

## WHAT'S ON:

MAY DAY HOLIDAY

(School Closed)

Monday 3rd May

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8th and 9th June



# Uryside School News

*The life of the school*

Friday, 23rd April 2021

## Preview the Learning A change to homework approaches

Homework is such a contentious issue. We know that many families dread the homework battle while others feel it is a vital exercise in their child's education. Research shows that traditional approaches to homework actually has very little impact in aiding a child's learning.

Recent analysis and work by John Hattie and James Nottingham shows that by adapting homework and the type of task teachers set can dramatically improve it's impact on learning.

**John Hattie:** "Homework in primary school has an effect of zero...The best thing you can do is reinforce something you have already learnt".

Following on from the article in the Uryside News [5th March](#) about the importance of reading practice and reading with your child, from next week, class teachers will continue to set regular reading practise for their pupils. Please see that previous article for tips and advice for parents.

Work by James Nottingham highlights the importance of giving children the opportunity to preview new learning that is on the horizon. Preview learning, as an approach to homework, also provides parents with information and tools to best support their child at home.

As in previous terms, from next week we will continue to post a maths video each week on See-saw to help prepare the pupils for the maths learning occurring that week. There is no obligation to complete any worksheets or return this to school, the important aspect is to engage with the video so pupils are familiar with the approaches that will be taught in school that week.

We hope this approach to homework will provide more flexibility and support to families and reduce the pressure of having to complete tasks at home for certain dates and then having to return completed tasks to school.

### Homework Policy

Uryside School's homework and home learning policy was updated in October 2020. A copy of this policy is available to view [here](#).

## SHANARRI—Parental Survey

We would very much appreciate if you could spend a short moment to complete the following very short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LK5DJZQ>

A member of staff is completing a research project and requires the views of parents to assist her in this. Last term we had a weekly SHANARRI focus in school and shared the learning with you via the newsletter and facebook. We are seeking feedback on how effective this programme and process was.

### Young Artist Competition

Thank you to P6 and P7 pupils for taking part in the Young Artist Rotary Competition. The first round was at local club level and pupils who were involved showcased their artistic talents and enthusiasm for art. Each piece of artwork was judged and individual feedback was given and will be shared with pupils. Well done to all that took part!

We are delighted to share with you the winners of the local club level who's work will be submitted for the District competition:

Winner of Young junior artist is Liana P6

Highly Commended artists are Davina and Elizabeth (both P6)

Intermediate accolades go to Lily and Sahara (P7)

Highly Commended artists are

Lauren and Elise (P7)

All entrants will receive a certificate and prizes will also be given to the local winners and to those whose entry has been highly commended.

We would like to wish Liana, Lily and Sahara the best of luck during the district competition.



### Virtual Storytelling Sessions

Live Life Aberdeenshire libraries are delighted to offer weekly virtual storytelling for children aged 3-5 and 6-8 years, sessions are led by the library team.

Starting 22nd April from 4.00-4.30pm join Ali and Mette for a live storytelling session suitable for children aged 3-5 years.

Booking is essential in order to receive your virtual email invite.

To access our full virtual storytelling programme of sessions go to <https://tinyurl.com/ym5b6dpj> to register and book your place.

### Community Fare Share

Please see our video compiled by our nursery children regarding the Fare Share scheme:

<https://vimeo.com/528546819>

Password: Uryside

Free every day essential items and surplus food supplies. Please help yourself and help save these items going to landfill.

## Paths for all competition

Scotland's leading walking charity is offering 10 den building kits and an additional prize of £500.

To win this for Uryside, parents can either send in a photograph or a short written piece explaining an activity which a family undertook outdoors during the Spring term. The competition ends on 30th, April.

To find out more, please click on the link below and follow the instructions.

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/whats-on/event-details/spring-path-days>



## Spring Path Days - Paths for All | Paths for All

Picnics, den-building, woodland walks, nature spotting, garden camping and creating eco sanctuaries for birds, bugs and wildlife are all possible again as the days becoming longer, brighter and warmer.

[www.pathsforall.org.uk](http://www.pathsforall.org.uk)

## Raring to Go—Spring Magazine

Local family magazine Raring2go! has gone on line during the pandemic! This Spring issue brings you lots of fun things to do locally and at home .

You can [view it online HERE](#).



## School Meals Service

A new online resource has been launched by Aberdeenshire Council's School Meals Service, which will help with making healthy meal choices displaying allergen and nutritional content of primary school meals

The portal is linked to a nutritional analysis programme which ensures meals meet statutory nutritional standards, meaning they are nutritious as well as delicious. It is particularly helpful for pupils with special dietary needs including allergies and Type-1 Diabetes.

