

Fair Trickit!

(*adj.*) pleased, happy, delighted

An exploration of Scots – Our local language and what it means to us.

Scots is one of Scotland's three indigenous languages, alongside English and Gaelic. In the North-East we speak a regional dialect of Scots, often known as Doric.

Scots has a long history, a great literature, and for many of us, is the language of home and family. In the past, speaking Scots at school was discouraged, and even punished. Scots is now valued as an important part of our cultural heritage and is part of the curriculum.

There are at least 1.6 million Scots speakers, and in Banff more than 50% of people use Scots as part of daily life, (2011 Census). Walking down the streets you hear words and expressions that are unique to this part of the world.

This exhibition was made as part of Scots Language Week in Banff Academy. Pupils and staff chose their favourite Scots words then shared their stories about why these words are important to them. This is part of a research project exploring contemporary use of Scots among young people, and whether teaching Scots boosts pupil self-esteem and achievement.

