

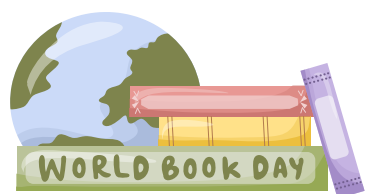
ULSTER-SCOTS EDUCATION

March

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March is a jam packed month of international days, celebrating books, women, saints and much more!



Ulster-Scots Writing

World Book Day

Thu 6 March

We have a wealth of literature for you to choose from to read to your class over this month. Why not read some of the Narnia stories by **C S Lewis** or dip into poems **Sarah Leech**, the only female weaver poet.

Check out these Ulster-Scots books

Fergie & Freens on tha Fairm

Nursery Rhymes for Weans

Yarns - a collection of Ulster-Scot writing

Ower the Tuppenny by Margaret Cameron

Words Fae Hearth an Hame - poem collection

Herstory



International Women's Day

Sat 8 March

As we celebrate the impact women have on today's society, let's not forget those who came before, paving the way in innovation, literature and women's rights.

Check out the **'Herstory' booklets** as they look at the lives of 24 Ulster-Scots women who changed the world in the fields they lived and worked in.

For primary pupils, visit the **Learning Mole**, **Our Artists** and **Our Innovators** to find out more about Anne Acheson, Annie Maunder, Mercy Hunter, Amy Carmichael & Margaret Byers.

Celebrating both women and writers, the recent BBC programme, **Out of the Silence**, follows local poet, Anne McMaster, as she explores how women writers in Ulster are moving from the margins into the mainstream.



St Patrick

St Patrick's Day

Mon 17 March

Kidnapped from Scotland aged 16, and enslaved to keep sheep in the foothills of Slemish Mountain by a ferocious Ulster chieftain,

Patrick's journey to Ulster in the late 4th century was unexpected and violent.

Spending many hours watching over the sheep alone, he turned to seek solace in the Great Shepherd Himself. He escaped after 6 years and returned to Scotland. As his faith grew he eventually became a missionary.

Patrick returned to Ulster following God's call. Facing persecution and danger, he brought many to Christ over the next 30 years. He died around 493 AD and is reputedly buried in the grounds of the Church of Ireland Cathedral at Downpatrick.

He became known as the Patron Saint of Ireland around the 7th Century.



Find out more
about Patrick
here.



Commonwealth

Commonwealth Day

Mon 10 March



Ulster-Scots migrated all over the Commonwealth since coming to Ulster at the start of the 1600s. Discover how their thran, determined, hardworking attitude help to shape government, trade and so much more in America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China and beyond at **Discover Ulster-Scots.**

Pancake Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday

Tue 4 March



Check out another famous Ulster-Scots Woman, Paula McIntyre, sharing a traditional Ulster-Scots twist on the humble pancake.

Oat & Treacle Pancake Recipe

Border Reivers

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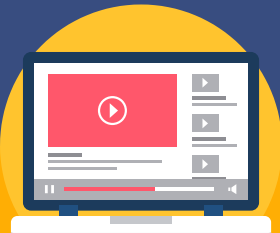
28 -30 March



The Border Reivers were the families who lived around the border between Scotland and England. For 300 years, from the 13th century, the border region was one of

wars, battles and hardships. The border moved so often that the Border families showed only allegiance to themselves. Constant battles meant that farms, crops and livestock were often burned or stolen. Raids or reives over the border were encouraged. This became a way to survive for the Border Reivers and they soon became uncontrollable. After the Union of the Crown in 1603, lots of these families moved to Ulster, mainly to the border area in Fermanagh.

Find out
more here



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