To use the portal please visit <http://ourshiremenus.mysaffronportal.com/>

## EVOLUTION SCHOOL OF DANCE



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**Virtual Sportshall  
Athletics  
Championships**

Scottish Disability Sport

**April 2021**

Check the events page at  
[www.scottishdisabilitysport.com](http://www.scottishdisabilitysport.com)  
or email [events@scottishdisabilitysport.com](mailto:events@scottishdisabilitysport.com)

### Run Garioch

Rather than postpone Run Garioch for a third time, the race committee has decided on a more positive course of action: to turn this year's Run Garioch – including the CP&Co. Junior Run – into a virtual community-focused event.

The first – and hopefully only – Virtual Run Garioch will therefore take place from midnight Friday, 7 May and continue until 11.59pm on Sunday, 16 May.

During that time all runners will be encouraged to run their race distance – not necessarily their actual race route – at a time and location of their choosing.

Junior runners who've 'moved up' a distance or two since signing up for the March 2020 event can either run their original distance or their 'new one': 600m for ages 4, 5, 6; 1000m for ages 7, 8, 9; 2000m for ages 10, 11, 12; 5k for runners over the age of 13; 5k or 10k for runners over 16.

Participants can run on their own, with family and friends, or with their schools – subject to whatever restrictions are in place on the day.

When runs are completed, all runners will be able to submit their times through the website of our race timing partners, FRS. Further information about how to do this will be available next month.

To help bring our community together over the 10 days of our virtual event, we've chosen the theme of 'Go Green for Garioch'.

To get into the spirit of the challenge, we'd love runners, and any friends, family or teachers supporting them, to wear something green – the colour of the Garioch Sports Centre – while completing their virtual race. The Run Garioch t-shirt you received in the race pack last March is ideal. Runners can also wear race numbers to get them even more in the mood to give it their best.

During the 10 days of the race window, we'll be encouraging runners to post pictures from their virtual race on their social media accounts (@runggarioch, FB: runggarioch) using the hashtag 'gogreenforgarioch'. We'd be delighted to see images from our schools' runners too.

The best photos on the theme of 'green' – whether it's something worn, carried, drunk, eaten, pointed out or anything else you can think of – will also be eligible for prizes. Our intention is also to recognise the schools who registered teams through the awarding of trophies for categories slightly different to the usual.

On an individual level, at the end of the 10-day race window, Run Garioch medals will be available from the Garioch Sports Centre and other venues around Inverurie.

While it wasn't an easy decision to take Run Garioch virtual, we believe that holding a springtime event in some form will have a very positive impact on our community.

Thank you as always for your support of Run Garioch, and, with it, your support of the Garioch Sports Centre, our charity partners, and the good causes in your local community who benefit from the funds we raise.

We hope you'll join us in 'Going Green for Garioch' in May, and to looking forward to better times soon.

### **Rag Bag Donations**

Uryside School received £165.00 following the latest collection from our Rag Bag collection point. Families can recycle clothing, shoes, handbags and belts using the collection bin at the rear of the school (delivery area). The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in the UK.

The scheme increases awareness about textile recycling and by increasing recycling rates we can help the environment by ensuring less material goes to landfill. More information is available of their [website](#).

## Outdoor learning projects—Update

A huge thank you to Graeme Findlay and his team from CHAP Construction for completing the foundations for our 2 new outdoor learning classrooms and storage areas. This project was undertaken during the Easter break.

The storage areas have been purchased from Deeside Log cabins and are due for delivery very soon. We are urgently seeking assistance in helping to construct these 2 out buildings. They require only minimal DIY experience.

If you are free and willing to help, or know of someone who is.

Please email the school office at:

Uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

We can be flexible to accommodate when people are free to assist us.



## Big Pedal Event—Cycle, scot or walk to school

Starting on the 19th April, the Big Pedal is an event organised by Sustrans to encourage a more active way to travel to school. There are lots of benefits from riding or walking to school. These include exercise, fresh air and reducing the traffic in and around the school campus. The charity recommends before cycling off you should check the condition of your bike. With the help of adult, follow the A, B, C rule: A is for air (is there enough air in the tyres?), B is for brakes (are these working correctly?) and C is for chain (is this attracted and working correctly?) They also recommend that you should always wear a properly fitted cycle helmet and high visibility clothing or reflective stickers e.g. attached to your school bag or clothing.

The event runs into next week too so it would be great to see many more people travelling actively to school. If you haven't tried it yet, leave the car at home on one and enjoy the benefits of active travel to school instead.

## Holiday Dates:

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| 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 CLOSURES 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 CLOSURES 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 CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS |
| WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022  | SCHOOL RE-OPENS                        |

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

Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate.



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