

ST DAVID'S RC PRIMARY AND ELC SETTING | ROUND UP



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Communication

This past week has been a difficult and challenging week for us all. As we transition to a new way of living and adjust to new ways of learning, we feel that a weekly round up of news, information and highlights might help to keep everyone informed about our very special school community.

Please be good to yourself and take time to negotiate this new and unusual situation. Working from home can be challenging enough nevermind trying to home school at the same time! Take time to find your rhythm, think about how your daily routine might look and don't be surprised if sometimes it goes out of the window! Our main request is that you stay safe and follow the guidance and advice of the Government. We are here to support. Please ask if you need anything (email St-davids.ps@midlothian.gov.uk). Our staff are also on hand on Seesaw (please use the messaging facility).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your trust, support and words of encouragement over the past few weeks. Please be assured that we are working harder than ever to ensure you and your child are supported at home. We are confident we can provide a breadth of learning experiences which are both accessible and challenging. Thank you for all your hard work this past week as staff continue to prepare learning which will be shared on Seesaw.

We have been astounded by the amount of hard work and learning going on at home! There are so many examples to share. Please see below for a brief summary of some of the highlights. Keep working hard and you may feature in the next round up!

We will continue to communicate updates on Seesaw in student/ family announcements. We will also continue to update our school website (<https://stdavidspms.mgfl.net/>). You can view and engage in daily interactions with us on Twitter (@stdavidprimary). Huge thanks to Mrs Noade, Mrs Swanston, Mrs Graveson, Mrs Folan, Ms Williams, Mrs Tombs, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Stupart who have kept us smiling throughout the week!

Rest assured we'll try to keep our future round ups a little more succinct! We have a lot to share this week!

Stay safe as we keep you in our hearts and prayers.

Mrs McP and the St David's Team

Rainbows everywhere #TheresNoSuchPlaceAsFarAway

'The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain' (Dolly Parton)

A huge thanks to everyone who has displayed a rainbow in their window. This has really brightened up folks days and given the children a sense of purpose as they walk around their neighbourhoods. We will continue to set weekly challenges to remind you that we are all in this together and here to support one another.

A special mention to Lara (P7) who has painted the most beautiful rainbow in her window and Archie (P2) who filled his with hearts.



Inspiring others

The Graveson family were busy in the kitchen this week making lemon drizzle cake and mini cupcakes! This inspired the Folan's to have a go at baking muffins. They even delivered them to nearby neighbours (some of whom are key workers)! The Tombs household has also been feeding others with mega tray bake efforts and Mother's Day treats. Finally the Stupart's created and decorated a beautiful rainbow cake! Great work everyone. Will this inspire you to have a go at some family cooking/ baking this week?



Learning

All learning will now be posted to your child's Seesaw journal. Staff are on hand throughout the day to provide feedback, support and advice to pupils and families.

Our Support for Learning team will continue to support individuals and post tasks/ follow up activities to complete at home.

Please note that there will be no learning posted over the Easter break. Staff will also be unable to approve or comment on posts during this time. Some Seesaw highlights this week:

- Conor and Emma's home school uniforms – an outfit for every subject!
- Adam testing out his Daddy's technical equipment (his Daddy has been pretty heroic these past few weeks)!
- Erin working hard to keep up with her sisters.
- Family efforts to complete Body Coach sessions (shake off those sore muscles)!
- Artie's tennis tricks.
- Romeo leading his family in prayer and Giorgio praying the Rosary daily.
- Euan and Cole video conferencing each other to have a game of Uno.
- Eilidh posting her Dynamic Youth Award – great achievement, congratulations!
- Patrick H sharing his daily progress, lots of improvements as the week has gone on!
- James and his hula hoop class challenge.
- Sumdog championships and league tables.
- Lacey looking for a challenge from Miss Resta and Mrs H.
- Matthew's questions about Space.
- Theo and Kieva inviting a tiger to tea.
- Archie's giant shark with stories of 6.
- Mia's personal presentation for high school.
- Amelia's rugby video's for Dalkeith Thistle.
- Millie's beautiful cards with flowers enclosed for her neighbours.
- Shelly's efforts across all her learning.
- Archie's news report.
- Cooper's brilliant writing.
- Ross and his excellent reading recordings.



Wild Wednesday

Learning doesn't always have to be reading, writing and numbers. Watch out for Wild Wednesdays coming soon! We think you'll enjoy some of the activities we have planned!

