



HEAD'S BLOG

A mix of weather this week has meant a mix of learning, both inside and out. One of my favourites has to be our Dinosaurs Bubble's snail race day but there have been many examples of learning and working together in the great outdoors, gardening, den-making and fire-building to name a few. The children are really settled into their new routines and it would be lovely to see some more familiar faces. If you have a child in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, we still have places in these year group Bubbles. Please call if you would like to get your child back into school. We are also aware of key workers being called back into the workplace. Please call us as soon as you can if your child needs a place. Although attendance is not compulsory, we are expecting and encouraging full-time attendance for all of these groups so that children get the most of the week's planned learning.



Thank you to everyone that completed our Home Learning survey, which will help us to determine how we can further enhance our provision to support your children learn at home.

We were pleased to note that 73% of respondents felt that the amount provided was about right with 16% wishing for a bit more. The majority felt that a mixture of straightforward question and answer activities and open-ended tasks is preferable. However, a good number preferred the worksheet approach. A healthy 87% of you are happy with the level of communication via Class Dojo but we recognise that some may want a little more or something different.

Your responses will be reviewed with our Leadership Team next week. We know and understand that Home Learning can be challenging and that there are many different circumstances to contend with, meaning that 'one size does not fit all'. However, we will do what we can to deliver good in-school and home learning provision for all of our pupils.

Finally, for our year 6 pupils, we are working on ways we can get you into school safely, even for a short time before the end of term. We will be in touch!

Take care and enjoy the weekend

Mrs Carmichael

Miss Mewton, Miss Freight and Miss Roworth have been really busy working with their bubble of children to take care of the secret garden. We have been overwhelmed with kind donations of plants and flowers delivered by members of our local community and want to say a huge thank you to everyone for your generosity.

THANK YOU!





Our BB Bubble Award Winners



After another wonderful week of being in school, here are the children who have achieved the Head's award this week. We are very proud of you and have really enjoyed celebrating this achievement with you in this week's Collective Worship!

Nursery 1

Francesca

Super learning about life cycles and naming the different parts of the cycles confidently.

Nursery 2

George

For settling into nursery really well—well done George!

Reception 1

Beau

For engaging enthusiastically and writing independently.

Reception 2

Lacey

For being such a helpful member of the class.

Reception 3

Connor

Showing kindness and compassion in class this week.

Doves 1

Finley

For engaging and listening to instructions carefully.

Doves 2

Robert

For engaging in learning with enthusiasm this week.

Fish

Beth

Excellent engagement in art this week and creating a beautiful rainforest animal.

K1

Charlie-Ray

For his creativity in Art this week!

K2

Joey

Following the Rules or Health really well.

K3

Barnaby

For brilliant creative writing this week.

K4

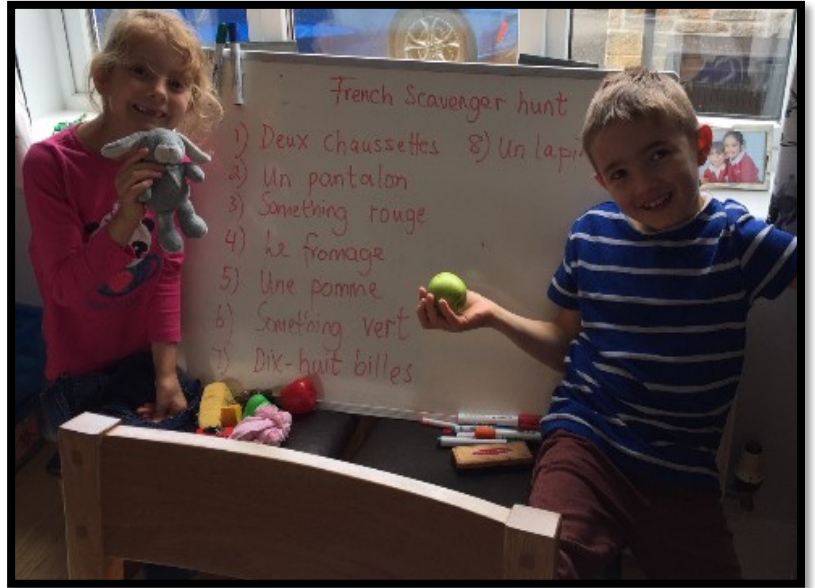
Jaxon and Elsie

For settling into their new bubble brilliantly!

Home Learning Highlights ...



Ryan and Ethan exploring pattern and shape through printing.

