

Five things you need to know today



- Holyrood Christmas lights now switched on
- No smoking in cars with children
- Hog the Stage finalists
- The Edinburgh Reporter Advent **Calendar**
- **Our competitions**

The Palace of Holyroodhouse held a lovely event last week when they lit up their Christmas lights and showed off the State Apartments decorated for Christmas. Rosemary Kaye was there and will have more for you soon.



Aileen Campbell, Minister for Public Health and Sport, is pictured with
Amber McEwan, aged 9
Christopher Pavlov, aged 4
Sevi Dick (in blue), aged 6
Ahnaf Talukder, aged 7
Picture: Alan Rennie

From today it is illegal to drive a car with a child or young person in it if you are smoking.

The penalty for doing so is a fine of up to £1,000.

Aileen Campbell Minister for Public Health and Sport joined children from Royal Mile Primary School to publicise the new law.

[Read more here](#)



Edinburgh's Hogmanay have announced the last eight bands who are still in with a chance of appearing with Paolo Nutini at the end of the month.

[Read more here.](#)



Our advent calendar keeps on giving you daily suggestions with gift ideas for the whole family.

Today we feature Musselburgh Racecourse who are holding a New Year's Day meeting guaranteed to get rid of any cobwebs!

[Read more here.](#)



Have you had a look at our competitions? At the moment we have no less than five running for you to enter.

[Click here](#) to go to our Competitions page.

