

## WHAT'S ON:

GOOD FRIDAY

(School Closed)

Friday 2nd April

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 4th April

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 19th March



# Uryside School News

*The life of the school*



Friday, 19 March 2021

## Comic Relief at Uryside Red Noses and Red Outfits Galore!

Comic Relief 2021 fever hit Uryside today and it was great to see so many pupils and staff getting into the fundraising spirit. "The Creativity that goes into helping people have a better life is extraordinary" Sir Lenny Henry.

Primary 3A and 3B did a fantastic job of organising Red Noses for all that ordered them. Any spare noses ran out in double quick time! Thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile charity. We hope to announce the total money that was raised next week.

Comic Relief has helped to support 105.6 million people across the United Kingdom and around the world since it started in 1985.

Comic Relief stands for improving mental health, a safe place for everyone, a world where chil-

dren survive and thrive and freedom from fear, violence and discrimination.

For more information of how your donations can help, along with some red nose day challenges and activities, please see:



<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>

You can watch all the events unfold on BBC1 tonight from 7pm.

## School Transport Guidance

For the attention of parents of pupils who receive school transport. This includes transport to and from after school clubs. Please see updated guidance [here](#).

## P6A Explore Pi

we explored what it meant to be an irrational number and used a colour representation to help visualize this property. Pupils' understood that the Greek letter for Pi, " $\pi$ ," is a constant value used in math that represents the ratio of a circumference of a circle to its diameter, which is just about 3.14....15...9265359...



Last week we focused on RESPONSIBLE as part of our whole school SHANARRI topic. Click on the link below to see some of the activities that happened at home and at school.

<https://tinyurl.com/ea484mr2>

## Stay Home, Stay Active with Active Schools Week 9

With the primary school children returning full time now, we've got a few fantastic activities and challenges to send them home with.

We have our third "By Kids for Kids" challenge and this week it is Wall Catch. How many can you complete in 60 seconds?

A video giving an example of the challenge is available on the Live Life Aberdeenshire YouTube channel but check out the graphic for full instructions.

**By Kids for Kids Challenge 3** – <https://youtu.be/ZCuJZ1IHktI>

The graphic is titled "Wall Catch 60 Second Challenge" and features the "SportScotland activeschools ABERDEENSHIRE" logo. It contains several sections: a main question "How many times can you throw a ball against a wall and catch it in 60 seconds?" with an illustration of a person throwing a ball; instructions "You must stand two steps away from the wall. If you drop the ball, carry on counting your score from where you left off."; a "Wall Catch!" tip: "If you don't have a ball, use toilet roll or a rolled up pair of socks!" with a ball icon; a "Don't drop it!" tip: "Each time you drop the ball, take 5 seconds off of your time!" with a clock icon; a "Play with a partner!" tip: "Can you achieve a medal by working together as a team?" with an illustration of two people; and a medal table with three categories: Gold Medal (40 x Throw and Catch), Silver Medal (30 x Throw and Catch), and Bronze Medal (20 x Throw and Catch). At the bottom left is the "By Kids For Kids" logo.

## Run4Fun 2021

There are now almost 700 pupils registered to take part in the Run4Fun challenge and there is still plenty of time to get involved. To join the challenge all a pupil needs to do is sign up online, complete 1 run and submit their evidence to receive a custom made medal and certificate at the end of the series. Bookings are still open and can be made online. It only costs £2 (+0.71p booking fee) to take part in the whole series and sign ups can be made online via this link - <https://bit.ly/ApplyforRun4Fun2021>

## Self Isolating or Absent From School Resources

Any families absent for a period of time or requiring to self isolate can access a wealth of information and resources on our virtual classroom. Click the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/Urysidevirtualclassroom>

On our social media, we also have Seated Exercise with Fiona on Wednesday at 2.45pm, Football Skills with Andy on Thursday at 2.45pm and Fun Fitness with Ashleigh on Friday at 2.45pm this week so there's lots of great activities to get pupils moving.

**Seated Exercises with Fiona 3** - <https://youtu.be/oKKYDV9WZZY>  
**Football Skills with Andy 5** - <https://youtu.be/p0tFbWFpMPU>  
**Fun Fitness with Ashleigh Session 6** - <https://youtu.be/YrbCorejTnE>

These videos are available now on the Live Life Aberdeenshire YouTube channel within the Active Schools Join In Playlist now if you want to try them out early.

