

## WHAT'S ON

### HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets £1 per strip

Prizes drawn on Friday

Monday 10th December

### WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO

Friday 17th December



# Uryside School News

*The life of the school*

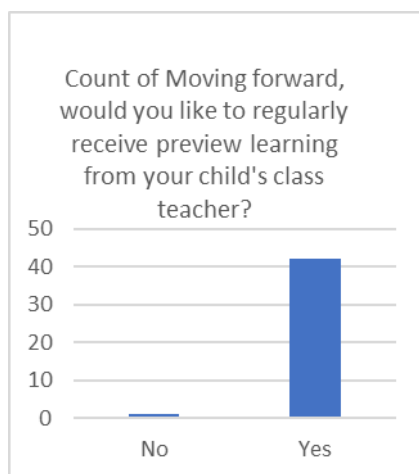
Friday, 10 December 2021

## Preview Learning Survey

The results are in....

Thank you to everyone that completed the parent survey on preview learning. We had fewer responses than we had hoped for but the results followed a consistent pattern.

Preview learning aims to best support parents help support their children at home. It provides an insight into the learning that your child will experience across the week. It also aims to provide parents with tips, hints and techniques on how best to support their child at home.



Clearly parents surveyed were keen to proceed with our approach to preview learning. There was a high percentage (over 90%) that regularly engages each

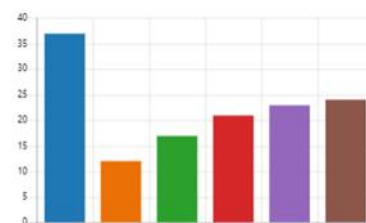
week with the preview learning currently on offer.

Moving forward parents surveyed preferred a video created by the class teacher as opposed to using videos made externally. There was also a fairly equal distribution on other resources to be used e.g. practical ideas, online games, newsletters.

11. If interested in receiving preview learning, which format(s) would you best engage with. Please tick all that would apply.

[More Details](#)

- short video presented by class... 37
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- weekly class newsletter 17
- interactive games 21
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## School Meals Autumn Winter Menu

The latest menus for next term are available to view now on our [school website](#). This dedicated page includes all information regarding school meals. The link to allergen information is available to view here:

[Browse Menus - Aberdeenshire Council 1 - Primary \(mysaffronportal.com\)](#)



**Uryside School**  
**Christmas Events**

Monday 13th December - Christmas Hamper Raffle  
- Christmas Parties begin!

Friday 17th December - whole school online Panto

Monday 20th December - Christmas Lunch

- Whole School Christmas Party

Tuesday 21st - end of term Nativity assembly



## Art Competition Winner

Some of our pupils from P1-4 took part in the GWCT Schools Art Competition. Lily from P2A was one of the winners in the p1-3 category. There were 500 entries and the art work was a high standard.

Very well done to Lily and thank you to all pupils for taking part.



Uryside School is participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising for school and raises awareness about recycling. Please bring any of the below unwanted items in a securely tied plastic bag by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December for collection on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Rag Bag can accept good quality clean Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together). The bags will be collected and transported to the Rag Bag factory where they will be sorted and graded for reuse or recycling. [www.rag-bag.co.uk](http://www.rag-bag.co.uk)

## Current COVID Guidelines and Pupils Self Isolating

Any pupil absent from school, self-isolating or awaiting the results of a test, can access school materials via weekly home learning tasks sent on Seesaw if they are well enough to do so. There is also a wealth of resources available via our Uryside School Virtual Classroom: <https://tinyurl.com/Urysidevirtualclassroom>

- If your child is unwell, please let them rest. We have no expectation that they will engage in learning in these circumstances.
- Aberdeenshire Council does not expect class teachers who are leading their classes to provide additional tasks for pupils who are absent from school. However, they will send any suitable activities that the class are doing via SeeSaw when appropriate.
- Please be aware that class teachers normally do not answer SeeSaw messages out with the normal working day or during the times they are teaching the class.

A guide to the current advice and restrictions in place is available to view [here](#).

**Please note:** Pupils must be supervised when completing lateral flow tests and positive results should be followed up with a booking made for a PCR test. Please follow the guidance attached to the lateral flow tests and avoid eating/drinking 30 minutes prior to completing the test.

Following a negative result on a PCR test, the pupil can return to school.

An updated school risk assessment can be viewed [here](#).

## Inclement Weather and Snow Clearing

Uryside School falls under priority 2 of Aberdeenshire Council's snow clearing procedures meaning the school car park areas will be cleared, at the latest, second day of adverse weather. The school janitor's guidance is to provide one safe path leading to the main entrance and clearing fire exit routes of snow. They do not have responsibility for clearing playgrounds, public footpaths or car parks. We know Mr Chapman goes way beyond this level of responsibility and thank him for his efforts on these tricky mornings.

In days of inclement weather, snow and ice we ask all in our community to drive with extreme caution and remain patient with fellow roads users, the local community and pedestrians. Please report all unsafe or dangerous incidents to the local police.

On very wet mornings, all pupils may go direct to their classroom doors or taken there by a parent or adult. On these morning, please do not bring pupils to school before 8.50am.

### P7 Hoodies Update

Unfortunately we have had to change supplier to get the correct green hoodie colour that matches the school uniform. Please accept my sincere apologies for this.

