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Scots for Primary Teachers (and beginners)
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Learning Intentions:

To provide a (brief) overview of why Scots is taught in schools

To provide an introduction to how to teach Scots in primary schools

To provide an overview of how to take the next steps with Scots

To provide opportunities for further support

Fit like?



What is Scots?



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Foo mony o these Scots word div ye ken?

heid outwith glaiket tod

muckle lugs mingin wee

gallus wean bairn blether

haiver bosie ettercap fit

Fit Wye Teach Scots?

I niver learnit muckle Scots at the skweel
1.5 million spickers
Curriculum fir Excellence

Literacy

Fir spickers

Fir learners

Ither curricular airts

Gies a haun, disnae mak mair tae dee

Activity

Staun up an open baith yer lugs!

Why teach Scots?

- To nurture successful learners
Ti nurture fowk at can learn weel
- To develop confident individuals
Ti growe fowk wi smeddum
- To encourage responsible citizens
Ti gie a lift tae responsible citizens
- To create effective contributors
Ti mak fowk at tak pairt weel



Is it important to learn the Scots language in school as part of Curriculum for Excellence?

Yes I think it is very important because if you are Scottish like me, you will want to learn Scots because you live in Scotland. There are lots of different reasons why you might want to learn Scots. Here are some of the reasons you might want to learn Scots. Before I tell you the reasons, I forgot to tell you my favourite Scots book. My favourite Scots book is ... The Sleekit Mr. Tod by Roald Dahl translated by James Robertson.

Here are the reasons you might want to learn Scots. This is a confident individual reason. It helps us communicate with people in our family. Here is one successful learner reason. I'm learning to use a bilingual dictionary. Now do you want to learn Scots?

Cameron, age 9

Is it important to learn the Scots language in school as part of Curriculum for Excellence?

Yes. There are a lot of reasons why Scots is important in school. It helps me to respect the Scots language and it opens up a whole new vocabulary. Now that I am learning Scots I am much better at my English work. Learning Scots means I can use it in lots of ways like talking, listening, reading, writing stories, poetry and reports for topic work. I also think Scots is important because it is an exciting experience and it is a very important part of my education.

Fiona, age 9

Questions?

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How to I go about using Scots in my classroom?

Be confident

Scots is not slang

Use what Scots you have

Encourage the bairns to do the same

Ye hiv deen a bittie Scots...



Di ye yaise Scots onywye ither than Burns an St Andrew's?



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Literacy Es and Os can all be delivered through Scots



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Growing our Scots vocabulary



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Nouns, Adjectives, Suffixes and Sentence Building

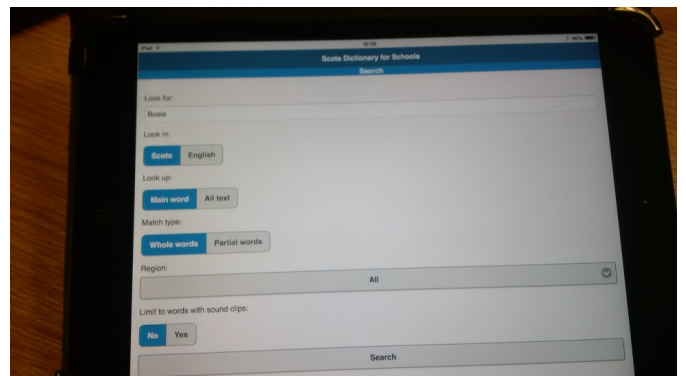
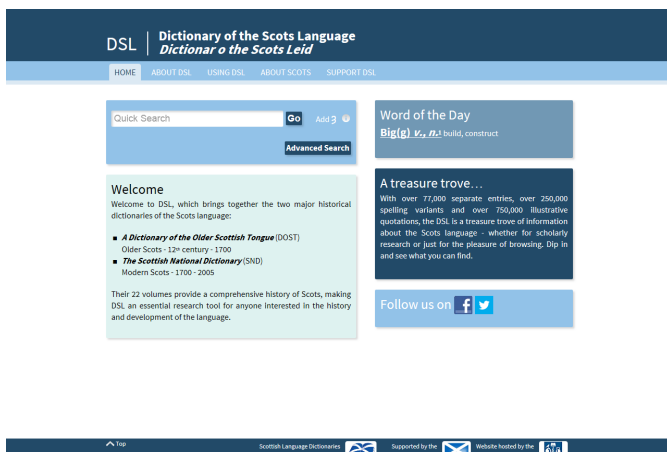


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Spelling need not rule...

