

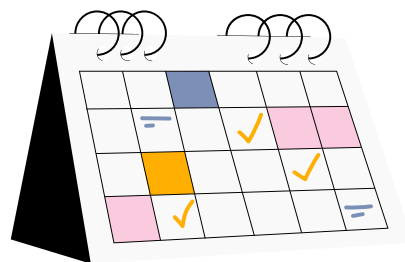
ULSTER-SCOTS EDUCATION

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The May Madness of exams, reports, trips and fun days has likely begun in your school. We hope this month's newsletter helps to bring a wee taste of Ulster-Scots into the mix!



Tak Tent

(Take Care)



The final term in school can often be stressful as the pressure mounts to tick everything off your 'To Do' list.

Most schools are part of the Take Five initiative which refers to 5 steps for wellbeing: Connect, Keep Learning, Be Active, Take Notice, and Give. Why not '**Keep Learning**' yourself as you take break from some exam marking or report writing.

The Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund (USBF) provides finance for the production of television, digital and radio projects relating to Ulster-Scots heritage, culture and language.

The **Digital Archive** contains a wealth of USBF programmes which will help you learn more about Ulster-Scots as clear your head at the same time.

Balmoral Show

We're getting ready for Balmoral Show which runs from Wed 14 May until Sat 17 May.

Come and say 'Fair Fa Ye' if you're **dandering aroon***. We have some great giveaways, a competition for the **weans*** and always have time for a **blether***!

If you're not able to come along, you could read 'Fergie and Freens' or use our 'On Tha Fairm' flashcards or some colouring to bring a wee bit of the show into your classroom.

(*walking about, children, chat)

The Language | Tha Leid

Do you know the origins of the Ulster-Scots Language or Leid?

[Leid is the Ulster-Scots word for Language]

The video linked above describes the languages of our islands and where the Scots language originated from. The mass migration of people from Scotland to Ulster in the early 1600s meant that the Scots language came Ulster too. As they settled in Ulster, this language grew and developed into what we now call Ulster- Scots; a language with its roots in Scotland but forged by the people of Ulster.

Derived from a version of Middle English called Northumbrian, Scots & Ulster-Scots have similarities with modern English, but are distinct.



Click here to watch the video.

Exam Season!

Exam season is upon us! Your pupils may have already begun sitting their GCSE and A Level modules. With more exams to come, and Junior and Higher Certs starting in June, check out the links below to some modules developed by Dr Frank Ferguson of the University of Ulster. Each module has an Ulster-Scots focus.

These modules cover Key Stage 4 Poetry Appreciation and Unseen Poems. For Post-16 students, there are some A Level history modules and an English module focusing on poems with media and drama.

They can all be found on the EA Ulster-Scots Hub.

TV Shows



Click on the images to view the programmes.

Why not watch some of these programmes specially made for Primary School children. They cover a range of themes which will fit seamlessly into your WAU topics: seaside, weather, farming, castles, Northern Irish points of interest, the Olden Days.

For older pupils, **A Word in Yer Lug** is a great way to introduce your pupils to some Ulster-Scots language. Join Jane Rea & Lolly Spence as they visit Ulster-Scot places in Northern Ireland.

