

Five things you need to know today



Keeping Children Safe – Fire at Craigroyston Community High School – Billy Bragg – Petitions Committee – Edinburgh Reporter Statistics

A thousand primary one school children from 21 schools on the west side of Edinburgh will be learning how to keep themselves safe during a four-day personal safety event in the city. 'Playsafe' is a partnership initiative taking place at St George's School for Girls between June 3rd – 6th and involves Police Scotland, British Transport Police, Scottish Fire Service, Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Now in its eighth year, the programme, sponsored by Edinburgh Airport, aims to teach children how best to look after themselves in various situations.

The event is a combination of structured inputs and practical scenarios designed to help the children learn by experiencing different realistic situations involving the emergency services.

Police Scotland will give instruction on what the children should do should they find themselves lost from parents or carers and the Scottish Ambulance Service will show the children how best to apply a bandage in case of injury. The Scottish Fire Service will highlight the dangers of fire and the Royal National Lifeboats Institution will explain how dangerous water can be. The British Transport Police will highlight that railway tracks are not suitable playgrounds.

Inspector Andy Gilhooly said:

“Young minds are curious minds and curiosity is part of learning. However curiosity can often lead young people unknowingly into difficult situations and it’s therefore important that they learn about potential dangers – how to avoid them in the first place but how to get out of them safely if they find themselves at risk of harm.

“The Playsafe initiative is an excellent way for children to see and hear about how they can keep themselves safe and, with the school holidays just round the corner, help them enjoy their holidays to the full.

“We are grateful to St George’s school for hosting this event and to all of our partners in delivering this important learning programme.”



A fire broke out last night at Craigroyston Community High School which features in our photos today. Photos are courtesy of Mike Lindsay who was on the scene in minutes.

The fire was quickly brought under control.

‘National treasure’ Billy Bragg plays The Queen’s Hall tonight

No real details as to what the show will comprise but more details about tickets [here](#).



The Petitions Committee meets at the City Chambers this morning. If you cannot make it along to the public meeting then you can follow proceedings online [on the council website.](#)

There are only two petitions which are valid and which will be considered by the committee this morning. One is the petition to remove religious observance from non-denominational schools and the other is the polar opposite; a petition to retain religious observance in non-denominational schools.

There have been two petitions submitted which are considered invalid largely due to the fact that these matters are being dealt with in other areas of the council. One is the East Craigs Primary School Catchment Area and the other is a petition to Save the House Concerts at No 42 Royal Park Terrace.

You can read the full list of all petitions submitted, successful or otherwise [here on the council website.](#)

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