



HEAD'S BLOG

I'm writing at a time of even more uncertainty as we contemplate how we may begin to reopen school to some pupils. We are currently gathering information from parents and staff, as well as guidance from the DfE, the local authority and Public Health, to enable us to assess and plan how this may happen and will wait for the government's decision as to whether or not it will be safe to begin a phased opening from 1st June.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, please complete our online survey sent out via Class Dojo as your responses will help us!

We will be in touch with more information as we have it.

In the meantime, I continue to be bowled over by what our children are doing at home! The following page again shows some amazing achievements and I also want to make special mention of Thomas A in Angels. Rev Jules has shared with me that Thomas has answered her weekly Bible Quiz questions every single week and has gone above and beyond in researching his answers. He has won every week, well except one week when he set the questions!! Well done, Thomas—truly impressive!

And if you wanted an example of a child ingenuity, look no further than this clip seen on the BBC:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08bzsnr> It features how a young boy has invented a safer way of washing hands in difficult circumstances—impressive!

Have a good weekend and, as always, stay safe! Mrs Carmichael

Residentials update: We have confirmed with Porthpean and Kernow Sports Leisure that money paid for the Y4 and Y6 trips can be refunded and refunds will be coming to you via Parentpay. Please email louise.munson@celticcross.education if you have any queries regarding this. The Eden residential has been rescheduled for the Autumn term.

PRAYER SPACES AT HOME

Since 2007, prayer spaces in schools have enabled thousands of pupils to explore faith, spirituality and life's big questions in a safe, creative and interactive way. We are lucky that our friends in St Luke's Church have helped us develop our prayer spaces over the last few years. You

may find your child may benefit from some time to reflect, pray or be still. You can find some lovely, and simple, prayer activities that have been created for families to use at home. Do take a look!

<https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/prayer-spaces-at-home>



What pleases me most about prayer spaces is the positive way children approach it and, whether they come from families of faith or none, their desire to spend time in prayer or in quiet reflection thinking about others and the everyday things precious to them.
Paul Fox (St Michaels C of E Primary)

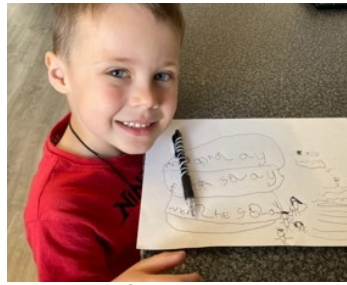


Wow Work Gallery



Caitlin from BBeebies

Well done on doing some great Phonics learning at home!



Rylee from Rainbows

Rylee has had a busy week exploring the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. He has been learning about the days of the week and which foods keep us healthy



Piran from Stars

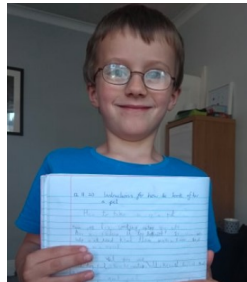
Miss Burr is so impressed that you've completed so many home learning activities with a big smile on your face!



Lily C from Doves

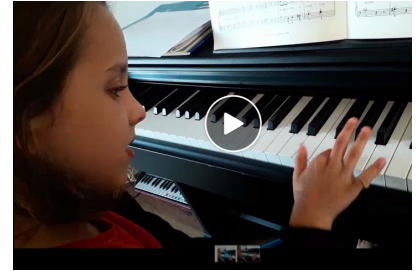
Mr Deadman is so pleased with your consistent hard work at home!

Fantastic!



Caleb from Little Fish

Caleb wrote a fantastic set of instructions for 'How to look after a pet'. Well done!



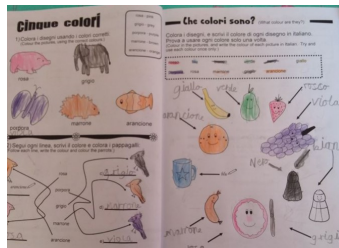
Helena from Little Lambs

Mrs Lowe been very impressed with this pupil's determination in learning to play 'Consider Yourself' on the piano. She does an amazing job and sounds fantastic.



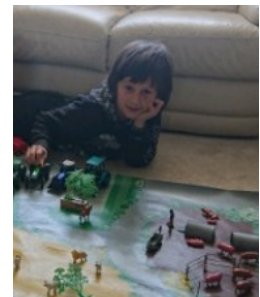
Jamielee from Phoenix

Miss Munson is really impressed with your commitment to learning your times tables, even working into the evening! Well done!



Elouisa from Pelicans

Elouisa has completed some great home learning as well as going the extra mile to learn Italian!