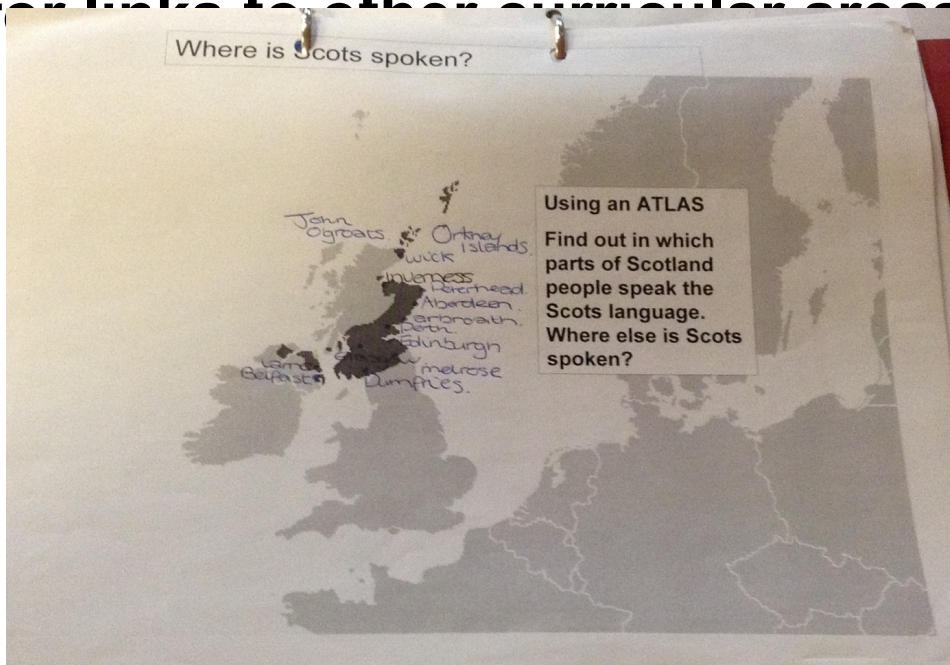
<http://www.dsl.ac.uk/>
Scots Dictionary App
Regional varieties
Consistency

Dictionaries...



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Look for links to other curricular areas too...



Resources are at hand...

- Blether: <http://bit.ly/scotsblether>



- Scottish Book Trust
- Scottish Poetry Library
- Scots Hoose

Useful Websites

<http://digital.nls.uk/oor-wullie>



<http://www.scotshoose.com/in>



<http://www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org/gaols/sangs-fur-schools.w>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Scottish Poetry Library. At the top, it says "SCOTTISH POETRY LIBRARY" with the tagline "Bringing people and poems together". There is a search bar and a "GO" button. Below this is a navigation menu with links for "ABOUT US", "THE LIBRARY", "POETRY", "CONNECT", "LEARN", "SHOP", and "SITE MAP". The main content area features a "POEM of the moment" section with the text: "Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, Great Chieftain o' the Puddin'-race!". To the right of the poem is an image of a pudding. Below the poem, there is a quote: "One of our poetry postcards came home to us today, with just the message 'WINTER', written on it. Is this a code?" and a "Receive our newsletter" form with a "SUBMIT" button. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "THE BEST", "EVENTS", and "OUR BLOG".

The screenshot shows the "Scots Sangs Fur Schools" website. The header reads "Scots Sangs Fur Schools" with the subtitle "Traditional and new Scots songs for use in Scottish schools". The main heading is "SANGS FUR TEACHERS AN STUDENTS". Below this, it says "Hiya, Welcome." and "This website has been developed by Ewan McVicar to assist Scottish teachers and pupils find the Scots songs they need for project and thematic work." There is a section for "STOP PRESS FREE BOOKS FOR TEACHERS" and another section for "I have added HERE free PDF files of three books made for Scottish teachers and music specialists, of Song, Music and Language resources. [SKIP! Help yourself!](#)". At the bottom, it says "Scroll down on left to the bottom to see recent podcasts of favourite songs you can download and use." On the left side, there is a vertical list of song titles, including "Welcome", "World War 1 Songs", "Scotland Songs", "For Small People", "More For Small People", "Tunes to play on snoodie", "Tunes to play on laizer", "Resources", "Auld Lang Syne", "Ye Banks And Braes", "West Lothian Songs", "Songs About Animals", "Songs of Families & People", "Songs of Scotland's History", "Disparate Journer Songs", "Jacobite Songs", "Wars of Independence", "Songs of School Life", "Viking Songs", "Work Songs - Codrinning", "Songs of The Sea", "Songs Of Thread And Cloth", "Slavery song Long Hard Road", "Scots Songs West Lothian", "Scotch-made Songs", "Bathgate Once More", "Carnedean Songs", "Information", and "Download Music & Podcasts". At the bottom left, there is a "Contact Us" link. On the right side, there is a photograph of a man playing a bagpipe.

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How to I go about using Scots in my classroom/school?

Work with others

Colleagues

Parents

Scots Language Ambassador

Scots Language Co-ordinator

Blether

Involve the parents



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Where do I go from here?

Start small

- Word of the week
- Short text
- Start up activity
- Scots bingo

Do something new

- Where could it fit?
- Instructions
- Gruffalo and Room on the Broom
- Braw Bubbles

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How can I find additional support?

Handouts:

What is Scots

Useful information for Parents

Why Study Scots

Scots in Schools: Where to Start

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