

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



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Communication

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

We are proud to report that 2069 posts have been made in the past seven days on Seesaw. 407 family members have connected and 3315 comments have been made! We hope you are finding the format and frequency of learning tasks manageable and responsive to your child's needs. We recognise that returning to school after a holiday is challenging and can only imagine how tricky it will have been motivating your child from home this week! A big thank you from the team to all the adults who are pushing and stretching the children each day!

This week we've been planning the implementation of lunch deliveries for our ELC children and welcomed a number of new families into Woodburn Hub. If you haven't heard from us but feel like you might require some further help, advice or support, please get in contact us. We are here to support. As you know, you can email (St-davids.ps@midlothian.gov.uk) or message staff on Seesaw (please use the messaging facility).

Our school website (<https://stdavidsps.mgfl.net/>) has new items added daily. Please do take some time to look at the everchanging content. You can view and engage in daily interactions with us on Twitter (@stdavidsprimary) too.

Be Positive. Look at the world through rainbow coloured glasses.

Mrs McP and the St David's Team

#WildWednesday

Our first #WildWednesday saw us taking a trip to the zoo! We hope you found this as fun and engaging as we did. Our intention is to create a mid point in the week for families to take a break from the pressures of distance learning. Next week sees us on a school trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens – keep your eyes peeled for a grid appearing on Seesaw soon! If you haven't already seen it, check out our Guide to Wellbeing and Learning from Home on the school website. We hope this is useful.



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:

- James and Elizabeth walking past Emilia's house on their daily walk so that they could sing happy birthday to her!
- Archie's video on Twitter sending a lovely message about staying safe to all of the staff.



Learning

Here are a round up of our Seesaw highlights this week:

- Jake and Sonny's train journey to the zoo
- Erin learning sounds
- Flora counting spots on a ladybird
- Anabella identifying healthy lunch choices
- Oscar's very detailed drawing of a strawberry
- Hamish's super counting using coins
- Cooper identifying how facial expressions change for different feelings
- Alistair using punctuation correctly when writing his sentences
- Millie's excellent summary of forces
- Amelia's wonderful photographs of her 'trip' to the zoo
- Amelie's excellent reading comprehension work
- Blanka's very accurate measuring using a ruler
- Julia's very detailed map of the zoo
- Romeo's lovely cursive handwriting
- Cole's fantastic expression when reading aloud
- Thomas playing his cornet to celebrate the work of NHS workers
- Maria and Sarah's rainbow train to take them to the zoo
- Mia's extensive family tree research
- Archie using basic British Sign Language



Seesaw Reminder

Did you know there are two different Apps for Seesaw?

Seesaw Class is for your child. They access and complete their learning here using their school provided email address (QR codes in ELC)

Seesaw Family is for parents to send and receive messages with their child's teacher. It allows you to view and comment on your child's work.

Not sure? Please contact us for help.

Tweet of the week

 **St David's Parents!** @stdavidsparents · Apr 19
We are ready for the virtual summer term @stdavidprimary. The kids have been sending in some messages for the fantastic staff.

Enjoy! #inthistogether #staysafe



Thank you to our Parent Council for creating such a thoughtful and positive video for our staff and pupils.

Partners

P1/2 Videos are appearing on Seesaw to continue our important work on listening and attention from Miss Currie (Speech and Language Therapist). Well done to families who have worked hard on this this week.

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 challenges from our friends at Play Midlothian below!

Not just a spoon challenge

Pick an everyday object from your house and make a list of all the things you can do with it.



GAME: Walking the dog. 2+ people

First person mimes walking the dog. The next person asks “what are you doing?”, to which the dog walker replies “brushing my teeth” (or something which is not walking the dog). The questioner should then mime brushing their teeth, before being asked “what are you doing”, and replying with something else.

The week ahead...

#WildWednesday

Do you know your marigolds from your pansies? Get your green fingers at the ready as you head off to explore nature! Grid to follow on Seesaw.

Quiz Time

Evan (P6) has risen to the challenge Mrs McP set him of creating a whole school quiz! Please take some time with your family to participate – there are four rounds to complete! Answers will be posted on Monday. Post a Quiz Team Family selfie to Seesaw and/ or Twitter – there will be a prize for the most creative entry!

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.fischytones.com/> to do a daily check in and learn some new songs to help process some of these new or unfamiliar feelings. Recommended songs to focus on this week are:

1. Build up (a firm favourite)
2. Special Kind of Heroes

Quiz of the week!!

Hello St David's primary school. I hope your all keeping safe. Here is our quiz of the week. Write your answers on "Notes" in Seesaw. Then post your answers. There are 5 questions on each topic. The deadline for the quiz is at 12:30 on Monday. We'll reveal the answers on the weekly roundup later next week. In the comments below tell us how you think you got on. Then when the answers get posted tell us your score out of 20. Good luck to all the participants.

Friday 24 - Monday 27 April



You may have spotted a little video from the whole staff team before the Easter holidays on Twitter! We were delighted to return after the holidays to a little St David's video from the children! Thank you to all involved, particularly Mrs Garven who coordinated it all! This was so enjoyed by all the staff.



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 you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely" (Roald Dahl)

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