

Royal Mile Weekly



**Headteacher update from
Lisa Black w/c 6th January 2025**

Happy New Year

On behalf of all the staff at Royal Mile, I would like to wish all our families a Happy New Year. We look forward to another year where we 'SMILE at Royal Mile, because we are **Successful, Multicultural, Included, Loved, Empowered**' (our school values).



Staff In-service



Staff returned back to school on Monday 6/1/25 to undertake a full day of professional learning. We have started to refresh our Royal Mile curriculum rationale. This is where we plan what learning, teaching and assessment will look like in our Royal Mile context to support our pupils to reach their potential.

We also participated in outdoor learning where we learned to make a fire for cooking in Holyrood park, use the trees for Maths and explore how to make good use of our amazing environment for learning, which is on our doorstep.

Pupil support assistants and Nursery staff were trained in 'playboxes'. Playboxes offers opportunities for early play experiences by providing an enthusiastic play partner, a dedicated place and time, and engaging resources designed to interest the child. It is motivating and it is fun. We hope to offer it to children identified as benefitting from it.

Health Promoting school

Royal Mile primary is a health promoting school. As such, we adhere to the strict healthy City of Edinburgh Council guidelines. Please ensure your child does not bring chewing gum to school. In addition, **fizzy drinks are not permitted**. Thank you for your support



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Online Parent and Carer Peer support group

This is a reminder about a monthly online Parent and Carer Peer support group for Edinburgh based parents and carers of neurodivergent children. The sessions are to help parents and carers share their knowledge and lived experience of supporting neurodivergent children. Each group will have a theme where parents and carers will have the opportunity to chat, to share strategies, anecdotes and what they have found useful. The first group for 2025 is on Thursday January 16th at 10.30-11.30am.

Please email directhelp@mindroom.org or call 0131 370 6730 for information about signing up. To find out more information email them or go to www.mindroom.org

Teen Triple P Parenting Groups January - March 2025 - new dates added

Teen Triple P is a positive parenting programme suitable for parents, carers and grandparents of pre-teen and teenage children. Teen Triple P can help parents and carers to:

- cope positively with some of the common issues associated with raising a teenager
- build stronger relationship with their teenager
- resolve conflict in the family
- manage problem behaviour
- help keep their teen stay safe

Applications can be made by completing the online application form and more information is found here <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/teentripleform>

New Service Director and Chief Education Officer

Royal Mile congratulates Ms Jackie Reid as the new Service Director and Chief Education Officer.

Ms Reid began her journey with The City of Edinburgh in 2013, and over the years have served as a Head Teacher in various schools across different contexts. Since 2018, she has been part of the Central Education Team, most recently serving as Head of Education for Quality Improvement and the Broad General Education. A letter from Ms Reid was emailed to you this week.

Refreshed School Diary Dates

Please ensure you check our school diary dates which may be subject to change. There are indeed, a few changes from the last newsletter. If in doubt, please email the school office and we can confirm any.



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Date	Event
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These dates may be subject to change!

24/1/25	Whole school Scot's assembly– all Parents/Carers welcome
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 (P7 Families welcome)
25/6/25	Nursery Graduation Ceremony
26/6/25	End of Term-Last Day