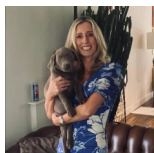


# Royal Mile Weekly



**Headteacher update from  
Lisa Black w/c 9th September 2024**

## House Captains

## Stars of the week



Congratulations to Royal Mile's stars of the week for this session. They were chosen by their class teachers to be successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors (our curriculum capacities). These four

capacities define the purpose of our curriculum and represent what we aim for our learners to become.

## Excursions



More fabulous learning beyond the school gates, took place this week. P6 and P7 went to Dynamic Earth for a 'Generative AI work-



shop'. They took part in a show and workshop that explored the ethical and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence apps. While P3 & P4 explored the archaeological landscape of Holyrood park, learning about how there is evidence of Mesolithic hunter-gatherer activity around 6000 years ago.

## 'Reading for pleasure' international project

Mrs Leslie was successful in her application to The British Council for us to take part in a 'Reading for Pleasure' international project. Some classes will be working with a partner school in Jamaica to learn about each other's culture through words and books and to share a love of reading. Mrs Leslie has also signed us up to take part in a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title attempt this National Poetry Day. We will work with poet Laura Mucha to co-write a poem about 'what counts' with over 60,000 students AND break a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for largest poetry lesson AND display the poem all over the country. Exciting stuff!



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## Parent Council

Our Parent Council met this week and discussed many important topics and events. This included the introduction of a hardship fund, Royal Mile school Lottery, our school improvement plan and recruitment of our crossing patrol staff. We have pencilled in 31st October 2024 for our whole school Halloween disco and our Winter fair for 13th December 2024. More details will follow. However, these cannot run if we do not have volunteers stepping up to help. If you can spare a couple of hours for these events, please email the school so we can pass your name onto the parent council. We are also always keen to welcome new faces to our meetings. In addition, please join us for a 'meet the new Headteacher' coffee morning, pencilled in for 20th September 2024. More details will follow.

## School Nurse

Our school nurse, Yasmin McLean-Steel, is offering parent/carer drop in confidential sessions on Thursday 12/9, 19/9, 26/9, 03/10, 10/10, 09.00-10.00 in our school. There are many ways that the school nurse can help you and your family make sure your child is happy, healthy and safe and achieving the best they can. Click on this link to read more about the services they offer <https://services.nhslothian.scot/schoolnursing/for-parents/>

Where more specialised support is required, school nurses can make referrals into other services ensuring children receive the correct care and support at the right time.

There is no need to prebook an appointment, just turn up. Look out for Yasmin in the playground on Thursdays before school to say hello.

## Canongate Youth

Canongate Youth clubs are starting back and will be running from Dumbiedykes Park.

They are due to be moving to the Braidwood Centre in Dumbiedykes but are still waiting to get a date so they may be running clubs from their office at South Bridge for a little longer. They will update when they have any further information. In the meantime see the flyers at the end of this newsletter for more information.

## School Lottery

Our parent council offer a school lottery. Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner for our school every week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot. The draw takes place every Saturday, they will notify the winners via email. Match all 6 numbers and you win the jackpot. For every ticket you play 74.2% goes to your school and prizes. Click on [Support Royal Mile Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#) for more information.



**CANONGATE YOUTH**

### Improving Young Lives

A unique project that supports individual needs

Improving young lives, is aimed at helping children and young people aged 8 to 18, to further develop their emotional well-being, resilience and life skills.

This is a **befriending** and **mentoring** scheme working with Lewis and Kirsty.

**What we will do:**

- Nurturing through life style skills
- Sports Activities
- Coffee Shop sessions
- Budgeting and more

Get in touch if this sounds like it would be beneficial for someone

The project is for children and young people living in the local SE area

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Canongate Youth provides high quality youth work services that support children and young people to flourish.

We offer a variety of services for 5-24 year olds living in the South East locality of the city with a focus on Southside, Dumbiedykes and Old Town areas.

**SERVICES INCLUDE:**

- Youth and children's clubs
- 1-1 Support
- Group work
- Employability support
- Counselling

As a universal youth work organisation our door is open to anyone in our area, regardless of circumstances, background and experiences.

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## Date

These dates may be subject to change!

## Event



13/9/24	Term overviews home to parents/carers
16/9/24	<b>Holiday– school closed today</b>
3/10/24	Parent Consultations 4.00pm-6.00pm
4/10/24	Parent Consultations 1.00pm-3.00pm
14/10/24-20/10/24	<b>October week holiday (pupils return 22/10/24)</b>
21/10/24	<b>In-service—school closed to pupils</b>
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	<b>Christmas holiday starts (pupils return 7/1/25)</b>
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	<b>Easter holidays (pupils return 22/4/24)</b>
23/4/25	Parent Council 6.00pm-7.30pm
5/5/25	<b>May day holiday</b>
6/5/25	<b>Inservice– school closed to pupils</b>
12/5/25 –16/5/25	P7 Camp
16/5/25	Term 3 overview home to parents
19/5/25	<b>Holiday</b>
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	<b>End of Term-Last Day</b>