**Active Schools Join in Playlist** - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLf9SJJ0IgiNL5zD4xvzj9nYXJkTvqOuE6>

## Pupil Absences

Please could all parents call the school absence line or email the school when their child is not at school. When you do, please include the reason for absence. Under our duty of care, we are required to keep an absence record for every child. Each day, office staff spend a huge amount of time trying to contact parents for clarification on why their child is not a school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## School Menu

Please find the [school menus](#) for Spring & Summer 2021 attached for your information.

This menu cycle will commence the week starting April 19<sup>th</sup>.

These menus will also be accessible on the [School meals pages](#) of the official Aberdeenshire Council web site.



## Bike Online

I really hope the return to school has been a smooth one for everyone! Our resources this week focus on health & wellbeing & outdoor learning which is perfect for all of this sunshine we've been getting!

### Health & Wellbeing

**Mindfulness walks** – Pupils calm and slow their busy minds by taking part in some nature-based mindfulness activities, and learn about self-care in the process.

**Wellbeing – Zen Den & Yoga Activities** – brilliant activities to help enhance your well-being and get you looking after your mind and your body. These were designed during lockdown but are even better outside in a green space if you can get there.

**Get Going Games** – some worksheets on keeping healthy and the lots of fun games to keep pupils active!

### Outdoor Learning

**Air Pollution Surveys**– The class shall travel to two different locations and use lichens to compare and contrast the air quality of the different areas. Students shall carry out a scientific enquiry- set hypotheses, collect data and come to valid conclusions.

**Orienteering**– Using navigation skills students will be asked to locate hidden orienteering points using a map.

**Air Quality Explorers** – Meet our Air Quality Expert to learn about clean air & air pollution. Then find out if the air is clean where you live.

**Tree Measuring** – Activity for P5-7 to learn about tree measuring and then complete Maths & Literacy worksheets. Also includes a creative quiz!

**Prehistoric Prowl**– A led walk to link in with a dinosaur class learning topic. Pupils go on a walk to local greenspace and search for hidden dinosaur footprints. The class can also take part in several dinosaur-themed nature-based activities including a 'prehistoric' scavenger hunt, dino egg nest building challenge and making a sticky leaf stegosaurus.

## Holiday Dates:

THURSDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2021	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER BREAK
MONDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY 2021	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Local holiday
FRIDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022	SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Other Holiday dates available to view [here](#).



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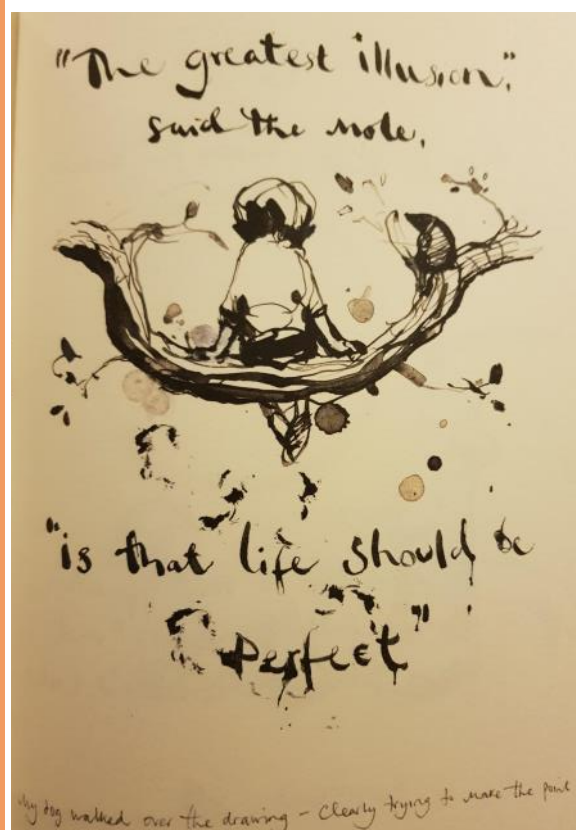
Vodafone UK is partnering with the Mail Force Computers for Kids initiative to extend our schools.connected scheme. We're giving away an extra **150,000 free data SIMs** – with 30GB to use for 90 days – to students in schools and colleges across the UK. These will help them to **#KeepConnecting** on our award-winning network, despite ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

### What is Mail Force?

Mail Force is a charity that's stepped up to help hundreds of thousands of children who don't have laptops and the necessary data connectivity to follow online classes. So far, the Daily Mail has raised over €10m for Mail Force's Computers for Kids initiative, and has the backing of many celebrities and UK businesses.

Turn over to learn how to get started with your data SIM

School has a number of these data SIMs to give away. Please contact the school if you are interested, more information on how they work is [here](#). Please note: when the SIM is inserted your phone/device will not be able to make calls.



Charlie Mackesy: The Boy, The Mole, the Fox and the Horse



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