

Royal Mile Weekly



**Headteacher update from
Lisa Black w/c 16th September 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.



Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)



Our pupil JRSOs attended a launch event at the City Chambers on Wednesday. They took part in workshops to give them lots of ideas to bring back to school to promote road safety to their peers. This included information on how to run a campaign in school, designing our road safety noticeboard, how to promote safety at the school gates at drop off and pick up times, school streets and a whole lot more.

Historic Environment Scotland



Royal Mile pupils helped Historic Environment Scotland launch their strategic plan. The Plan, developed through extensive consultation, aims to address key challenges and opportunities facing the Park, while preserving its heritage and enhancing its value for visitors and the local community. It's proximity to us is one of many things that make Royal Mile Primary unique. If you would like to have a look at the plan, please click on this link [A New Future for Edinburgh's Holyrood Park | Historic Environment Scotland](#) .



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'Meet the new Headteacher' Coffee morning

I have enjoyed getting to say hello to a lot of families in the playground before school. However, the Parent Council and I, would like to invite you in for a coffee morning after drop off on Friday 20/9/24, from 09.00—09.30 in the school dining hall. No need to book, please just pop in to introduce yourself to us and enjoy a cuppa and a biccie.

School Nurse

Please remember that our school nurse, Yasmin McLean-Steel, is offering parent/carer drop in confidential sessions On Thursday 19/9, 26/9, 03/10, 10/10, 09.00-10.00 in our school. There is no need to pre-book an appointment, just turn up. Look out for Yasmin in the playground on Thursdays before school to say hello.

Pre-loved uniform / books /Halloween costumes donations

Please donate any clean uniform/books/Halloween costumes to our school office.

Then we can offer them out at our Parent consultations in October.

Edinburgh zoo Universal Credit Tickets

Edinburgh Zoo have made reduced price tickets available online for those currently on Universal Credit, income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Housing Benefit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support. This offer finishes Monday 30th September. For more information, visit [Universal Credit tickets \(edinburghzoo.org.uk\)](https://edinburghzoo.org.uk/tickets/universal-credit-tickets) .

Blaze Basketball

Blaze coaches started a three week block of basketball with P5/6/7 in school. By playing basketball, children can develop and improve their ability, strength, fitness levels, understanding of tactics and strategy, teamwork, leadership, and more. It was lovely to see how popular the school basketball court became at playtime too.



Staff 'secret friend'



I'm already appreciating how Royal Mile primary has a reputation for being a close knit community. Mr Dominguez is keen to support this and has organised a staff 'secret friend' initiative. This is similar to a "Secret Santa" concept, where colleagues are randomly assigned a fellow team member to support, encourage, or surprise in small ways, without revealing their identity until the end of the school year. Royal Mile staff secret friends have left encouraging notes or messages, given small gifts or treats and offered help or support in discreet ways.

The goal is to foster a positive and supportive work environment by creating a fun, anonymous bond between team members. Great fun!



Date	Event
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These dates may be subject to change!

20/9/24	'Meet the new Headteacher' coffee morning 09.00-09.30
3/10/24	Parent Consultations 4.00pm-6.00pm
4/10/24	Parent Consultations 1.00pm-3.00pm
14/10/24-20/10/24	October week holiday (pupils return 22/10/24)
21/10/24	In-service—school closed to pupils
31/10/24	Halloween disco 4pm
1/11/24	Sharing Learning Fayre 11.30—all parents/carers invited
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 22/4/24)
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
26/6/25	End of Term-Last Day