

UDNY GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 4 – February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe we are already half way through Term 3! We've already done so much, with so many more fun things to do.

Burns Day Celebrations



We celebrated Burns Day on Thursday 25th January where we enjoyed a delicious Haggis lunch. We continued our Scottish Celebrations by having an evening of entertainment in the village hall on Friday 2nd February where we were joined by parents, community members as well as dancers from Louise Macdonald School of Highland Dancing; Fiddle Stix, the ceilidh band from Meldrum Academy; Dr Euan Bain and of course our very own talented pupils!

Thank you all for coming along and making the evening so enjoyable and for your generous donations - we raised just over £50 on the evening. Thank you!

Parent Council



The parent council's next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th February from 7-8pm in the school.

Forest School



So far, we have enjoyed Forest School Events based on Burns Day Celebrations and Random Acts of Kindness. Our next Forest School's event will be run in conjunction with World Wildlife Day on Monday 4th March. Our last session of the term will be Spring related on Tuesday 26th

March. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for being outside.

Play and Learn Session



We are delighted to be able to offer our pre-school community members the opportunity to come along to our Play and Learn Session on Wednesday 6th March from 2-3pm. The session hosted by Primary 1/2 will include play, games and stories whilst parents are invited to enjoy refreshments and explore the school.

Meldrum Rotary Club – Rota Quiz



We are very proud of our Primary 7 pupils who have volunteered to take part in the Rota Quiz at Meldrum Academy on Wednesday 6th March. We wish them all the very best of luck!

Farewell to Mrs Fowler!



After 6½ years of teaching at Udny Green School, Mrs Fowler is off to ventures new. Her last day with us is Wednesday 6th March. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

The job vacancy for the P5/6/7 class has been advertised and we will keep you updated once a new staff member has been appointed. In the meantime, the class will be covered internally.



World Book Day




We will be celebrating World Book Day with a "Read your Way" event on Thursday 7th March. Information has been sent via email to all parents, but pupils are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and bring along their favourite book.

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ALEC Visit

 The ALEC team (Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres) will be visiting the school on **Friday 8th March**. Parents can view the ALEC video [here](#), this will give further information on what ALEC offers to the pupils. 

Rugby Taster sessions


 Our P5-7 pupils will be taking part in taster rugby sessions as part of their PE on during March. The first session is on **Monday 11th March** - see the calendar below for all dates. Please ensure your child has a suitable PE kit with them on these days.

Community Cafés


Thank you to everyone who has supported our Community Cafés so far this school year.  We have been delighted by the number of people who have attended.

Our P1/2 class did amazingly well baking so many delicious cakes and biscuits for our café on Friday 23rd February. We hope the P5/6/7 class do as well at their café on **Wednesday 13th March** from 2-3pm.

Red Nose Day


 Our Red Nose Day Celebrations will take place on **Friday 15th March**. Details will be issued nearer the time from the Rota Kids who will be organising the event.

Kenny Gibb Basketball Festival


 As in previous years, we would like to enter a team into the Kenny Gibb Basketball Festival which is held annually in memory of Miss Gibb's late uncle. This year the festival will take place on **Friday 15th March**.

The team will consist of pupils from Primary 5 to 7. If your child has indicated they are interested in participating, further information will be sent to you in due course.

P5 Walk-Through Holy Week

 The Primary 5 pupils have been invited to participate in the Holy Week walk-through at Pitmedden church, joining P5 pupils from Pitmedden School on **Thursday 21st March**. Full details will be issued shortly.

End of Term 3

School will close at 3.15 pm to all  staff and pupils on **Thursday 28th March** for the Spring Holidays and re-open to all on Monday 15th April.

Mrs H McPike
Acting Head Teacher

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REMINDERS

Allergy Advice

Can we please remind all parents that Udney Green School is a **nut free school**. It is important that no child takes nuts, or food items containing nuts, to school as the airborne particles can cause severe reactions.

Homework

Homework will continue to be issued in homework jotters and should be completed weekly. Activities can be completed in the jotter or photographs of activities can be taken and submitted through Learning Journals. Please remember to return homework jotters and reading books to school each week on the day advised by class teachers.

Appropriate Outdoor Clothing

As the weather is ever changeable, can we please ask that all pupils have a waterproof jacket with them every day. We would also ask that pupils have hats, gloves and scarfs as well as suitable outdoor footwear.

Indoor Shoes and Change of Clothes

All children should have an indoor pair of shoes to change into when they arrive at school, after breaks and for PE. These do not have to be expensive shoes or trainers, a simple pair of "gym shoes" is ideal. We would recommend that all pupils have a change of clothes, including waterproof jacket for outdoor learning.

School Uniform/Pre-loved Uniform Rail

New school uniform can be purchased from either of our suppliers:

[Pomprint](#)

[Buchan Embroidery](#)

Preloved school uniform can be ordered by either emailing the school office or completing the online form: [School Uniform Shop](#).

Please ensure all school uniform, PE kits and water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.

PE Kit

All pupils will require to have a PE kit in school as we will continue to provide two weekly sessions of PE for each class.

PE kits should contain:

- Shorts, jogging bottoms/leggings
- T-shirts and sweatshirt for outdoors
- Socks (tights should not be worn)
- Appropriate footwear - gym shoes for indoors and trainers for outdoors
- All pupils with long hair should have a bobble to tie up their hair
- No jewellery - if earrings cannot be removed, they must be taped.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day, clearly marked with their name. These can be topped up at the water fountain throughout the school day.

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Dates for the Diary: Udney Green School Closures 2023/24

| 2024 - Term 3 | |
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| Wednesday 28 th February | Parent Council Meeting in School - 7-8pm |
| Monday 4 th March | Forest Schools Event - World Wildlife Day |
| Wednesday 6 th March | Play & Learn Session P7 Rota Quiz Mrs Fowler's Last Day |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day Celebrations |
| Friday 8 th March | ALEC Visit |
| Monday 11 th March | P5-7 Rugby Session 1 |
| Wednesday 13 th March | Community Café - P5/6/7 |
| Friday 15 th March | Red Nose Day Kenny Gibb Basketball Festival |
| Monday 18 th March | P5-7 Rugby Session 2 |
| Monday 25 th March | P5-7 Rugby Session 3 |
| Tuesday 26 th March | Forest Schools Event - Spring |
| Thursday 27 th March | P5-7 Rugby Session 4 |
| Thursday 28 th March | School closes for Spring Holidays |
| 2024 - Term 4 | |
| Monday 15 th April | School re-opens to staff and pupils |
| Thursday 18 th April | Annual pupils progress reports issued end of week 1 |
| Monday 6 th May | School Closed - May Day Holiday |
| Monday 3 rd June | School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday |
| Friday 5 th July | School closes for Summer Holidays |

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

Office Hours: Mon, Wed & Thurs: 9am – 3pm; Fri: 9am – 2pm

Please note the office will not be manned on a Tuesday, but calls and emails will be answered from 9am – 2pm