Aberdeen City
Scots for Primary Teachers (and beginners)
CLPL

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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?
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 spikkers
Curriculum fir Excellence

Literacy
  Fir spikkers
  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?
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?
Literacy Es and Os can all be delivered through Scots
Growing our Scots vocabulary
Nouns, Adjectives, Suffixes and Sentence Building
Spelling need not rule…

http://www.dsl.ac.uk/
Scots Dictionary App
Regional varieties
Consistency
Dictionaries…
Look for links to other curricular areas too...
Resources are at hand…

- Scottish Book Trust
- Scottish Poetry Library
- Scots Hoose
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
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
Questions?
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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Blether
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