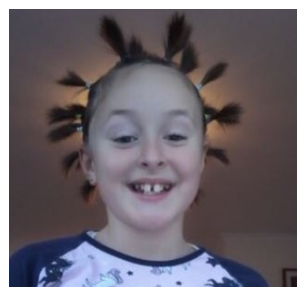
Jowan from Peacocks

Miss Edney was blown away with the quality of your work on the animals project!



Jamie from Angels

Jamie wrote and delivered a fantastic speech, which lots of people could learn from!



Jess from Faith

Great work on our SATs lockdown activities. We love your crazy hairstyle and your enthusiasm, Jess!



Oscar from Hope

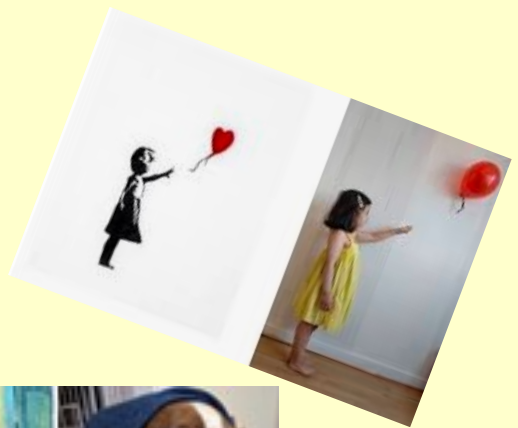
Oscar has been busy practising his newly learnt Italian with his sister. He has excellent pronunciation!

BB's Book Cover Challenge!

Get creative...

Have you heard about the Getty Museum Challenge, where the public has been invited to recreate masterpieces in their own home? The results are amazing, sometimes funny and have definitely brought smiles to our faces.

Here are some of our favourites...



So we thought we'd set our own challenge.

Can you recreate a front cover from one of your favourite books?

Well done to Jessica from Stars for her fabulous recreation of 'Room on the Broom'. Mrs Carmichael loves all the detail and hopes you had fun in the process!

Keep them coming guys!

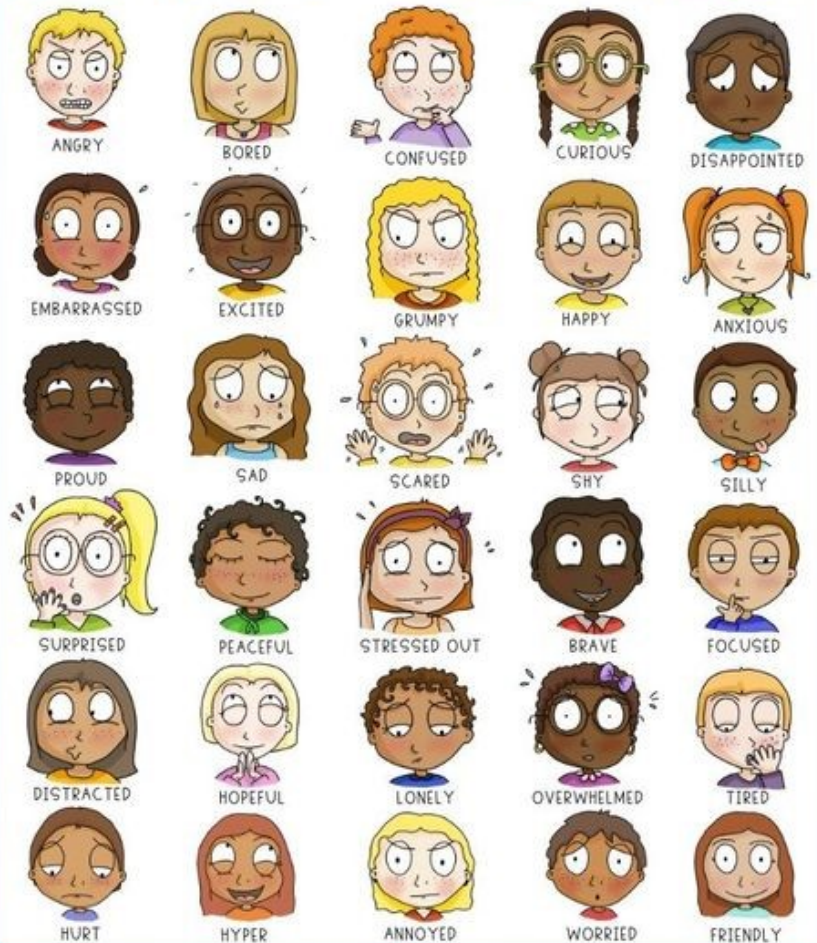


OTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

We hope that you all have received our 'weekly check-in' message from teachers. Please take the time to either hit 'like' in response, or message the teacher just so we know you are OK. Even though we can't see you all, we still care and want to know you are all coping.

