

Reverse Advent Calendar

This Advent we would like to organise a whole school

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This is the opposite to the traditional, instead of receiving a treat you give something back to someone in need.

We were inspired in assembly hearing the story of Joseph, a P7 pupil from Leith Primary who set up his own charity 'Socks for the Street' which is backed by Souper Saturday and the Bethany Trust to help local homeless people in Edinburgh to receive warm clean socks and underwear.

More info attached overleaf.

We hope to have weekly deliveries to Leith Primary to help Joseph and his aim of providing clean socks for Christmas. If you can help, please send in Adult socks and underwear (new) to the school, where our Rights Respecting Group will organise collection and delivery to Leith Primary.

Thank you for your support.

Socks for the Street Info

Source: Edinburgh Evening News



Joseph's simple idea "Socks for the Street" – a charity project to collect new socks and underwear for the homeless – has touched the hearts of people in the local community and around the world from Texas to Australia. Joe has also

persuaded his school, Leith Primary, to be a drop-off point for people's donations. "I don't like seeing homeless people cold and on the streets so I just thought I'd like to do something for them and we got in touch with Bethany Christian Trust who help the homeless. "My mum set up a Facebook page which has now had more than 5,000 hits. "We got my school involved and people can now drop-off their donations of new underwear and socks to the reception." It makes me feel good because I like to be helping out in the community and supporting worthy causes." Joe's heartfelt campaign caught the eye of top soup eatery Union of Genius. Founder Elaine Mason, who also supports the Bethany Christian Trust by offering hundreds of litres of soup to their Care Vans, was warmed into action after seeing Joe's post. "I was just knocked-out when I came across his page," she said. "I was stunned that he was only 11. "I have driven the care van on occasion for Bethany and it was only when I was out there that I realised the importance of the basics – the one thing you need are clean underwear and it's the one thing no-one is going to have easy access to. "I was astonished that someone his age had seen that – it is absolutely amazing. It's sad that it's a need but good that people are rallying around."