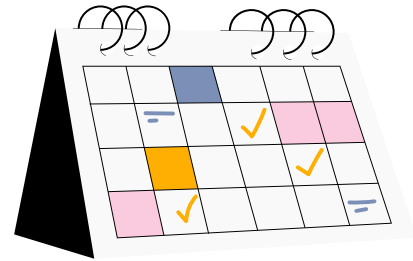


The May Madness of exams, reports, trips and fun days has likely begun in your school. We hope this month's newsletter helps to bring a wee taste of Ulster-Scots into the mix!



## KISTS

(Chests)

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 can 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. Alternatively, teachers can explore the box independently with the teacher's guide and powerpoint.

To book a session or to borrow the KIST, contact us on **028 90231113** or email [education@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk](mailto:education@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk)

## Balmoral Show

We're getting ready for Balmoral Show which runs from Wed 13 May until Sat 16 May.

Come and say 'Fair Fa Ye' if you're **dandering aroon\***. We have a scavenger hunt for **weans\*** this year. Ulster-Scots words will be hidden around the show in other stands.

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.

# Summer Activities

Have a look at some of our [language resources](#) which will fit perfectly into your Spring and Summer classroom teaching.



Liz O'Connor is a poet from Portglenone. She loves to write about the nature she sees all around her. This poem talks about the lifecycle of a dandelion and is a lovely way to teach younger children the different stages of the plants life. We have also included a audio recording to help with pronunciation.

Our [Ulster-Scots Words flashcards](#) cover The Farm, Weather & The Shore. Our [Outdoor Scavenger Hunt](#) can be used both as a class activity or for vocabulary flashcards. These cards would fit nicely into topics like Minibeasts; Where We Live; Our Home; Land, Air & Sea; and On The Farm.

Get in touch if there's a topic you would like us to create flashcards for.

## Farm Safety

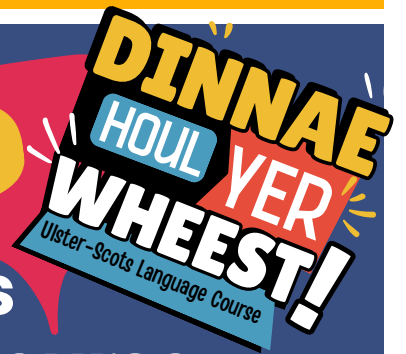
Our 'Mind Yersel on the Fairm' poster covers some important farm safety tips in Ulster-Scots. Words and phrases used on the poster are often heard on farms.

Why not share this poster with the weans in your class as they head off for their summer break.

Click the image to head to our website for more information about farm safety and some commonly used Ulster-Scots farming words and phrases.



## Ulster-Scots Language Course



This fun, friendly Ulster-Scots course helps you learn everyday words and phrases you can use straight away, with no experience needed. You'll build confidence in listening, speaking, reading, and writing while enjoying good crack and cultural insights. Whether you're curious or already ken a when o wurd, dinnae houl yer wheest – come and be part of something brilliant!

Keep an eye out for details to sign up to our next course near you:

**The Hans Sloane Centre, Killyleagh**  
(email [Callum.Bowsie@nmandd.org](mailto:Callum.Bowsie@nmandd.org))  
**The Mill, Mossley** (details to follow)