



# Uryside School News

*The life of the school*

**Week Ending: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**We hope this weeks' news find you and your family in good health and spirits despite the challenging time we all find ourselves in at the minute. It has been fabulous to see so many of our pupils on the online lessons this week, I appreciate the many difficulties you faced battling the technical frustrations; thank you for your patience. You have also inundated you with information from the school, we hope this newsletter provides a summary of the key points.**

## **Online Meets**

Our daily live lessons are our core and new offering to our online package this time around. There is no expectation that pupils attend every single day; all we ask is they attempt to join once a week or keep in contact with us via Seesaw. The times these occur are below:

<b>Time (Monday-Friday)</b>	<b>Class</b>
9- 10am	P4 and P5
10-11am	P1 and P1/2
11-12am	P2 and P3
12-1pm	P6 and P7

We also produced these video guides to assist you connecting to the Meets:

Instructions for an ipad for using Safari (or any web browser) to log on to Google Meet through the Glow website.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VAazxiiTXZcARTuXGcqg0zYgKt7h9C4N/view?usp=sharing>

The second is instructions for an ipad for using the Google Meet app.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VuaMs85lvSzACYwqdQdFixt175r1mgYp/view?usp=sharing>

The third is instructions for an ipad (and laptop) for using the Google Meet website.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iNabvtQA1DEoQLC1Q0-ocANk5ypep409/view?usp=sharing>

Using the Google Apps with an iPad.

Google apps with Glow and managing different accounts:

<https://youtu.be/L-hN4qC4SUQ>

Parents / carers can also access support and resources for remote learning here: <http://bit.ly/ShireDigitalSupport>

## School Equipment

If your device is old and outdated or not behaving as it should, please contact us and we can lend you a school device; this can be an Ipad or a laptop. If you could email all requests through to:

[Uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) and we will respond to them as soon as we can.

## EAL Service Support

*'Aberdeenshire EAL Service produced help videos for the first period of lockdown to support families in accessing and using Glow, MS Teams and Google Classroom. These resources are available in English, as well as Arabic, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish and Russian. These resources may support any families who are still struggling with accessing learning from home*

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/as/ealaberdeenshire/learning-at-home/#Videos>

**EAL Guidelines and Forms:** <http://asn-aberdeenshire.org/english-as-an-additional-language/>

**EAL Glow Blog including resources:**

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/as/ealaberdeenshire/>

Please contact [eal.service@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:eal.service@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) if you need any support'



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### Educational Psychology Service

We are offering a phone service for parents/carers or professionals who would like to talk through any education or wellbeing concerns about a child or young person.

The phonenumber will be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am to 3pm, from 07/01/2021.

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Call us on **01779 403721**

If you would prefer us to call you, please email [eps@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:eps@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) with your name and number.



## **Early Learning and Childcare Applications 2021/2022**

From August 2021, all children are eligible to receive up to a maximum of 1140 hours of funded Early Learning and Childcare per year, or a pro rata amount, from the term after their 3rd birthday. Parents/carers can choose whether these hours are accessed in a local authority nursery or within a playgroup, private day nursery or childminder, which has been commissioned by the local authority.

Those children who are three before 31st August 2021 are eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place in August 2021; children who are three before 31st December 2021 are eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place in January 2022; children who are three before 28th February 2022 are eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place in April 2022. Funded places for session 2021/2022 are available at both local authority nurseries and with playgroups, private day nurseries and childminders, which has been commissioned by the local authority.

Information and the online application form for local authority nurseries, commissioned playgroups, private day nurseries and childminders will be available from **18th January 2021 –29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. These can be obtained online from <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/>

For children who become eligible to commence their Early Learning and Childcare funded place in the **2021/2022** session, applications should be **submitted online between 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. A list of all provision is listed in the '*Applying Early Learning and Childcare for Your Child – Application Booklet*'. Booklets are available from the website at <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/>.

Evidence of the child's date of birth (original birth certificate) and evidence of home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement) will be required, once you have received confirmation that your child has been offered a place.

### **P1 Registration week – 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January**

"Aberdeenshire's Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021."

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2022 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2021.

Parents/Carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2021 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/>

With COVID 19 restrictions in place, please email the school a copy of the below or alternatively bring these 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.

