

Royal Mile Weekly



**Headteacher update from
Lisa Black w/c 11th November 2024**

Stars of the week



Congratulations to Royal Mile's stars of the week for this week. They were chosen by their class teachers

to be successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and an effective contributors (our curriculum capacities). These four capacities define the purpose of our curriculum and represent what we aim for our learners to become.

Scottish Book Week



Book Week Scotland is an annual celebration of books and reading that takes place across the country. Book Week Scotland 2024 will take place on 18–24 November. Your child will be involved in activities in class to celebrate reading for pleasure.

In particular, P1-P3 families are invited to the Scottish Book Trust's book gifting celebration. Scottish Book Trust delivers two universal book gifting programmes, funded by Scottish Government: Bookbug and Read, Write, Count. The aim of both programmes is to support families to play, read and learn together, fostering the bonding opportunities and the love of reading that are so vital to children's life chances.

P1-P3 will be reading their books and undertaking activities related to them during that week.

P1-P3 Parents/Carers are invited to come to the dining hall on 22/11/24 at 11.30 for a tea/coffee. Then you will go to your child's classroom at 11.45 to hear a story and undertake activities with your child. Your child will then be gifted the bag full of activities and three books to take home and keep.



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Bikeability

Bikeability is a cycling training program in the UK that teaches children how to cycle safely and confidently on roads. If you would like to train as a volunteer to deliver bikeability, spaces have become available for the next BSI course at Bangholm Outdoor Centre on Fridays 15th and 22nd November – candidates must attend on both days from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Getting trained Bikeability volunteers is the most effective way to ensure delivery of Bikeability in our school, and the courses are FREE!

There are three steps to book:

Use this link: <https://www.cyclinghub.scot/book-a-course/9197>

Create a user account

Sign up for the course, using the password: Nov25 (this is case sensitive)

Please note these courses are for volunteers and staff in all schools.

If you need a bike and/or helmet for the course this can be arranged if you notify the organiser ahead of the training.

Young Tree Champions



Mr McPheeely has signed us up to become part of the Young Tree Champions programme. This supports schools to embark on impactful nature-based projects that connect pupils and teachers to trees and nature, helping us to develop the knowledge, skills and tools we need to speak up to protect trees and our planet. We have been doing a lot of gardening work in our planters which will be appreciated in Spring/Summer when they begin to flower.

Scooters/Bikes

While we encourage students to come to school on scooters or bikes, we do remind families that the school is not able to take responsibility for personal belongings left unattended. Please remember to secure any items with a lock, if possible.

Classroom Observations

Thank you to our teachers for welcoming our Quality Improvement Education officer, Mrs Peoples and I to observe lessons in their class last week. Examples of high-quality teaching, and engaging learning experiences were demonstrated. General strengths included how our teachers create a positive, supportive environment for our learners, offer opportunities to talk about learning and creative, engaging lessons. Areas for development include embedding the use of digital learning and ensuring the purpose of learning is fully understood.

Winter fair

Our Parent Council are excited to be planning our Winter Fair, but we need your help to make it happen! Without enough volunteers to assist with setting up, running stalls, and tidying up, we won't be able to go ahead. This event is a wonderful opportunity to bring our school community together and raise funds, so please consider offering your time, even just for an hour. Your support is essential to making the fair a success for everyone. **Our next Parent Council meeting is 27/11/24. A TEAMS link will be sent out. Please join us then.**



Date	Event
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These dates may be subject to change!

22/11/24	P1-P3 families invited to Scottish Book Trust Book gifting event 11.30-12.20
27/11/24	Parent Council 6.00pm-7.30pm
13/12/24	Winter fair
23/12/24	Christmas holiday starts (pupils return 7/1/25)
19/2/25	Sharing our Learning 2.30pm-3.00pm all parents/carers invited
26/2/25	Parent Council 6.00pm-7.30pm
20/3/25	Parent Consultations 4.00pm-6.00pm
21/3/24	Parent Consultations 1.00pm-3.00pm
7/4/25 - 21/4/25	Easter holidays (pupils return 22/4/24)
23/4/25	Parent Council 6.00pm-7.30pm
5/5/25	May day holiday
6/5/25	Inservice- school closed to pupils
12/5/25 –16/5/25	P7 Camp
16/5/25	Term 3 overview home to parents
19/5/25	Holiday
26/5/25	Summative Reports to parents/carers
11/6/25	Nursery-P1 transition information for parents
18/6/25	Parent Council 6.00pm-7.30pm
20/6/25	Meet the Teacher (for children only) 9.30am-10.30am
24/6/25	P7 Leaver's Assembly
25/6/25	Nursery Graduation Ceremony
26/6/24	End of Term-Last Day