

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



St David's Primary School

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Communication

Another busy and productive week for staff, pupils and families – thank you for all your hard work!

We are proud to report that 2305 posts have been made in the past seven days on Seesaw. 579 family members have connected and 3587 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!

This week we have seen a big increase in the number of ELC pupils posting and engaging with their pupil login (QR code) on Seesaw. We've also enjoyed reflecting on past learning with memories of Bug Hotels from Blue Peter applications and skills developed from Bikeability.

Next week a number of families will benefit from Hot Meal deliveries from Dalkeith and District Community Council. Our ELC team will also begin daily deliveries of lunches to those who have requested them. We are continuing to make referrals to the foodbank and respond to the range of needs our families are identifying as issues at this time. We recognise that many families will be financially impacted by the current situation and will send on details about how and where to seek support. If you need anything (email St-davids.ps@midlothian.gov.uk). Our staff are also on hand on Seesaw (please use the messaging facility). Please be reminded that any information you share will remain confidential (unless a Safeguarding issue).

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

As we move into May, we look forward to a long weekend and a chance to pause from home learning. We would love to see your VE celebrations! Please be reminded that there will be no home learning posted on Seesaw on Friday (public holiday) and Monday (staff inservice day).

Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace.

Mrs McP and the St David's Team

A school trip to The Royal Botanic Gardens #WildWednesday

The seeds you plant today will blossom into flowers tomorrow. So plant good seeds today.

Lots of families jumped on the bus to enjoy a day at the Botanic! One even managed to journey to Dublin! Wherever you ended up we hope you had fun and enjoyed the tasks created by Mrs Davies! Next week we are off to the Circus!



Inspiring others

Great efforts from lots of individuals this week!

A beautiful poem by Caoimhe (P7), Josh (P4) running 5K and donating £5 to #run5donate5 and Kieva sending a lovely to her best friend and cousin, Flora!



Learning

A brief round up of our Seesaw highlights this week:

- Eilidh making a cake for her dog Archie's birthday
- Charlie placing first on the weekly leader board for P7 Sumdog
- Caoimhe and Erin's bird box and Cheerio snacks for the birds
- Louela's artistic talents
- Ryan's Radio recordings
- Sarah's rainbow spelling
- Tosia's reading of Brain Freeze by Tom Fletcher
- Archie's (P1) CVC matching
- Eesa's pasta picture
- Flora's fairy walk
- Janasz-Darach reading to his cuddly toys
- Aria's grufallo cookies
- Arianna's grufallo crumble
- Aarya's retell of Bear Hunt
- Millie's snail house and instructions on how to safely search and collect a snail
- Tobi's egyptian art
- Giorgio's menu for Wild Wednesday
- Amelie's marvellous measuring around the house
- Amelie and Evan's Greatest Showman gymnastics display
- Jacob and Romeo improving their accuracy on Sumdog
- Mackenzie's Dalkeith Corn Exchange
- Aiden's (P2) fitness routine for his whole class
- Anne-Sophie's counting in French
- Jamie's volcano (including safety goggles)
- Artie's beautiful handwriting
- Jan-Duncan and his brother's matching kilts and sitting by the fire
- Jessica's (P3) equivelant fractions



Transition

You will see that Midlothian Council are in the processing of confirming placements for new ELC learners, Primary 1 and S1 places. We hope you will hear soon about your child's place and are working hard in the background to find innovative ways to deliver transition this year. Watch this space.

Sadly Primary 7 never made their Transition Camp this week at Lockerbie Manor. Mrs McPherson will be in touch with all families next week to confirm how refunds will be made.

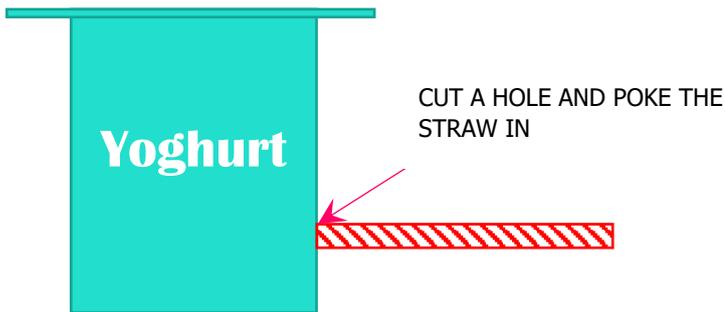
Partners

Play Midlothian challenge this week

Bubble Machine

Make your own bubble machine! Using an empty yoghurt pot make a hole in the side. Insert a straw. Put a Jay cloth or sock over the top of pot and hold down with elastic band. Dip sock/cloth in mix of fairy liquid, water and glycerine. Blow through straw to make bubble foam.

How many bubbles can you make with one blow? Can you make up a story about the bubbles – where do they go when they fly off into the air? Who else will see them flying by? How far will they go?



The invention challenge

Create a new invention or something new out of odds and ends. Raid your recycling box or look for things like elastic bands, string, milk bottle tops to create something!

Can you come up with an advert to sell your new invention? What does it do? Why might people want to buy it?

Tweet of the week!

Mrs Noade correctly identifying these flowers from the Folan garden!



The week ahead...

Feedback!

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



Pace yourself

We know all too well that everybody's home situation is unique at the moment. Don't overstretch yourself and find a routine which works for you.

Please do check our website for our Top Tips.



- ▶ How did you fare in Evan's quiz?! It was a tricky one! Answers posted to Seesaw! Well done to everyone who took part?



- ▶ 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 "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." Dr Seuss

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