We understand there will be good days and not so good days and lots of children may have lots of questions and anxieties about things at the moment and may be showing these anxieties through a range of behaviours. Here's a useful visual aid you may want to use with your children to encourage them to recognise and talk about their feelings and emotions.

HOW DO YOU FEEL?



ANXIETY might be a reminder to:

- Turn off the screen
- Check in and listen to your wise voice within
- Focus on what is within your control
- Treat yourself with gentle loving kindness
- Remember that not all thoughts are true
- Exercise (this helps to burn off the stress hormone cortisol)
- Deal with something you have been avoiding
- Get more sleep
- Take a few (or many) slow, deep & focused breaths
- Simply notice that you are feeling anxiety, without judgment



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To help families with the demands of home schooling, playing, having fun and keeping busy and positive, Wheal Martyn have created some activities for families and schools to use in whatever setting they find themselves. The activities are fun and offer a chance for some creative learning. They link to our beautiful and special local area and Cornish heritage, in particular, Wheal Martyn and the China clay industry.

You can follow this link to find the Activities At Home page with a list of suggested activities and resources to keep you busy and learning:

<https://www.wheal-martyn.com/activities-at-home>

Turn2us Coronavirus Grant Fund

Covid-19 is undoubtedly the largest public health crisis for a generation and is a threat to all of our lives. The length of the disruption caused by the virus is unknown but what we can be certain of is that millions of people will find themselves in financial hardship. While the government's measures will help many in time, we aim to alleviate some of the immediate financial pressures of those most in need.

The Turn2us Coronavirus Grant Fund has been set up to support people who have lost their income as a result of the Coronavirus and to meet their immediate basic household expenses.

Please note that we are unable to replace your income. We are able to provide a one-off crisis grant of £500 per household towards essential living expenses (food, bills etc).

Who can apply?

We can only help those who are in immediate financial difficulty due to the Coronavirus. You will need to satisfy all of the following criteria:

- You can clearly demonstrate a loss of income due to Covid-19 (evidence will be required showing at least a 50% reduction in earnings, we can accept bank statements, letter from employer outlining change in employment)
- You are a resident of the UK / Republic of Ireland
- You are not currently in Further or Higher Education
- You are over 18
- You have less than £1K savings (single person) or less than £2K savings (couple/family)

Please note that if you have received a Turn2us grant in the last 6 months we will be unable to assist you.

How do I apply?

If you already have a Turn2us account please login and click this link:

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/MyTurn2us/Individuals/Application/>

If you do not have a Turn2us account please create one by clicking the link below

[Please register for a Turn2us account using this link](#)

Citizens Advice For debt enquiries, text DEBT to 78866. For all other enquiries, text ADVICE to 78866. Telephone Access Centres operate Monday-Friday 10am-4pm. The number to dial is 03444 111 444 for a 'Gateway Assessment' interview to assess your situation and provide you with the best advice.

New 24/7 NHS mental health telephone support service

Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust has launched a new 24/7 open access telephone service for anyone worried about their mental health. Support is available to anyone, regardless of age, all day every day by calling free on 0800 038 5300.

Covid, Anxiety, Stress- Resources & Links

Some resources to support children and adults around anxiety, worry, stress, and fears; including specific Covid.

<http://www.safehandsthinkingminds.co.uk/covid-anxiety-stress-resources-links/>

REPORTING ONLINE PARENTAL CONCERNS

Reporting Parental Concerns

Would you know who to contact if you had a concern about a child's online activity, or their general safety?

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre is the UK's national police agency for dealing with child protection, particularly online abuse. If you're worried about someone's behaviour towards a child online, you can report this online at www.ceop.police.uk.





What about reporting concerns to You Tube?

This can be done by following these steps:

1. Copy the channel URL of the user you are concerned about or wish to report.
2. Navigate to YouTube's Safety and Abuse Reporting tool.
3. Click on the issue you wish to report.
4. Paste the offending channel user's URL into the text field, then click continue.
5. Select the videos or comments the user has made to form the basis of your concern.
6. Submit your concern.

Can you report on Instagram too?

Instagram accounts are recommended for children of 13 years or above. If you do need to report concerns, you can:

1. Go to your profile and tap .
2. Tap  Settings.
3. Tap Help > Report a Problem, then follow the on-screen instructions.

