards the end of April, we will be distributing our annual school reports in a new format. These will all be presented to the Parent Forum at their next meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, information below if you would like to be part of the discussions.



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.

### **P2 update**

We were learning about the famous artist Wassily Kandinsky and his style of art. Kandinsky likes to create abstract art that is bright and bold. His famous painting “Squares with Concentric Circles” was shown to the children to discuss their thoughts and feelings about the artwork. As valentines day was coming up we created heart shapes instead of circles. Primary 2 pupils created their class collaboration piece by placing all their individual hearts onto one sheet of paper. They were able to use oil pastels to create bold, bright colours to create an abstract image. Starting from the middle they were able to draw a heart shape then draw another heart shape around it creating the “concentric” idea. They loved seeing the whole art piece come together. Very creative Primary 2! Well done!



## **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](#)



## **School Meals**

Over the last few months or so we have noticed a significant increase in the amount of pupils not finishing their school lunch and simply binning large portions of it. The catering team work hard to produce healthy, appetising lunches and we are concerned at the waste and number of children hungry by the end of the day. If parents could please go over the menu options for the day with their child and school staff will continue to encourage the children to eat their lunches before they are sent out to play. Menu options and more information on school lunches are available to view here:

[Primary school meals - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

## **P7 Ski Trip**

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

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

## **Curriculum Open Afternoon – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 2pm**

Our next open afternoon will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

## **Parent Forum Meeting – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 6.30pm**

The next Parent Forum meeting is in school next Thursday at 6.30pm. It's an opportunity for parents to discuss matters relating to the whole school as well as looking at fundraising events. On the agenda will be the new model for reporting to parents as well as more information regarding the upcoming Quality Assurance visit.

Any parents wishing to attend should email the forum confirming their attendance prior to the meeting : [urysidepc@gmail.com](mailto:urysidepc@gmail.com)

### **Quality Assurance Visit - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Seeking Parent Views!**

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 it's 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 4<sup>th</sup> March. If you are free at this time and keen to share your views, please can you email the school confirming your availability.

We are still looking for one or two more volunteers; thank you to those that have confirmed their attendance already.

### **School Holiday / Term Time Consultation 2025-2030**

Please find below a link to the consultation survey for the school holiday and term dates from 2025 to 2030. Please note that the consultation will remain open until March 22, 2023, and your input is highly valued.

Link: <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/school-holiday-and-term-dates-2025-2030-consultation>

### **Rag Bag Update**

The latest collection brought £57.90. A reminder if anyone is having a spring clean of cupboards or wardrobes, the green collection bins can be found at the rear of our delivery area/emergency access car park.





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**SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024**

- CATEGORY 1** - (600m, Ages 4, 5 & 6 years)
- CATEGORY 2** - (1000m, Ages 7, 8 & 9 years)
- CATEGORY 3** - (2000m, Ages 10,11 & 12 years)



Entries close Sunday 30th April 2024  
or when all places are sold out.

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

**These are up to date as of 16/02/24**

### **February**

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

- School photographs

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

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## **July**

3<sup>rd</sup> July – Potted Sports (am)

4<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Assembly and P7 awards