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Schools’ Programme
21 & 22 MAY 2019
Welcome to the May Fest Schools’ Programme

We have a great selection of events for pupils and teachers to enjoy in the Schools’ Programme for ages P1 to P7, ranging from storytelling to science.

The Schools’ Booking line opens on Wednesday 24 April at 10.00am. To make a booking contact the May Fest team on 01224 273865 or email festival@abdn.ac.uk

When booking, please indicate how many pupils and teachers will be attending each event. The Schools’ Programme is very popular so please book quickly to avoid disappointment.

All events are FREE, but please note that each school is limited to three bookings only.

The Schools’ Programme is supported by a generous donation from CNOOC International

Tuesday 21 May

TechFest’s Money Match – Short Changed

10.00am – 10.45am | P1 – P3
Catherine Gavin Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Curriculum areas: Maths
Curriculum level: Early/First

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Uncovering Viking Secrets

10.00am – 11.00am | P3 – P4
Carnegie Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

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Curriculum level: First

Join the Centre for Scandinavian Studies to uncover secret Viking messages hidden in runes and poetry. Write your own runic messages, learn some of the mysterious ways Vikings described the natural world, draw a fantastic kenning-beast, and even create some of your own Viking poetry!

A Trial at Sea! How to Find out Which Medicines Work Best

10.00am – 11.00am | P4 – P7
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Curriculum areas: Science/Health & Wellbeing
Curriculum level: First/Second

It can be hard for doctors to work out which medicines make people better. One of the best ways of doing this is a clinical trial. Step on board our ancient ship and discover the story of James Lind, one of the best Scottish doctors that ever lived, who invented the clinical trial.

Genes Unzipped

10.15am – 11.45am | P5 – P7
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Curriculum areas: Science
Curriculum level: Second

Discover how genes impact the health of people, animals, plants and even the soil. Learn about how genes and DNA impact on all aspects of everyday life from health and disease, to the environment and agriculture. This includes the hands-on opportunity to isolate DNA from strawberries.
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**Chinese Calligraphy and Crafts**

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Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen
Curriculum areas: Expressive Arts/Languages/Social Studies
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Come and try your hand at some fun arts and crafts such as Calligraphy, the ancient art of Chinese writing, learn about ancient characters and write one to take home. Make a decorative Chinese knot which are often used for celebrations and considered lucky. Or why not try making a mini paper lantern?

**Thinking Together: Philosophy Workshop**

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Animals are often represented in East Asian Carvings. In this workshop pupils will look at some objects from the museum’s collections, discuss the materials used and the process of how the carvings were created. They will then have a chance to carve their very own animal out of soap.

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