All suggestions welcome!

Partners

We are continuing to work with Jenn Currie our NHS Speech and Language partner. Miss Kelly and Mrs Davies will share more information with P1/2 soon.

Julie from Play Therapy Base is currently unable to work with children directly however is keeping in close contact with them. Play Therapy Base have created a website for all to access https://mail.midlothian.gov.uk/owa/redir.aspx?C=TZhkne0NJ4rexGqm6eJO_tWV8n5ROpyiFqjrJZNG_p9uR33yDtTXCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwakelet.com%2f%40playhome. You'll find lots of practical supports here.

Psychological Services have setup a helpline which is for parents/carers and professionals to discuss any concerns about a child or young person's learning, social, emotional and behavioural needs. For advice or to discuss a child or young person, please phone 0131 270 5616. Lines are open on Thursday mornings from 10am-12pm weekly.

At present, Play Midlothian are not running any sessions. Mrs McPherson will be speaking with the service later in the week to see how we can evolve our partnership. Continue to check their social media for updates about services in the community.

Lenten Journey and SCIAF



to the current situation. We will share something later in the week to reflect on the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Tweet of the week



The Garven family doing their ballet class together!

We are so proud of our Citizenship Pupil Participation Group who committed to raising essential funds for SCIAF, our international charity throughout Lent. Their aim to buy 12 sets of books (£11 each) for children who can't normally access school to learn to read and write was started with our Wee Box Appeal on Ash Wednesday. Miss Kelly reports that class boxes raised a total of £110. Every £1 raised will be doubled by the UK government. This means we have raised enough money to purchase 20 sets of books! This is a fantastic effort given we've not been in school for the final two weeks of term. Well done to all. Thank you to Mia and Conor who shared a picture of their Wee Box Appeal from home and for everybody who uploaded a picture of themselves in their non-uniform on Friday (albeit not in school)!

Father Andrew is keeping us all in his thoughts and prayers. If you haven't already done so, please follow the Parish Facebook page, St David's Parish Dalkeith. Father will provide an update about Sacramental Preparation arrangements in due course and email families directly. Miss Kelly and Mrs McKay will continue to provide home activities for P3 and P4. Our Lenten Service has been cancelled due

The week ahead...

Whole school challenge!

Following on from this week's rainbow challenge, please:

1. Pop your teddy (or stuffed toy of any variety) in your window for all to see.
2. Use your daily exercise time to go on a bear hunt (take pictures and Tweet us). N.B. you may need props to help you – binoculars, a bag of equipment to catch the bear, a map.
3. Learn our new song (which we would have done in Assembly). Make sure all the adults join in too (words and actions)!

<https://www.fischytunes.com/video-repo/someone-is-with-you/>

Mixed emotions?

We are all experiencing a range of different emotions at this time. It's important we acknowledge and respond to these. Take a look at Fischy music, <https://www.fischytunes.com/> to do a daily check in and learn some new songs. This can help process some of these new or unfamiliar feelings you might be experiencing. Recommended songs to focus on this week are:

1. Stronger
2. Bad Times Won't Last

There are a wide range of resources and supports available. Have a look on the COVID-19 section of our website.

We've been busy setting up the Woodburn Hub for frontline workers to access childcare which enables them to work and combat COVID-19. Mrs Henderson and Mrs McPherson are now Duty Senior Leaders for the Hub and have had a very fast paced but successful week. This essential service is being powered by Kings Park, Woodburn, Danderhall, Tynewater and St David's Primary staff. A huge thank you to all who have given their efforts to this essential service this week. Staff will continue to work in this setting over the coming weeks, including over the Easter holidays.



- ▶ This service is also reaching out to vulnerable families, delivering lunches and food parcels to those in need. This has included delivering almost 50 lunches to St David's families each day. If you haven't received one but think you should, please contact us. We are working to scale this work over the coming weeks and may contact you directly to include you in specific activities/ opportunities.

A number of staff have also pledged their time and energy to other services within Midlothian Council including supporting the Call Centre to process and direct the high number of requests for service they are receiving. Thank you for everybody's efforts - often putting the needs of others before themselves and their families.



- ▶ Having trouble with your device at home? Struggling to access Seesaw or complete learning at home as a result? Drop us a message and we'll see what we can do to help.

STAY SAFE: The sun always shines after a storm.

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