

Spring may still be a bit **dreich***, so we hope this newsletter puts a 'spring' in your step, with fresh and engaging ideas to bring Ulster-Scots into your classroom.

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Outdoor Learning



As the weather begins to get better, hopefully, this term is an excellent time to get **outside wi tha weans***!

The **Ulster-Scots Innovators Scavenger Hunt** from Twinkl is a fun way to introduce your pupils to some famous names and their innovations. Why not encourage the weans to carry out some of the hunt outside.

This activity can be linked with Using ICT tasks to create an e-book or collaborative slide show.

Our School Grounds Scavenger Hunt cards for Foundation & KS1 make it fun and easy for weans to discover some Ulster-Scots Language. Find it [here](#).

(*outside with the children)



USA 250

As we prepare to mark the 250th anniversary of America, we have created a Kist—a chest of artefacts showcasing the influence of the Ulster-Scots (Scotch-Irish) in early 1700s America.

Filled with items such as linen, fiddles, and letterpress letters, the Kist brings history to life through hands-on discovery. We deliver an introductory assembly, then leave the Kist with the school so pupils can explore further through guided activities that deepen learning and spark curiosity.

To book a session or to borrow the KIST, contact us on **028 90231113** or email education@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk



Oor Innovators

There are a wealth of Ulster-Scots innovators & inventors who can easily slot into topics you're already covering in class.

Our brand new **STEAM** resources are packed with activities and science experiments related to the field of study of each innovator. Each **Innovator Pack** has a teacher & a pupil booklet containing guidance, biographies, research activities and science experiments, as well as slides.

The first three innovators are **Annie Maunder**, **Thomas Andrews** and **John Clarke**. Their work in astronomy, mechanical engineering and the development of new plant varieties respectively, still play an important role in their fields today.

Find our resources [here](#), and check out [Our Innovators](#) website for more Famous Freens along with printable lesson ideas and videos about each character.

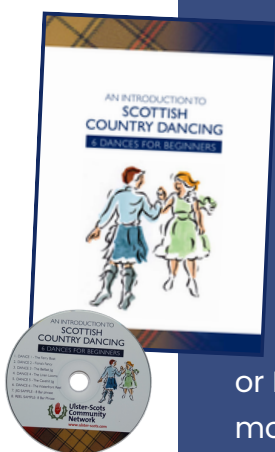


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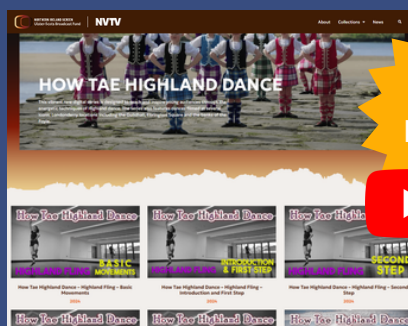
Give Us A Twirl

Learning dance offers children and young people a wide range of developmental benefits that extend far beyond the PE Hall. It boosts their co-ordination, creativity, and emotional well-being. Dance helps you explore patterns, sequences and rhythms - all while having a bit of crack!

An **Introduction to Scottish Country Dancing**, guides teachers and pupils through six dances, step by step. Once you've learned the dance, throw on the accompanying music CD and **birl roon tha flure***! Contact us for your free copy.



For Highland Dance, check out this series of video lessons from NTV, **How Tae Highland Dance**. These short videos take you through the basic dance steps of Highland Dance.



Why not check out some of the **Highland Dance Schools** in your area, or ask pupils who dance to showcase their skills in a PE Lesson.

Fancy a visit from a Scottish Country Dance or Highland Dance tutor? Get in contact to find out more about our Workshops, Afterschools Programme, Flagship Programme or Music & Dance in Schools Grant.

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(*twirl or spin around the floor)