



# Uryside School News

*The life of the school*

**Week Ending: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020**

**With the First Minister's announcement that lockdown restrictions have to continue into February, we know this has added pressure and stress to our families this week. Overall, pupil engagement has been extremely high with most classes close to full attendance each day with is testament to the fabulous job class teachers are doing and parents assisting children in getting connected. As always, if you are having any difficulties please get in touch with us.**

**We've created a little video that we hope will provide you with some reassurance. [Reality of Lockdown](#).**

## **Tech Free Thursdays**

From next week, Uryside School is proposing a technology free Thursday afternoon. This is to encourage everyone from our community to come away from the laptops, Ipads, Games consoles, Televisions, mobile phones and other devices that I'm sure are red hot with use across the week. Our aim is to include some friendly competition and increase our health and wellbeing by being more active each Thursday afternoon. We will be sending through a range of activities for you to try. Teachers will post 3 activities as normal (one of which will not require feedback or posted on SeeSaw) and class Meets will run as per the usual timetable.

See class posts on Seesaw for more information. Or click [here](#) for some ideas and activities.

## **SeeSaw Posts and Feedback**

Thank you to everyone for posting your work across to share with staff on SeeSaw. Just to clarify, when a member of staff approves a post on SeeSaw this is in recognition of the work being completed correctly. Exceptional or excellent work will be commented on separately as will tasks that require further input or correction. Staff will endeavour to provide verbal feedback on tasks completed during online live Meets. Across the school, staff are not expected to provide comments on every single post on Seesaw.

## **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/1VAazxiiTXZcARTuXGcqq0zYgKt7h9C4N/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.

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.



**Funding available to support families eligible for Free School Meals**  
We are continuing to provide Free School Meal payments direct to families who are entitled to them. A payment of £52.50 per child will be paid direct to parents nominated bank accounts **by Thursday 21 January**.

This covers the period Monday 11 January to Sunday 31 January. The payment of £52.50 per child, is comprised by three weeks Free School Meals entitlement at £12.50 per week and £5 per week breakfast money.

Eligible families already in receipt of Free School Meals, do not have to apply for this funding. If you have recently applied for income based Free School Meals, please be assured that we are dealing with all applications as quickly as possible and we will contact you direct when your application has been processed.

Families who are on a low income but not currently in receipt of Free School Meals can check entitlement by completing the following online form: [Check entitlement and apply for Free School Meals](#)

**Parents Portal – No access on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 2-5pm. This will mean that parents will be unable to use parentsportal.scot between the above hours on the 26<sup>th</sup> January.**

