

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



St David's Primary School

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## Communication

As of Friday morning there have been 2093 posts in the past seven days on Seesaw. 657 family members have connected and 3125 comments have been made. This sees us return more closely to our original high numbers. Many thanks for continuing to support with learning at home.

This week has been a busy week as staff have been working closely to plan for transitions. Many of our new Primary 1 pupils have connected to their class Seesaw and are beginning to get to know some of the staff at St David's. We are delighted to share our virtual tour of St David's to help the children and families get to know our building and will continue to progress our transition plans between now and September.

All Primary 7 families should have received an email an email directly from St David's High School providing information about the transition programme. If you have not yet received this, please let us know. There are still a number of children yet to access Google Classrooms, please speak with Mrs Henderson if you require support.

As we look towards the lockdown easing, following First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon's announcement, we will continue to gain clarity about how our return to school will look. There is a significant amount of work going on in the background to ensure our road to recovery is well considered and planned out. We will share more information as and when we receive it. You will see a letter from our Executive Director, Fiona Robertson has been posted on Seesaw this morning. Please find attached a visual support tool to explain the changes to our daily routine. This is useful to support discussion with your child/ children. Please continue to exercise caution and stay safe during this time.

As ever you know how and when to contact us should you require any support, assistance or advice.

**Keep your face to the sunshine and you can never see the shadow (Helen Keller).**

Mrs McP and the St David's Team

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# Sealife Adventure #WildWednesday

You can't stop the waves but you can learn to surf!

A day in the sunshine featured heavily in this weeks adventures! It was great to see bags packed – Emilia even packed a suitcase! We so enjoy seeing the fun and creativity families are giving to Wild Wednesday each week. From homemade fish to giantic Lego boats, you never fail to amaze us with your ambitious efforts!



## St David's Virtual Tour

We mentioned we've been busy creating a virtual tour to support transition. We also know that this will add value and support your child to feel connected given they are currently not in school. Please do take a moment to take a tour via our website: <https://stdavidsp.s.mqfil.net/virtual-tour/>.

You can begin the tour by clicking on the play icon. To start the tour click on the bottom left icon. Please use the arrows to navigate through the building and grounds. You can click on the star icons to read key information and get a flavour of the varied learning experiences our children benefit from at each stage from ELC to P7. Please be patient, the content can take a little time to load. You may even recognise some familiar faces! We've shared the link in Seesaw too for ease of access.

With thanks to our friends from the Learning Technology Team who provided great drone footage, the 360 camera and a whole lot of technical expertise!

## Learning

A brief round up of our Seesaw highlights this week:

- Eesa (ELC) sharing his Eid family celebrations and looking after his plants
- Max (ELC) for being very observant on his nature walks and spotting trees and dens
- Hamish's (P1) explanation of how to keep your body healthy using Mr Potato Head
- Artie's (P1) food face
- Joshua (P1) and Arianna (ELC) testing their homemade boats on the river during their daily walk
- Ryan's (P2) handwashing and germ experiment
- Aiden's (P2) creative spelling task
- Anesu's (P2) spelling and handwriting progress
- Aarya's (P2) shark presentation
- Adam (P2) who made connections between his topic learning and fiction books. He even read it out to entertain his class!
- Jake and Micael's (P3) circus newspaper articles
- Tobi and Millie's (P3) hammerhead shark fact files
- Amelia's (P3) octopus called Number 8
- Alfie and Jack's creative newspaper reports (P4)
- Sofia, Blanka and Daniel's (P4) continued work on equivalent fractions
- Amelie and Sara's (P4) well presented and informative sea creature fact files
- Tosia's (P5) colourful gravity painting
- Liam's (P5) detailed film review
- Emily (P5) continued excellent, consistent effort in numeracy
- Maria and Sarah (P6) who continue to dedicate their time to improve their spelling by setting their own tasks
- Keira (P6) for working hard to improve her reading fluency and expression
- Rachael's (P6) colourful and organised factfile
- Euan M's (P7) additional numeracy work to further develop his knowledge
- Martyna's (P7) beautiful handwriting
- Hayley's (P7) super work on prime numbers



## Swimming Survey

Can you spare a moment to complete Miss Whyte's parent survey? We are keen to evaluate our swimming programme efforts and would greatly appreciate if you could take a moment to read and answer the questions. We believe that swimming is an important life skill and are keen to capture the views of our families to help us improve. We'll post the link on Seesaw for you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTCtawUZKT0z9DrZRtEuv6-Y75vtdVUMIJHOEBTEtCTkdQTTVFQThSM1hHUUM2RC4u>

## School Uniform

Border Embroideries have provided an update on school uniform ordering. You can find out more from the Parent Facebook page and also on our school website.

