

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



St David's Primary School

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## Communication

A quick round up of a busy and fast paced week!

We are proud to report that 1942 posts have been made in the past seven days on Seesaw. 636 family members have connected and 2905 comments have been made! This is our best yet – just incredible! We hope you are finding the format and frequency of learning tasks manageable and responsive to your child's needs. Please do let us know if you require any support or have any questions. We also appreciate your feedback to help us learn and improve. As you know, our talented team are on hand to support!

We've ensured vital food parcels have gotten to families who require them this week and continued our best efforts to keep in touch with our many families. Don't forget you can reach out to us. We are here to support. Please ask if you need anything (email [St-davids.ps@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:St-davids.ps@midlothian.gov.uk)). Our staff are also on hand on Seesaw (please use the messaging facility).

We will continue to communicate updates on Seesaw in student/ family announcements. We will also continue to update our school website (<https://stdavidsp.smgfl.net/>). You can view and engage in daily interactions with us on Twitter (@stdavidprimary).

It's almost time to put your feet up and relax as we move towards the Easter break. Although this will be a very different holiday to our norm, we must slow down, recharge and take a breath from all this learning! Ensure this is time with your loved ones (at home or via video link/ messaging).

**Keep your face always toward the sunshine and the shadow will fall behind you (Walt Whitman).**

Mrs McP and the St David's Team

## We're Going on a Bear Hunt #TheresNoSuchPlaceAsFarAway

**Advice from a bear – Live large. When life gets hairy, grin and bear it. Live with the seasons, take a good long nap. Look after your honey!**

We've seen some great responses to our bear hunts this week. Lots of teddies have featured in windows and some of our youngest learners have had a great time planning picnics, hunting for bears with their binoculars and looking for first signs

of spring. We hope these have brightened up people's days and will continue to spread our message that we're all in this together.



## Inspiring others

Midlothian Council have established a Twitter campaign to keep spirits high and share the marvellous work that is being done across the Authority focusing on kindness. Please use the hashtag #KindnessMidlothian when Tweeting. A couple of inspirational efforts from this week: Emilia leaving a stand of homemade treats out on her street for residents to take as they pass by on their daily walks. Thomas finding a rainbow in the park, paying it forward by leaving his on a lamp post to brighten someone else's day.

Alexander has been busy creating a poster and care box for the on call NHS staff at the RHSC (Sick Kids) Edinburgh. This includes products for them to shower and have a snack before they go home.



## Learning

Before taking a break from learning, here are a round up of our Seesaw highlights this week:

- Ryan's mastering Old MacDonald on his trombone.
- Hayley's confident and expressive oral storytelling.
- Caoimhe's strong work ethic across all learning including a very professional Coronavirus newsletter.
- Caelen's homemade pancakes.
- Oliver's beautifully presented number work
- Jamie's little affirmation box – 'I am brave'
- Evan's multiple workouts - he has strong career prospects in the fitness world!



- Adam's excellent efforts with his reading fluency
- Sophie and Alexander's well explained friction experiment
- Alex G's robot sculpture with impressive balancing skills
- Thomas's very thorough experiment
- Beenish's poster about how to stay positive
- Cole's hard work across all his learning
- Isaac and Bens home gym in the garden. Not to mention Ben's homemade bread and Isaac's barbecue chicken.
- Google maps treasure hunt by James

- P7 buddying for P1 - reading and sharing a story from afar. Special mention to Charlie who read for Patrick and made him turn into a very hungry caterpillar!
- Lara's news report about McBeth's news!
- Flora making Cheerios from chapati flour and
- The children who took on Miss Resta and Mrs Canavan's basic facts rap challenge including Eilidh and her Dad!
- Natasha and Aiyanna's beautiful bunnies using their careful cutting skills

- Daniel's hard work and focus during his RE lessons reflecting on sacrifice and thanksgiving
- Aria enjoying Miss Elden's recorded story under her blanket!
- Theo receiving a homemade delivery of nanny's chapattis and mango chutney
- Michael's writing, storytelling, drawings and video about the Egyptians

## Wild Wednesday

Wild Wednesday will begin on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April! This will replace our usual format of learning on Seesaw. You can choose to complete these on any day but we are keen to reduce the amount of pressure of families to focus on more traditional aspects of learning and come together to have fun! We know how tiring the other aspects of teaching/ learning are! We'll try to send Wild Wednesday themes and activities in advance to help you prepare e.g. buy some specific snacks on the weekly shop.

