

Royal Mile Weekly



**Headteacher update from
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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.

Halloween Disco



A huge thank you to our Parent Council and volunteers for organising the fun packed Halloween disco. It was an exciting disco where lots of creative costumes were on display.

Such a successful event takes a lot of planning and we appreciate the hard work gone into making it a safe and fun event. The next event is our Christmas fair. We need a lot of volunteers for this, so please contact the school office if we can give our parent council your details.

RMPS 2023/25 Staff Wider Achievement Clubs

Mr McPheeley is currently putting together a timetable and booking details for our extra curricular school clubs run by staff. Offerings will include football, choir, running, badminton, story telling, guitar, family reading sessions and more. Watch this space!



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'Share our learning' Fayre



Thank you to the families that were able to attend our 'share our learning fayre'. We were proud to celebrate your child's achievements and see firsthand what they've been learning. It's also a great opportunity to connect with our school community. The next one is on the 19/2/25 at 14.30. Thank you to the staff who worked hard to make the event so engaging.



P2 wanted to share their experience. 'P2 enjoyed learning about Mawlid, when Muslims celebrate the Prophet Muhammed's birthday. They created camels after reading 'The sad camel' story which highlights Muhammed's kindness and how he cares for all creatures. Our favourite part was making Algerian bread Kesra (thanks to Mounir and his mum) and watching everyone enjoy eating ait at the fair.'

Bonfire night



As we prepare to enjoy Bonfire Night, I'd like to remind everyone to celebrate safely. Bonfire Night can be a wonderful time for families and friends to come together, but it's important to handle fireworks and sparklers responsibly and follow safety guidelines. Keep a safe distance, be mindful of others, and always supervise children closely. P2 and P3



learned about fire safety first hand thanks to Billy's Dad!

Empowered Learning

City of Edinburgh's Empowered Learning programme has given every school pupil from P6 to S6 in Edinburgh their own digital device as part of our ambitious and inclusive education strategy, Edinburgh Learns for Life. Key elements of the programme for Royal Mile primary has included new iPads issued to pupils/teaching staff, expansion of wireless connectivity in schools, opportunities for children to be creative and engaging in their learning and a programme of professional learning for teachers. Mr McPheeley is our digital learning lead. He is working with P6 and P7 to create a timetable of events including an information session for parents and a date where pupils will be able to start taking their iPads home. Dates are being finalised and will be sent home soon.

Student Teachers

Welcome to our Student Teachers who are working alongside Nursery, P1, P4, P5 and P6 this term. Having student teachers on placement benefits us by bringing their fresh ideas and energy into classrooms, while also providing our experienced teachers with opportunities to mentor and share their expertise. As usual, they have enjoyed a warm Royal Mile welcome from our school staff and children.

Chewing Gum

I'd like to kindly remind everyone that pupils should **not** bring chewing gum to school. While we understand that it can be a popular treat, chewing gum can easily end up stuck to furniture, floors, and hair! If we find a pupil chewing gum, we will ask them to give it to staff to be put in the bin. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a clean learning environment for everyone.



Date	Event
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These dates may be subject to change!

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
21/3/25	Parent Consultations 1.00pm-3.00pm
7/4/25 - 21/4/25	Easter holidays (pupils return 22/4/25)
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
25/6/25	P7 Leaver's Assembly
25/6/25	Nursery Graduation Ceremony
26/6/25	End of Term-Last Day