

Welcome to the May Festival Schools' Programme

We have a great selection of events for pupils and teachers to enjoy in the Schools' Programme for ages P1 to upper secondary, ranging from storytelling to science. You could also learn about how to stay happy and healthy with a session on mindfulness.

The Schools' Booking line opens on **Monday 23 April at 9.30am**. To make a booking contact the May Festival team on **01224 273233** 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!**



Tuesday 22 May

Storytime with 'Tilly & the Tooth Fairy' and Friends

10.00am – 11.00am | P1 – P3

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Curriculum areas: **Expressive Arts/Languages**
Curriculum level: **First**

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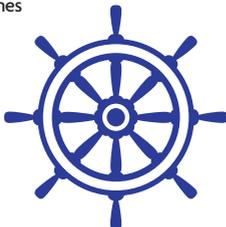
A Trial at Sea! How to Find out Which Medicines Work Best

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Curriculum level: **Second**

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Connected Things: Should We Trust Them?

10.30am – 11.30am | P1 – P3

Carnegie Room, King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Curriculum areas: **Social Studies/Technologies**
Curriculum level: **First**

In this interactive session, featuring a 'smart dolls house' and city simulator, we present TrustLens' work focused on privacy, trust, and the Internet of Things. The aim of this session is to help pupils understand the benefits, risks, and challenges of being surrounded by connected devices and services.

Cracking the Genetic Code

11.00am – 12.00pm | P6 – P7

Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

Curriculum areas: **Sciences/Technologies** Curriculum level: **Second**
DNA provides the instructions to make up our body. But what happens when these instructions carry mistakes? Using Lego we will show how DNA code is turned into proteins; the building blocks of our body. Pupils will assemble Lego parts into a vehicle (the protein) by looking up the DNA code and will explore how a mistake in the code can stop it from working.

This activity was developed by the West of England NHS Genomic Medicine Centre (WEGMC) and the University of the West of England (UWE).

Epidemic!

11.00am – 12.00pm | P1 – P3

Catherine Gavin Room, King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Curriculum areas: **Sciences/Health & Wellbeing** Curriculum level: **First**

What is an epidemic? How can you identify where a disease started and how did it spread to lots of different people? Come along to this workshop where an epidemic will spread a 'germ' throughout your class. You will then become a detective and work out who started the disease.



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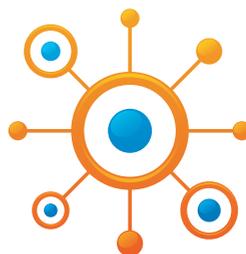
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Save Our Oceans



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The Aberdeen University Marine Society will be running a workshop, which will cover five aspects of the marine environment and what it's like to be a marine scientist. The five topics covered are: organic Vs inorganic (rubbish at the beach), entanglement of cetaceans, food webs in the ocean, cetaceans feeding mechanisms, and photo id (marine science).

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Explore stories, creativity and music with author **Jess Smith** as she looks at what life is really like for Travellers.

What Happens When it Rains? Flooding in Different Landscapes

10.30am – 11.30am | P5 – P7

Multimedia Room, King's College Conference Centre,
University of Aberdeen

Curriculum areas: **Sciences/Social Studies**
Curriculum level: **Second**



Learn how floods are generated in different landscapes via an interactive quiz and hands-on group activities. We will explore the role of soils, vegetation and land management strategies that can help to reduce the risks of flooding.

This event is in partnership with Dee Catchment Partnership

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Friday 25 May

Mindfulness Workshop

11.00am – 12.00pm | S1 – S6

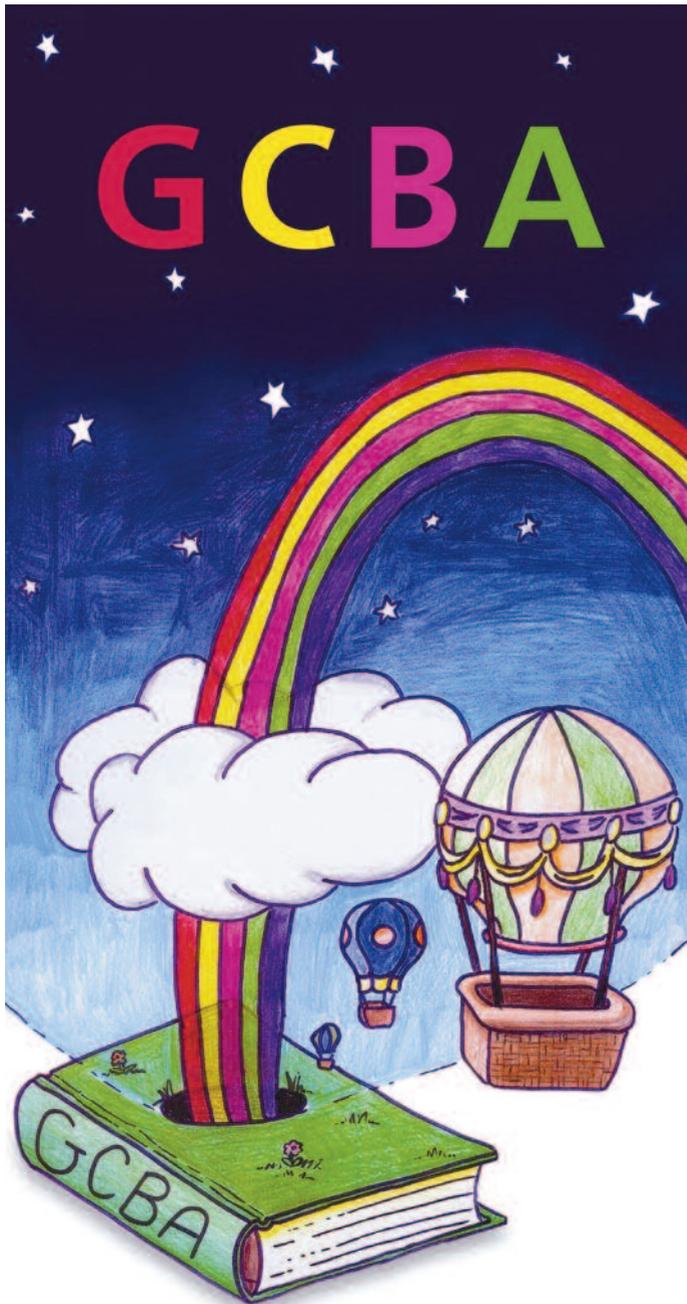
New King's 10, University of Aberdeen

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Curriculum level: **Third/Fourth/Senior Phase**

Do you struggle to find time 'just for you'? Then come and try this Mindfulness taster session! We will give you an idea of what Mindfulness is all about, and some tried and tested tips for staying healthy and happy.

Facilitated by Mindful Stonehaven, AberdeenMindful and Grampian Mindfulness Network





The University of Aberdeen is proud to once again host the **Grampian Children's Book Awards** this year. The Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday 16 May**, 1.30pm, Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen.

The Grampian Children's Book Award is for best fiction book, judged by secondary school pupils in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray.