

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



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Communication

As of Friday morning there have been 1971 posts in the past seven days on Seesaw. 583 family members have connected and 2672 comments have been made. Many thanks for continuing to support with learning at home.

P7/S1 two day visit

Next week sees an exciting week for our current Primary 7 class who will 'virtually' visit St David's High School next week for the two day visit. We can't wait to see how they get on and hear what their classes look like – we think it will be a little different to their days with Mrs Henderson and Mrs Hartley! Good luck P7, we're so proud of how you are coping with this unexpected change to your final term in P7.

Welcoming new pupils

We are in the process of preparing to welcome our many new pupils (we've even seen some join us during lockdown and some planning to join us outwith P1)! We are so looking forward to meeting you in person but in the meantime, please continue to engage with your virtual transition plan and use our website to find out more about the structures, routines and what you can expect at St David's. Miss Kelly has been working hard alongside many of our amazing St David's Learners to create little mini videos which match the coloured pages in your Rainbow Pack. Please do head over to watch them on our website, <https://stdavidsp.s.mqfl.net/p1-transition-2020-2/>. We think some of our pupils could have a go at running the school!

Looking forward

There is much for us to consider and plan in the next few weeks. At present, based on government guidance, staff plan to return to school W/C 15th June. This will likely result in a slightly different format to the learning grids which are currently being posted by staff daily to allow them to return to work and prepare the school for the safe return of pupils in August. The week ahead sees close working with our colleagues from Health and Safety and environmental health as we seek to ensure St David's is as safe and ready for return as possible.

Dear past, thank you for all the lessons. Dear future, we are ready.

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

Mrs McP and the St David's Team

Space Adventure #WildWednesday

The stars don't look bigger but they do look brighter!

Another week of creativity, fun and great engagement! The rocket launches were brilliant! Thank you Miss Kelly for preparing the activities for this week!



Supports for Parents/ Carers

There are various supports for parents and carers available from Children's Services, the Educational Psychology Service and CAMHS during school closure and the summer holidays.

There are two posters on our website giving more information about the Listening Line and the EPS telephone helpline.

- CAMHS are operating a daily telephone consultation for parents of children on the waiting list between 9-11am 01968 671330
- The Educational Psychology Service (EPS) run a telephone helpline for any professionals and parents/carers on Thursday morning between 10am and 12 noon 0131 270 5615
- Children's Services and the EPS run a telephone Listening Line for any child, young person, parent or carer every day between 10am and 4pm 0131 270 3834

Learning

A brief round up of our Seesaw highlights this week:

- Erin (ELC) for challenging Miss Elden to go and find her fairy door (Miss Elden even got lost trying)!
- Flora (ELC) for putting her own shoes and jacket on
- Arianna (ELC) and Josh (P1) for creating the most delicious looking cake
- Olivia (P1) trying very hard to improve her reading skills
- Emily (P1) creating a pictograph
- Mara (P1) working hard on her writing and letter formation
- Joshua (P1) working hard on his reading skills
- Agata's (P2) art work and poetry
- Emma's (P2) scavenger hunt collection and presentation
- Jessica's (P2) planet design
- Oliver (P3) and Alistair's (P2) space collage
- Caelen's (P3) electricity learning
- Giorgio (P3) who has been challenging himself to a harder level of basic maths
- Amelia's Daddy (P3) who created some fabulous Kandinsky art for Miss Goodwin
- Jamie (P4) who has been working really hard to improve his mental maths
- Ross (P4) for preparing and giving a talk about his opinion
- Alfie (P4) who produced a beautiful sea turtle for art
- Cara's (P5) hard work to learn multiplication strategies
- Connor's (P5) observational drawing skills
- Tosia's (P5) caring acrostic poem
- Roksana's (P6) commitment to getting full marks on her mixed times tables facts
- Marcel's (P6) drawing and explanation of how we see using appropriate scientific language
- Alexander's (P6) comprehensive response to recognising fact and opinion
- Gabriela's (P7) ambitious sentences using metaphors and similes
- Charlie's (P7) explanation of the Mars Rover
- Caoimhe's (P7) positive outlook on life during lockdown
- Hayley's (P7) great place value problem solving



Swimming Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent/carer swimming survey for Miss Whyte last week. Next week, each child will be asked to complete a short survey about swimming on their learning grid.

There is a small icon next to each question and the children can click this to have the question read to them. Please support the younger children to write their answers on the form.

P6/7 Girls

Look out in the post for a little pack we've put together for learning at home. It includes little activity cards about menstruation and raises awareness of period poverty. Please support your child with these tasks.

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 20th 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 .

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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARENT COUNCIL ARE IN THE PROCESS OF INVESTIGATING P7 HOODIES.

Partner Challenge

Bugs and Beasties Hunt

During your next outside exercise, your challenge is to find as many different types of insects, bugs and beasties as you can. Can you find more than 5 different types? More than 10?! Can you draw all the different ones you see and identify their names?

GAME: Hide and Seek. 2+people.

The first player is the seeker. The seeker covers their eyes and counts to 10 out loud while the other players hide. When the seeker has finished counting, they call out 'Ready or not, here I come!' and go to look for the other players. The last player to be found is the winner, and take the next turn as the seeker.

Tweet of the week!



Feedback!

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



Champions!

Thanks for sharing all your snaps of your medals and smiles this week! Mrs Jones had a huge job collating all those certificates!



Don't forget that Wednesday 10th June marks #dressupday! Pop on our uniform and join us for a St David's 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)! Post your pictures on Seesaw and Twitter.

New Primary 1 and current Primary 7 learners – keep your eyes on the postbox! We have mail coming your way for some exciting plans we're putting together for week commencing 22nd June!

STAY SAFE: You've got this.

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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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