

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).

Star Writers



Two pupils were nominated for excellence in writing this week. Well done to Ellie P2 and Mohamed P3.



Adult Star of the week

Our House Captains introduced a new weekly award- 'Adult star of the week'. All children get to nominate an adult star of the week.

This week, Ms McGivern was the lucky recipient of this accolade. Reasons given included that 'She is a kind and fair teacher' and 'Her learning is fun'.

Winter fair

Our Winter Fair is at risk of being cancelled by the Parent Council due to not having enough volunteers. Please contact the school if you can spare some time on 13/12/24.

'Into Headship' qualification



'Into Headship' is Scotland's national, mandatory Masters qualification for headship. The post graduate certificate focusses on the specificity of headship and the strategic role of head teachers. I am pleased to say that I graduated on Wednesday and husband and son were able to attend the beautiful ceremony at Edinburgh University.



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Young Carers

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Our assembly this week was about Young Carers. Pupils learned that a young carer is somebody who cares for or is affected by someone else at home – usually a parent or sibling – who suffers from physical or mental ill health, or who has substance misuse issues. The person they care for may suffer from mental health problems, disability, chronic ill-health and/or drug and alcohol misuse. If you think your child may be a Young Carer, please contact Mrs Robertson (our Young Carer Ambassador) through the school email address. They may be eligible to join 'Edinburgh Young Carers' who organise activities, discussions, support and a chance to meet other young carers and have fun.

Christmas Holiday Finish Times

A reminder that it is usual closing times on Friday 20/12/24 (12.20 for P1-P2, 12.25 for P3-P7).

Road safety Week

Thank you to Ms Brunner and the Holyrood horses for their work promoting Road Safety week. They upheld their right to make safe and healthy journeys. They also gathered in children's posters promoting road safety and will choose some to display around the school. P1 were introduced to Ziggy and Roadstars as animated characters to engage and interact with to help get them interested in road safety. P2-P4 took part in interactive videos and tasks for teams or individuals. While P5-7 were given the chance to challenge their road safety knowledge and reflect on their own behaviour and attitudes.

Severe weather 'at home' 'learning'

Teachers have been preparing for any severe weather which may result in schools being closed. Please note that we do not have any concerns about closing but as winter approaches, it is good practise to be prepared. Keep up to date by clicking on to your class blog in our website www.royalmileprimary.com and our twitter ('X') page @royalmile_ps

Headlice

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. I understand the frustration when your child falls prey to them, especially when they do so repeatedly. A few parents contacted me to ask if there is anything the school can do. I contacted the The East Region Health Protection Team who cover NHS Borders, NHS Fife, NHS Forth Valley and NHS Lothian. They instructed me to follow the advice of NHS Inform. I am afraid there is no quick fix. Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> for guidance on how to treat and prevent it.

'At Royal Mile, we **SMILE** because we are;

- S** - successful
- M** - multicultural
- I** - included
- L** - loved
- E** - empowered



Date	Event
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These dates may be subject to change!

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
26/6/25	End of Term-Last Day