

Five things you need to know today

More talk about education

Further to our [article earlier in the week](#) about the confusion over education in Enhanced Support Hubs (ESBs) for children with Additional Support Needs, the council has agreed to clarify their position.

Green and Liberal Democrat groups along with the SNP group demanded that the council communicate with parents about the transition for their P7 children to secondary school

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Jobs

Jupiter Artland, the outdoor and indoor art venue at Bonnington House near Wilkieston, are looking for “passionate individuals to fill various seasonal roles including Barista, Kitchen Porter, Café Manager, Front of House Duty Manager, Visitor Experience Assistant and Customer Service Assistant.

[They invite applications here](#) or email enquiries@jupiterartland.org



Jupiter Artland

Government reshuffle

The resignation of Michael Matheson MSP as Health Secretary, albeit overdue, and the resignation earlier in the week of Elena Whitham, the Drugs and Alcohol Policy Minister, on health grounds meant that First Minister, Humza Yousaf, was forced into a reshuffle on Thursday.

New positions include Neil Gray MSP as Health Secretary, Mairi McAllan as Net Zero and Economy in a new combined role, Fiona Hyslop will become a member of the Cabinet as Cabinet Secretary for Transport, and Christina McKelvie MSP is the new Drugs and Alcohol Minister. Kaukab Stewart will take over as International Development Minister and Jim Fairlie will support in Transport and Mairi Gougeon in Agriculture.

The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body is now conducting an

inquiry into the £11,000 bill for roaming charges for Mr Matheson's iPad which had been presented by him as part of his expenses. The parliament initially paid the bill but Mr Matheson eventually reimbursed the charge apparently run up by his children using the iPad as a hot spot to watch football.

Scottish Conservative leader Douglas Ross said that Mr Matheson has misled the public, the press and parliament but said that the First Minister "should have sacked him the minute it became clear that Michael Matheson had not told the truth".



Ukrainian meeting

Book your place at the meeting tomorrow at 44 Buchanan Street EH6 8RF. Click on the image below to email ukraine@feniks.org.uk



UKRAINIAN MEETING

Saturday 10 February, 14-17.00

Winter can be fun, but it can also be a cold, grey and exhausting time. Meeting with others, talking and spending time together can help us to survive it!

Programme:

- refreshments (we will bring tea, coffee, hot chocolate, please bring your own food / cakes for yourself and to share with others)
- games and activities for children and discussions and activities for adults (including personal growth cards)

Practical psychological advice: how to cope in winter?

The event is free for the participants, funded from the mental health community fund.

Please book your place(s) by writing to ukraine@feniks.org.uk saying how many people (18+, 10-17, 0-9) are in your group.

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AND ENJOY OUR TIME
TOGETHER!

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Our February issue

Our February issue is out now. With more on our exclusive story about Chief Constable Jo Farrell revealed in our centre spread and our new columnist to entertain you with news of all the theatre you must see, we are pleased with this month's issue. We hope you like it too.

[If you would like to make sure that you don't miss any of our monthly newspapers then sign up here.](#)

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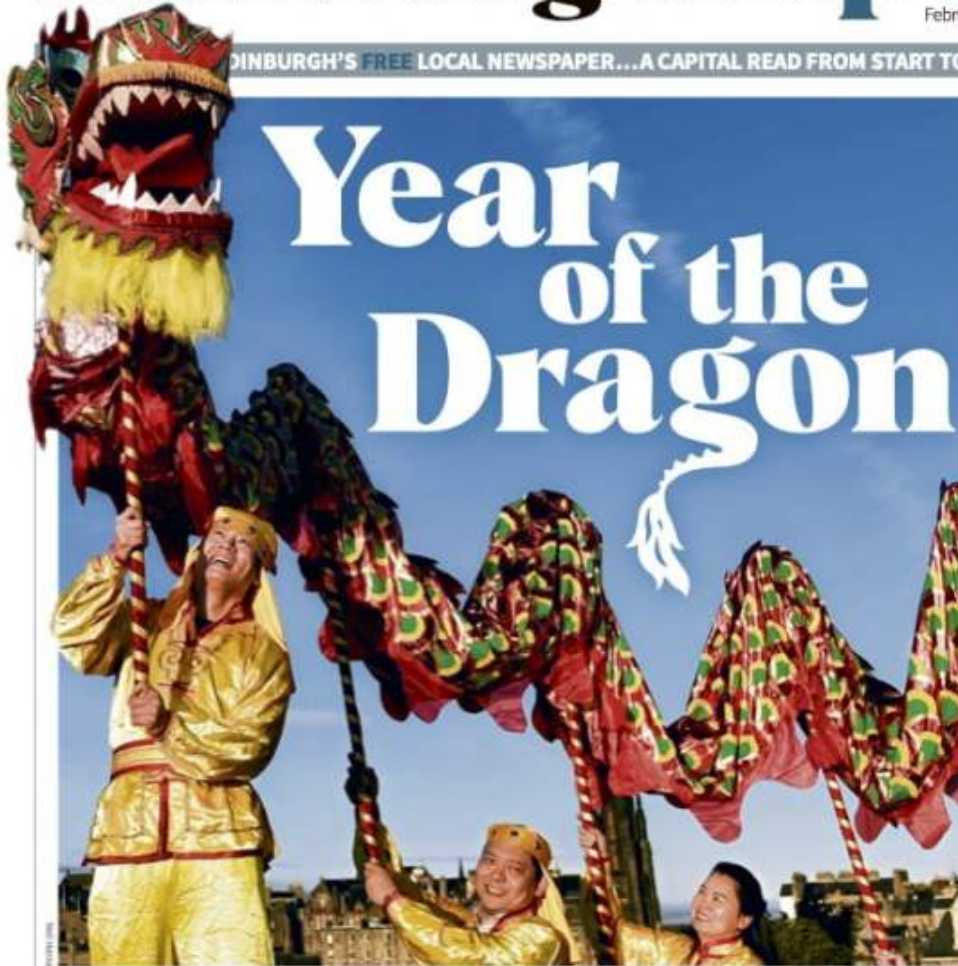
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Year of the Dragon

Bringing success and opportunity

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

THERE WILL BE a full programme of events in the capital to herald the start of the Year of the Dragon and celebrate Chinese New Year 2024.

The entertainment in Edinburgh forms the largest celebration of its kind in Scotland and it runs from 3 to 13 February. There is a wide range of activities including the Official Chinese New Year Concert at Usher Hall which has become an annual fixture in the civic calendar.

The programme includes dragon and lion dances, a bilingual ceilidh, tai chi sessions, calligraphy and tarot card reading, all of which help to promote local businesses and to reinforce the links between Scottish and Chinese culture.

The Dragon is a significant emblem in Chinese culture symbolising power, nobleness, honour, luck and success, and it is predicted that the new year will bring opportunities, changes and challenges.

The festival in the capital is supported by Heriot-Watt University and Hainan Airlines, and is coordinated by Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG). This forms a large part of the group's China Ready initiative and ETAG will hold their annual conference during the week at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre with training sessions and industry meet-ups.

For a full run down of this month's events to celebrate turn to page seven

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