

Five things you need to know on Boxing Day



Read Write Count

At the Cameo today

Recipe for turkey leftovers

Book your next holiday!

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie



The Scottish Government has announced efforts to support the use of reading, writing and counting in everyday activities among families of P1-3 children which are to be rolled into Scotland's libraries.

Supported by £198,000 funding from Scottish Government, the new phase of activity marks the next phase of the Scottish Government's Read, Write, Count campaign.

On National Libraries Day (February 6), 300 libraries around Scotland will be allocated a share of £90,000 to pay for new book stock and supplement existing displays.

A further £108,000 will be invested to provide Read, Write, Count book packs and stands. A pack will also be issued to every library in Scotland, containing stickers, posters and other resources, with eye-catching book stands being provided to libraries in some of Scotland's most deprived areas.

Since its launch in August this year, the Read, Write, Count campaign has already seen books and literacy and numeracy learning materials gifted to P1 pupils through their school, with P2 and P3 pupils set to receive packs of their own in

2016.

The campaign, which is being delivered in partnership with Education Scotland and the Scottish Book Trust, builds on existing Scottish Government efforts to tackle educational inequalities and raise attainment in early years and beyond.

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, said:

“Read, Write, Count has already got off to a good start this year and the Scottish Government is proud to continue our support into 2016 and take the important work of this campaign into libraries.

“Libraries don’t just provide access to reading material, but play a crucial role in empowering communities. Libraries also have a key role to play in supporting children’s literacy, and in supporting our ambition to raise attainment and close the gap in attainment.

“Ensuring children read, write and count well early is key to their success at school and in life, and it’s never too early to start. Family learning supports the fantastic job that parents, schools and voluntary organisations are doing right across Scotland.

“Check out the Read, Write, Count website for ideas on how to get involved.”

Marc Lambert, Chief Executive of Scottish Book Trust, said:

“Libraries are essential in supporting literacy development in the community and play a central role in the delivery of a number of Scottish Book Trust programmes such as Bookbug and Book Week Scotland. We are delighted to see work in libraries included as a key part of the Read, Write, Count programme and we are committed to supporting it.”

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enjoy – they promote learning and education through the provision of information, and are fun places for young people, where reading for pleasure opens up a whole world of imagination. This makes libraries ideal places to support parents and carers who want to encourage their children to learn out of school.

Gordon Hunt, Chair of the Scottish Library and Information Council, said:

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“We welcome today’s announcement because the additional Read, Write, Count resources will add a fun dimension to libraries’ work in this area. It will provide more opportunities for families, particularly those who live in our most disadvantaged communities, to get involved in reading through their local library.”



Today on Boxing Day, Ron Howard takes on the thrilling real-life events that inspired Melville’s *Moby-Dick*. [***In The Heart Of The Sea***](#) is a spectacular tale of survival following the sinking of a whaling ship by a vengeful whale in the South Pacific in 1820. Showing at the Cameo from 12 noon.

[Booking details here.](#)



So you’ll have had your turkey then? But there’s some left over of course, so now you are sitting there wondering what to do with it.

Well wonder no more.

TURKEY PILAF

Our recipe is really easy, will use all the bits of turkey

nobody wanted to eat (yes the brown bits!) and will make for a simple cooking day for you.

Get all the turkey you want to use and cut it into 1 inch pieces.

Depending on how much you have and how many you are cooking for peel and finely chop some onions. For four people two medium sized onions will be enough.

Sauté the onions gently in a frying pan or deep non-stick pan with 2 tbsps olive oil and 50 g butter. Careful that they don't brown too much. When they are soft, add two mugs of long grain rice gradually stirring all the time. Then add 1 and a half litres of stock a little at a time making sure the grains don't stick to the pan.

Cook for five minutes on medium heat then add as many of your turkey left overs as looks right and then half a mug of raisins.

Feel free to add more liquid if the pilaf needs it during cooking. The end result should not have much liquid but should not be dried out either!

Simmer gently till the liquid is absorbed and the turkey is heated thoroughly.

Serve in front of the TV in bowls with a fork and a glass of whatever you fancy!



Leading regional airline launches campaign giving customers chance to visit new cities and create new memories in the New Year!

Flybe, Europe's largest regional airline, is launching a limited time offer to promote popular winter routes as part of its '2016 is Waiting' campaign.

Flights can be booked from today through to 31st December 2015 at www.flybe.com for travel between 6th January and 23rd March 2016. One way fares start at £30 one way or less including taxes and airport charges.

With 100,000 seats available, destinations include Cardiff, Dublin, Jersey, Newcastle and many more.



The Filmhouse will show that classic film which so many in Edinburgh are very fond of: The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie.

Booking details [here](#).

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