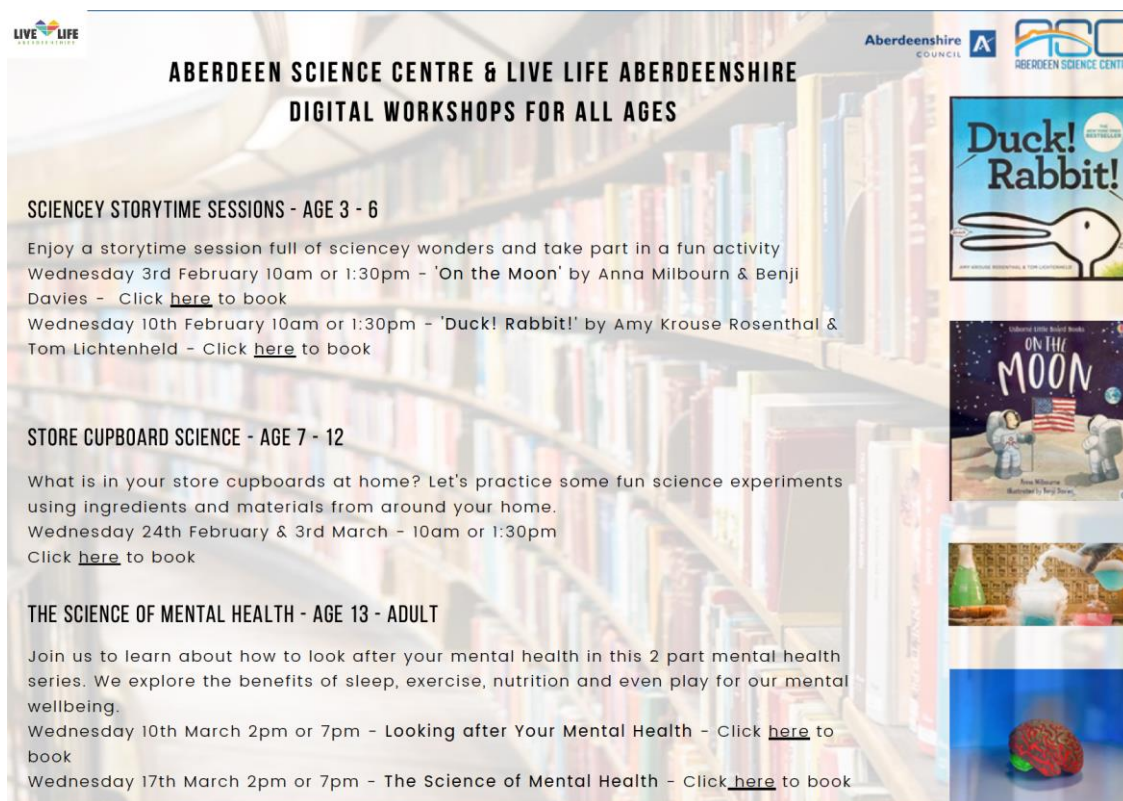
## **Fareshare Hub/Shoppe**

A FareShare Hub is food that is surplus and cannot be put to landfill. Supermarkets over order/change distributor/designs of packaging or no longer need the food. Scottish Government have made it illegal for this food to be put to landfill, instead it must be offered to communities for using. The food we receive is in date and either dried or tinned. There is no guarantee to what we receive. However, it is all good staple food to have in your cupboard. There is no need for anyone to go hungry as this food is FREE.

Available at Port Elphinstone Community House (PECH) for anyone to come and take what they needed when the building was open

### **Opening Hours:**

**Mon 0930-1130 Thurs 1130-1330 Fri 1330-1530**



The poster features a background of a library with bookshelves. At the top left is the 'LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE' logo. At the top right are the 'Aberdeenshire COUNCIL' and 'ASC ABERDEEN SCIENCE CENTRE' logos. The main title is 'ABERDEEN SCIENCE CENTRE & LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE DIGITAL WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES'. The poster lists three workshop series: 'SCIENCEY STORYTIME SESSIONS - AGE 3 - 6', 'STORE CUPBOARD SCIENCE - AGE 7 - 12', and 'THE SCIENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH - AGE 13 - ADULT'. Each series includes dates, times, and bookable activities. On the right side, there are three book covers: 'Duck! Rabbit!', 'ON THE MOON', and a book about mental health with a brain illustration.

**ABERDEEN SCIENCE CENTRE & LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE  
DIGITAL WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES**

**SCIENCEY STORYTIME SESSIONS - AGE 3 - 6**

Enjoy a storytime session full of sciencey wonders and take part in a fun activity

Wednesday 3rd February 10am or 1:30pm - 'On the Moon' by Anna Milbourn & Benji Davies - Click [here](#) to book

Wednesday 10th February 10am or 1:30pm - 'Duck! Rabbit!' by Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld - Click [here](#) to book

**STORE CUPBOARD SCIENCE - AGE 7 - 12**

What is in your store cupboards at home? Let's practice some fun science experiments using ingredients and materials from around your home.

Wednesday 24th February & 3rd March - 10am or 1:30pm

Click [here](#) to book

**THE SCIENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH - AGE 13 - ADULT**

Join us to learn about how to look after your mental health in this 2 part mental health series. We explore the benefits of sleep, exercise, nutrition and even play for our mental wellbeing.

Wednesday 10th March 2pm or 7pm - Looking after Your Mental Health - Click [here](#) to book

Wednesday 17th March 2pm or 7pm - The Science of Mental Health - Click [here](#) to book



## Use your library to access digital materials

- Access eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers for FREE with a library membership
- Many different titles to support home learning and reading for enjoyment at all ages
- To log in you require a borrower number (on the back of your library card, underneath the barcode) and a PIN. You can register for a library membership online whilst our branches are closed

[Click here to access the Live Life Aberdeenshire Digital Library](#)

[Click here to join the library online for free access today.](#)

[Already a library member? Reset your PIN by clicking here.](#)

[Click here to watch our videos on how to access digital resources.](#)



[If you need help accessing digital services, call our helpline on \(01467\) 532929 \(Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday and Sundays 10am-2pm\)](#)



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