

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February saw our third open day of the session and a chance for the pupils to showcase their numeracy and literacy skills. The event was extremely well-attended and it was lovely to welcome so many parents and grandparents into school. Such events form part of how Uryside School reports the progress of children to their parents. Along with the posts on Learning Journals, we aim to provide parents more information across the year regarding the progress of their child or children. This accumulates to a much more condensed final report in April. A guide to how we report to parents has been produced [here](#). There is also a completed “How Uryside School Communicates to Parents” guide [here](#) which details where to go for certain information. We hope you find these useful.



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.

### **Reading Month and World Book Day**

Next week is our annual book week celebrating World Book Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> March and the enjoyment of reading. There are a host of activities planned across the month from a Scarecrow Hunt around the community, Masked Readers, Sponsored Readathons and book swaps. More information is attached to this newsletter and pupils can choose to come dressed as their favourite book character next Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> March).

### **P3 update**

P3 have been learning all about Bennachie as part of their class topic. They have learned about features of Bennachie, what lives and grows on the slopes and even some stories and legends surrounding Bennachie. They have really enjoyed learning about this and are looking forward to sharing some of their learning at their assembly.



## **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](#)



## **📍Don's Day Out 📍**

Join us for a fun day out! The Parent Forum have teamed up with Aberdeen FC for their match against Dundee at Pittodrie Stadium on Saturday 13th April 2024, 3pm KO!

Season Pass Holders - don't worry you can still join us - please let us know your Dons ID and we will get your seats moved to beside the group.

Deadline for ordering tickets and payment is Friday 22nd March 2024. All details are on the attached link below.

Please fill out the attached form: <https://forms.gle/6PGpsMGdJuAisuUQA>

## **Emotion Works – supporting our young people with their wellbeing.**

As part of our whole school developments, we have been introducing Emotion Works. Emotion Works is a resource which we are beginning to use with the children across the school to discuss their wellbeing and emotions. It is aimed to build upon children's resilience and ability to cope with difficult situations. It is a stage by stage programme and relates to coloured cogs which the children are learning about. To begin it is very simple – orange cog is about parts of the body, red is sensations and what these may related to (butterflies in the tummy, sweaty hands, tears in the eyes, etc.) We will be going onto green next which are behaviours. The aim is to make our pupils emotionally literate so they can describe how they are feeling, why and how they can make changes to situations which they may find challenging or situations they may have been involved in – arguments, disagreements. It ties in very well to our restorative practise which we use when things have gone wrong in school. What happened, why, what choices could you make next time to make it better?

We will be sharing an initial introduction with you showing the coloured cogs and how they are going to be used.

We plan to share more information with you as the session goes on and we add more to the children's knowledge and understanding, including how to use it to support wellbeing at home if you wish.

## 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>

## Home STEM Challenge

A reminder we have our second home STEM challenge of designing and building a working catapult. You can use any materials you wish and all final designs to be brought into school for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt event on Saturday the 23rd March from 10.30am-12.30pm at Kellands Park, Barclay Road, Inverurie, AB51 3QP.

This hunt is for more than just chocolate and prizes! Each family or group will receive an activity booklet at the start of the hunt and as they look for eggs around the park they will find characters in fancy dress setting challenges and activities to complete. Each will crack a code and reveal a secret message inside the booklet provided! Once a group has found all the eggs and completed the challenges they can head back to the starting point and enjoy sweet treats and hot drinks in our outdoor cafe!

Teams can set off anytime between 10.30-11.30am and there will be two options of a shorter preschool age appropriate hunt or a longer hunt for Primary/Secondary aged children. We ask that all children complete the egg hunt accompanied by an adult.

This event is completely free, however we will be accepting donations for our Storehouse Foodbank if people wish to contribute in that way. All food is given out to those in need in our local community. Full details are within our sign up link below

Our sign up link is:

[Inverurie - Easter Egg Hunt \(23-Mar-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

## Easter Holiday Programme

Information was distributed to all parents regarding this holiday programme offered by Active schools. There was an issue with the link on the original attachment that has now been fixed using the link below:

[Spring into Easter - Live, Life Aberdeenshire \(livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk\)](http://livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk)

A reminder that bookings will not go live until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Little Sunrise**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Craft event for kids**  
**Saturday 9th of March**  
**1-5pm**  
**Hall in The Roman Catholic church**  
116 North Street, AB51 4TP, Inverurie

We invite all kids to attend our art and craft event.  
You can make your own gift cards, paper coffee cup, wooden hearts, etc.  
Your mum deserves all love and happiness.

**Adults - free entry**  
**Single entry - £5**  
**Family entry - two kids £8-three kids £11**  
**Parents are responsible for their children at all times.**

**Fundraising for Colony Colts 2011**

snack  
Juice  
Hot Drinks  
Cash Only  
Cold drinks

Contact  
LittleSunrise1717@gmail.com

## Uryside Diary Dates overview 2023-24

These are up to date as of 01/03/24

### 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 – 9:30pm 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

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