**Theme: A family day at the zoo!**

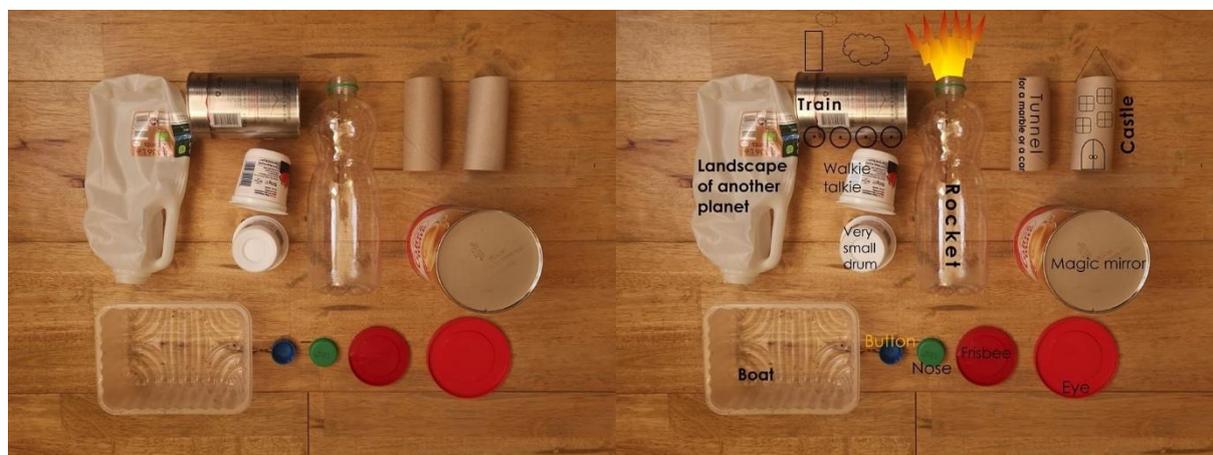
## Partners

We are continuing to work with Jenn Currie our NHS Speech and Language partner. Videos will be appearing on Seesaw after the Easter holidays to continue our important work on listening and attention. These are short and simple to follow! Primary 1 and Primary 2 families, please ensure this is a focus at home.

Don't forget to check our website (link at bottom of page) to access supports and advice from Play Therapy Base and Psychological Services.

Some of our children who access Art Therapy through Home Link Family Support will continue their sessions with Helen via video conferencing after the holidays.

Sadly Play Midlothian are not able to run any of their expert services at this time. Here are some of their ideas to keep the kids amused over the holidays.



Tweet of the week

Erin went on a bear hunt and found a bear who was missing school! How on earth did he get up there?



# The weeks ahead...

## Holiday plans!

1. Spend time with your family
2. Rest
3. Stay active
4. Relax
5. Have fun
6. Stay safe
7. Be ready for learning on 21<sup>st</sup> April!

## Easter!

1. Use our Lenten Service to reflect on the Stations of the Cross
2. Pray for Father Andrew, take a quiet moment to pray
3. Listen for the bells ringing at St David's Church – Father is saying Mass and praying for you all
4. Join in prayer – light a candle, make a small altar (crucifix, picture of Our Lady, favourite Saint)
5. Follow @fischyfaith on Twitter for songs, prayer and activities from Sunday
6. Hang greenery on your front door for Palm Sunday



We've been busy setting up the Woodburn Hub for frontline workers to access childcare which enables them to work and combat COVID-19. Our staff will continue to support this important mission over the coming weeks, many of whom are giving up their Easter holidays to ensure the Hub can continue.



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 “If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever.” (Winnie the Pooh)**

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