<https://stdavidspgfl.net/uniform/> . Please note that orders must be done online. To ensure delivery for the start of the new term these must be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Guidance on how to order has been sent as an attachment to this Round Up.

School ties are available to purchase through school at £5.  
Iron on badges are available to purchase through school at £1.50.

We are unable to access school at present but will advise when you will be able to buy/ collect (likely in August). Our Parent Council run a nearly new uniform shop – this will be available when safe to do so.

All new P1 pupils will be provided with a book bag – **no** school bag is required.

You can still apply for Free School Meals and Clothing Grants through Midlothian Council. They have had an influx of applications and are currently assessing these in phases [https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school\\_meals/117/free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_clothing\\_grants](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants) .

We may also be able to apply for grants and other supports through our partners to purchase uniform. Please contact us directly if you think you need support with this.

## Partner Challenge

### Under the Sea Challenge

Can you design a new type of fish? You can choose to draw your new species on a piece of paper, or make a 3-D model using a balloon and paper mache. How many fins does it have? What colour is it? Does it have any teeth?

**GAME:** Crab football. 2+ people.

Mark out two goals on the floor.

Players must assume a crab position – start by sitting on your bottom with your knees bent and feet on the floor. Put both hands behind you, palms down and fingers spread. Then lift your bottom up. Walk your hands and feet to the side to move just like a crab. Keeping in crab position throughout the game, use your feet to kick the ball trying to score a goal.

### Tweet of the week!



Tweet



Northernner north of the wall.  
@ajchipchase

M took the whole circuit task today at school to a whole new level

@stdavidprimary @missjkelly13



13:18 · 25/05/2020 · Twitter for Android

4 Retweets 5 Likes



## Cycling in Midlothian

Cycling is one of the most affordable, environmentally-friendly, and healthiest ways of travelling. It can often be the quickest form of transport. Whether for commuting, leisure, or sport, cycling is an enjoyable activity that keeps you fit, gets you from A to B Quickly and cheaply and is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Midlothian has many designated cycleways and families may wish to explore a little more now that Phase 1 of easing lock down comes into effect. We've included a cycle map of Dalkeith as an attached to this round up.

You can access a wealth of information about cycling in Midlothian here: [https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200279/roads\\_and\\_travel/406/cycling\\_in\\_midlothian](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200279/roads_and_travel/406/cycling_in_midlothian) .

Primary 6 and Primary 7 you should be getting out on your bikes (where safe to do so) and putting your Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability knowledge and skills into action! Send us some pictures, Mrs Garven and Mrs Winters would love to see them!

## Reflection

We should never underestimate the strength of our young people.

A beautiful and honest reflection from one of our Primary 7 pupils this week. We are so very proud of what she has achieved this year.

*If I could change the world...*

*If I could change the world I would change the fact that Coronavirus happened because it is causing people to feel trapped, worked up, scared, claustrophobic and for some people like me it will make them feel really really really anxious. It will change people, some people may struggle with mental health others will have to come to terms with the isolation and loneliness. Others will be upset as they cannot see loved ones in hospital and sadly for those who pass during this pandemic loved ones will not be able to say goodbye, for me this is the saddest of all. If I could change the above..... We would be able to see our very loved ones and friends. People's mental health would still be an issue but knowing that they can reach out for support would be so much better for them. Even though this Lockdown is very alarming for some people it is actually saving earth in general because there is no cars and there is not many factories working and spreading HARSH CHEMICALS around our home Earth.*

Mia P7

## Feedback!

Keep your eyes peeled as staff continue to send positive notes home about learning.



## Save the date!

Join us in the wear your uniform at home for #dressupday on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June where we'll join our new Primary 1 pupils in a whole school picnic to welcome our new families! Get those uniforms out the drawers and washed and clean to put on (don't worry if their a tad too short, we know how much you've all grown these past few weeks)!

Domestic abuse is any form of physical, sexual, mental or emotional abuse and takes place within the context of a relationship, either current or past.

If you, or anyone else you know, is experiencing any of the above, or being intimidated or threatened by a current or previous partner, it is Domestic Abuse.

Don't delay in seeking help during the current coronavirus restrictions.

Call the 24-hour Domestic Abuse Helpline in confidence on 0800 027 1234 or visit [safer.scot](https://www.safer.scot.nhs.uk)

Domestic abuse is a crime. Contact the Police via 101 to report it or 999 in an emergency.

Police Scotland website – [www.scotland.police.uk](https://www.scotland.police.uk)

[#every 9 minutes](#)

**STAY SAFE: Sometimes you have to let go and be free.**

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Enabling all to flourish



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.



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<https://stdavidspg.mgfl.net/>



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