

Five things you need to know today



In the news today:-

Scotland and the EU

Hovercraft no more

Midlothian Ski Centre to benefit from council funds

Roslin Primary School reopens today

BT Broadband

We are off to meet the pandas this morning and hope to have our own photos of Tian Tian and Yang Guang for you later. Meanwhile, First Minister, Alex Salmond, has returned from a trade mission to China to write to David Cameron a strongly worded letter about the effect of using his Brussels veto on Scotland. The headline in [The Scotsman](#) says it all:-“Dear Mr Cameron, you have damaged Scotland.” The article also quotes Aidan O’Neill QC who explains that in the event of independence Scotland would have its own seat at the EU table automatically.

[Councillor Cameron Rose](#) has written about the council’s decision last week to reject the planning application by Stagecoach to build a hovercraft terminal to allow them to run an alternative Forth crossing service. The company has said that it is now at the end of the process, and it will not appeal the decision.

Sports and outdoor education projects have been awarded more than £300,000 in funding by the City of Edinburgh Council's Pensions and Trusts Committee.

Snowsport Scotland, Lagganlia Centre for Outdoor Education, Midlothian Snow Sports Centre at Hillend and Save our Suntrap are all benefiting from funding released from the Boyd Anderson Trust, that is administered by the Council.

The trust fund was set up after the death of George Boyd Anderson in 1972. Boyd Anderson was a generous benefactor with a keen interest in skiing, outdoor education and gardening, who throughout his lifetime donated to projects across Scotland.

Boyd Anderson played an instrumental role in setting up skiing and educational facilities, at Hillend and Lagganlia in the Cairngorms.

The nursery at Roslin Primary School – closed due to damage caused by last week's severe weather – is planned to reopen as normal today, Monday.

It has been confirmed that damage to the nursery at Roslin Primary School was caused by the weather. The Nursery room was the only area damaged there is no damage to the rest of the building.

Parents and carers were advised yesterday that the nursery at Roslin Primary School is closed today to allow repairs – which are not expected to take long. This follows some ceiling tiles being damaged and falling to the floor.

Primary 1 pupils have been temporarily moved to another area of the school while repairs are made.

BT have announced plans to roll out their super fast optic fibre broadband in Edinburgh as well as selected other areas of the country, according to an article [on the BBC website.](#)