Please complete this form (<https://forms.office.com/r/a5Z2XgzrYT>) as sizes are different and a further £1 cost for 9/11 and 12/13 sizes, and an extra £2 to Small and Medium adult sizes. If you have yet to pay the prices are £17.95 / £18.95 I have added in a option for quantity also as some parents were requesting 2. Can I ask this is completed by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December as well as all payments received, so I can pass all these details on next week. I have some sizes coming for double checking

Any queries please message – Jackie McBeath.

### Trip Payments

We've received an update that the system should be operational again in a couple of weeks. Thanks for your patience on this matter.

**Do you have a child aged 5-16, or are you a young person aged 12-21? If so, please complete our short travel survey for a chance to win up to £250 in Love2Shop vouchers.**

[online1.snapsurveys.com/under22travelsurvey](https://online1.snapsurveys.com/under22travelsurvey)

The closing date for all responses is **24th January 2022**.

#### About the Survey

The Scottish Government will soon be launching the Free Bus Travel Scheme for young people between the ages of 5 and 21. This aims to encourage greener travel patterns, and increase opportunities for young people to engage in employment, education and social activities and not be excluded due to travel costs. Transport Scotland will monitor the scheme as it progresses to check on use and impact. The first step is to try and understand current travel patterns so that any changes after the scheme is introduced can be identified.

We would be grateful if parents/carers of younger children (i.e. those aged 5-16), or young people aged 12-21 themselves, could complete this short travel survey. The questionnaire asks about current travel behaviour, and your thoughts about bus travel generally and the free bus travel. This should take no more than 10 minutes to do.

**Contact Us:** If you have any questions about the work or problems completing the questionnaire, please contact our Project Manager, Elaine Wilson-Smith, at [elaine@wellsideresearch.co.uk](mailto:elaine@wellsideresearch.co.uk) or on 0131 677 5522.

## Tennis Competition Winner!

Well done to Ava in P3B for winning tickets to see the Battle of Brits tennis match. Her picture will also be framed in the locker room to inspire the Murray's to victory!



## Uryside For Local Lets

We are currently working on plans to make the school building available for use by local groups out with school hours. If you would like to start a group for residents of the Uryside area – for adults or children – please can you send a message to the school email address to indicate your interest. If there is sufficient interest to justify opening the building, we will do our best to make this happen as soon as possible.

## Hamish on tv.

Hamish Stephen featuring with his brother on CITV's Mini Movies. We have a TV star in our midst! The link for any families who have previously missed it is [Mini Movies - Series 1 - Episode 8 - ITV Hub](#)

He appears from around 16 minutes in.

## Uryside Christmas Tree

Thank you to pupils from P6 and P7 for decorating our school Christmas Tree. Thanks also to Mrs Mackay and Mrs Charles for assisting too!



## Christmas Parties and Panto

These begin on Monday for P4 and P2. P6 is on Wednesday 15th, P5 and P3 on Thursday 16th and P7 and P1 on Friday 17th. More information will be sent by class teachers via Seesaw.

Pupils should come to school dressed for their party, opportunities for changing into party clothes is limited.

On Monday the 20th December, after the Christmas lunch, we are having a whole school party. Pupils don't need to be dressed in party clothes for this, Christmas jumpers can be worn.

On Friday 17th December, we have secured a whole school screening of a production of Sleeping Beauty. A wee Christmas treat for all pupils and staff.



## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Next week, we will be having our School Christmas Raffle. There will be the opportunity to buy raffle tickets throughout the week from Monday until Thursday. The tickets will be £1 a strip and the raffle will be drawn on Friday morning by the enterprise group. You will receive your raffle prizes throughout the day to take home. However, if the prize contains alcohol you will receive a message on Seesaw about collecting your prize from the school office.

Thank you for your continued support in our Christmas activities this year!

## School Photographs

WEDNESDAY 8th December was the last day to order photographs in order to get them back in time for Christmas.

They can still be ordered online for delivery into the new year.

## Raring2go! Aberdeen City & Shire WINTER 2021

Here's the link and image for you:

HERE is the LINK <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/aberdeencityandshire/winter/>

IMAGES – attached for you to include in your Newsletter or Social post

PLUS – we have lots of great competitions on the website - [Competitions \(raring2go.co.uk\)](https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/aberdeencityandshire/winter/)

Including one to win a bundle of books for your school. Please let parents know about it so one of our schools can win it!

[Welbeck Publishing Group's fantastic Book Competition](https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/aberdeencityandshire/winter/)



## ASN Sports Calendar—Grampian Super League

The next event for the ASN School Sports Calendar – Grampian Super League is the Grampian Sportshall Athletics Festival taking place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please see link below to sign up:

[Grampian Sportshall Athletics Festival Tickets, Thu 20 Jan 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grampian-sportshall-athletics-festival-tickets-tue-20-jan-2022-at-10:00)

Holiday Dates:

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

School Calendar for Session 2021/22 is now available to view [here](#).

22 <sup>nd</sup> December – 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Winter Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> –14 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-term Holiday
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff Inset Days – school closed to pupils
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Local Holiday
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Last Day of the School Year

The May Day holiday has been moved to incorporate a longer Jubilee holiday weekend. School will be closed on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June. It will not be closed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May as previously advertised.



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