### **Parent Club – Money Talk Team Campaign**

January can always be a difficult month financially for families but given the pandemic more families than ever are feeling financial pressures.

The Money Talk Team is a confidential and personalised service delivered by the Citizens Advice Network in Scotland and funded by the Scottish Government, offering families free financial advice and support during these tough times.

The campaign aims to encourage families to find out what benefits they are entitled to and what household bills they can save money on during these challenging times by contacting the Money Talk Team. This will run on TV, digital, OOH, Radio and Social Media until the 4th of February, with activity sign-posting to the freephone number - 0800 085 7145 and the new Parent Club page: <http://parentclub.scot/articles/who-are-money-talk-team>

- [View the Parent Club Income Maximisation TV Ad here](#)

### **Parent Club – Winter Support Campaign**

With the winter lockdown restrictions in place, we know that parents are struggling at this time, and we want to reassure parents that they are doing their best and let them know support is available via ParentClub.scot in the coronavirus hub, and also in the new Winter Lockdown Support Hub: [Parentclub.scot/winter](http://parentclub.scot/winter)

The Winter Support Campaign started on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> January and is running on digital and social until the end of January.

### **Positive Parent Campaign**

Being a parent is one of the best jobs in the world but we know it can be hard work, especially now. To help families manage the current challenges, we are re-running the **Positive Parenting Campaign**, which brings together tips on coping with the challenges of being a parent and keeping calm with your wee one so you can focus on building a rewarding relationship together. For more information visit:

<https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/coping-with-being-a-parent>

- [View the 'Kicking Off' 40 second film here](#)
- [View the 'Stressful Day' 40 second film here](#)

### **Children's Parliament- The Big Vote**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, [Children's Parliament](#) will launch The Big Vote, a national vote for 8 – 14 year olds that will ask how we can make Scotland a more fair, inclusive, sustainable and prosperous place now and in the future.

### **How can children take part in the vote?**

The vote will take the form of an anonymous survey and can be completed on the Children's Parliament website at the following link from January 15th: <https://www.childrensparliament.org.uk/the-big-ideas-big-vote/>

### **What will children be voting on?**

Throughout 2020 Children's Parliament has been listening to the views and experiences of children across Scotland. Children identified four 'Big Problems' – climate change, discrimination, poverty and digital inequality – that they think need to be fixed now. We asked children across Scotland to share their 'Big Ideas' for how to fix the Big Problems and this vote is all about finding out which Big Ideas children think would make the biggest difference.

### **How long will the vote run?**

The vote will be open from January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

### **How can I help?**

We want adults across Scotland to help make sure as many children as possible take part in this vote. You can help by sharing this email with anyone who could support children to take part in the vote. We have attached a range of images that you can also share via email, Twitter and Facebook.

### **Why is The Big Vote happening?**

Children's Parliament is working in partnership with the Scottish Youth Parliament as part of The Action Project, hosted by the David Hume Institute, which aims to get children and adults all across Scotland thinking about what we need to do to move faster towards a country that is more 'prosperous, sustainable, inclusive and fair'. Very importantly, this Project will develop ambitious yet concrete Big Ideas to do this that can be turned into real action. This vote will help us to know which Big Ideas are most popular amongst Scotland's children.

### **What will happen as a result of the vote?**

Children will vote on the Big Ideas using a range of criteria and the top two Big Ideas will be made into animations. These will be presented to the Action Project for consideration alongside other ideas from children, young people and adults across Scotland.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Orlaith at [orlaith@childrensparliament.org.uk](mailto:orlaith@childrensparliament.org.uk)

Holiday Dates:

TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021  
WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021  
OCCASIONAL DAY  
THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2021  
MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021  
MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2021  
OCCASIONAL DAY  
FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021  
MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021  
TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021  
FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021  
MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021  
THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021  
FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021  
TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

IN-SERVICE DAY  
IN-SERVICE DAY  
TBC  
SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER BREAK  
SCHOOL RE-OPENS  
MAY DAY HOLIDAY  
TBC  
SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS  
IN-SERVICE DAY  
SCHOOL RE-OPENS  
SCHOOL CLOSES FOR OCTOBER HOLIDAYS  
SCHOOL RE-OPENS  
IN-SERVICE DAY  
IN-SERVICE DAY  
SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
SCHOOL RE-OPENS

More holidays information can be found here:

[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/)



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