

Five things you need to know today



Macmillan fundraising – Doors Open Day this weekend – Go arty at Edinburgh Castle – Today at the Filmhouse – Enter our COMPETITIONS!

The Edinburgh Reporter is off to the Gyle this morning to see how the Lord Provost gets on as a barista in Marks & Spencer. The whole coffee morning thing has gone viral in Edinburgh and there are many people getting involved in the fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Care.

We will have photos for you later! If you are organising a coffee morning then please send us your photos and tell us a little about your event. theedinburghreporter@gmail.com



There is a huge programme of events taking place culminating in the Doors Open Days this weekend.

[We have made our recommendations for you](#). Hope you have fun! Tweet us your photos!

Visitors to Edinburgh Castle will be able to channel their inner Picasso next month.

The castle is taking part in 'The Big Draw', the world's biggest drawing festival.

Throughout October, visitors will be equipped with Big Draw packs which will allow them to capture the site through art.

Edinburgh Castle is one of a number of Historic Scotland's properties taking part in this year's Big Draw and includes sites such as Aberdour Castle and Stanley Mills.

The theme across the estate is inspired by the Year of Natural Scotland and will include the opportunity to draw the view from one of the windows on site, reinforcing the link between the historical and the natural world.

Kirsten Wood, Education Officer for Historic Scotland said:-
"The Big Draw is a fantastic opportunity for those who have an interest in drawing –
be they a budding artist or have never drawn before, to get involved.

"This year we have decided to focus on the natural world and are asking visitors to capture the view from one of the windows on site, although we're obviously more than happy for them to get inspired and capture different aspects of the site too.

"It's amazing how one person can interpret the same view or building in a different way and we're really looking forward to seeing the results.

"With the school holidays coming up it's a great way to keep the kids entertained and to channel their imaginations."

The Big Draw was founded in 2000 and is intended to help raise awareness of drawing as a tool for thought, creativity, social and cultural engagement. This year more than 200,000 people are expected to take part in fifteen countries.

For further information on the Big Draw and other participating Historic Scotland sites please visit www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/events

At lunchtime today at The Filmhouse they are showing a film of the kind that they are best known for, something you will definitely not see in a mainstream cinema! Blackfish is about the incidence of captive killer whales doing exactly that – killing or attacking those who look after them.

Not for the faint hearted – but looks good to us!

[Booking details here.](#)

Have you entered [our competition to win some sweeties](#) yet? (Actually £10 worth of sweeties!) Or tickets to [White Christmas at the Festival Theatre](#) with stars from The Bill and Coronation Street?

Well enter now!

Here is David Morgan the director of White Christmas speaking to us earlier in the week:-