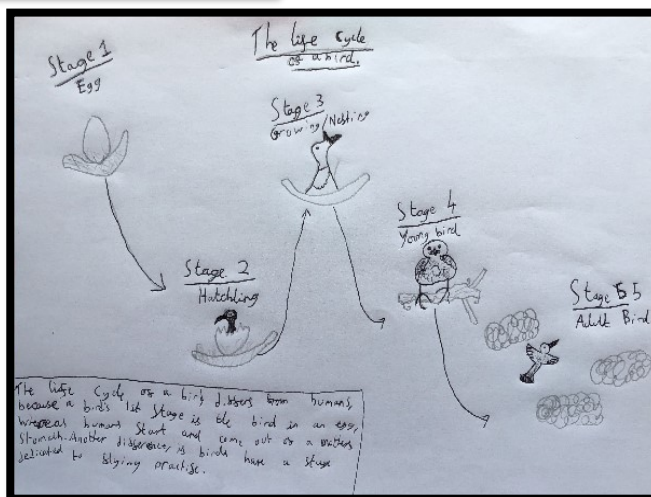


Alex and Emma enjoyed a French scavenger hunt to learn the names of clothing, foods and colours.



Ebony continuing to practise her phonics skills and enjoying one of her favourite books.

Lucas creates a fantastic explanation of the life cycle of a bird.



It's great to see some really super home learning shared this week from children across the school.

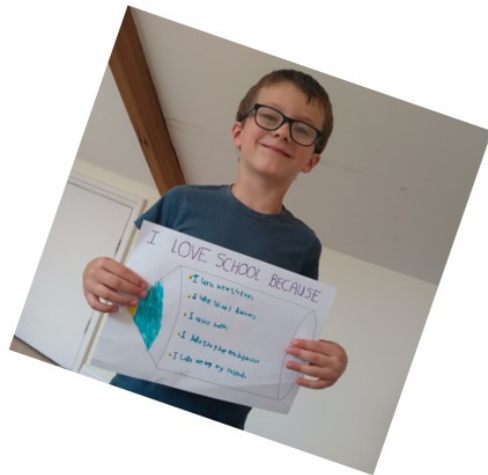
Don't forget, your teachers are still checking Class Dojo regularly and we strongly encourage you to share achievements and learning experiences with us so we can celebrate these with you and give constructive feedback.



Caitlin using BBC Bitesize to complete her home learning

'SHARE A PENCIL' DAY

I love school because.....



A few weeks ago we thought about why we are so fortunate to have schools in England as part of 'Share a pencil' day. Here are some of the children's wonderful posters, giving reasons for why they love school.

Other Notices

On Thursday, we received a very special delivery from St. Lukes Church. The cake was enjoyed by all and was extremely delicious. Thank you Reverend Jules, Emma and all at St. Lukes for thinking of us.



Residential update

Y3 Eden—we have made the difficult decision to cancel this trip due to the ongoing uncertainty. All monies will be repaid via Parentpay in due course.

Y4 Porthpean—you should have received a refund via Parentpay. Please call 01726 64322 if you have not received this.

Y6 Kernow Sports—refunds should be forthcoming in the near future.

OTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE



*As always, you can drop me a text on **07903 613074** or email terri-anne.old@celticcross.education. I can support you with a variety of issues and if I do not have the answer I will work with you to ensure we get you in touch with the help that you, your family*



These past few months have been challenging, there's no doubt about that! I've been very fortunately able to continue the work that I do from home so can completely empathise with those parents juggling the home-learning alongside the work-from-home routine.

The contact that I have had recently with families indicates that lots of households are experiencing struggles that they may have ordinarily have been able to overcome. The current circumstances that we all find ourselves in have exasperated lots of 'smaller issues' and parental resilience has been pushed to its limits. Familiar topics that I have been supporting families to address include: Striking the balance with **screen time**, Maintaining healthy **routines**, Defiance and/or non-compliance with **house rules** and **Sibling rivalry**. If your household is suffering and you'd like the opportunity to chat through some of the issues you are encountering please do get in touch.

This week I have been making the most of a huge array of **FREE** resources available online to support my own and other people's parenting struggles. If you, like many other families, have specific topics that you'd like help with, I can link you up with some really helpful advice that you can access online and digest in your own time.

Today I have attended a **FREE** Webinar sharing some practical advice on the differences between **punishment** and **discipline**. The training reminded me about how children are wired to need both **ATTENTION** and age appropriate **POWER** and that when children are 'acting-out' they are likely letting us know that they have an unmet need. The training served as a welcome reminder that 'All behaviour is communicating something' AND '**Kids only continue behaviours that work for them**'. If you'd like some support to identify what your children's behaviour might be communicating and how to respond to this then please do get in touch, I'd love to help.

Online safety update



- We have received reports that there have been incidents locally of children being groomed through Snapchat and an online platform called Omegle. There have been 3 cases reported and they appear to have connections to others in their school and other schools.
- There has been another local incident with a hack on the game Roblox. It appears that players are invited to open a gift, which is a camera. This then takes a photo and is then shared with other users. This has also involved a child potentially being groomed.
- We would recommend that with the likelihood of children being online for extended periods of time during the present circumstances, parents should be extra vigilant in monitoring what children are accessing and ensuring parental controls are in place.
- Information about how to set up parental controls can be found on the following link:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>
- Further guidance can be accessed here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

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Below are some great ideas for activities and games you may wish to try with your children at home to support their social and emotional development. If you feel you need additional support with supporting your child's mental health, we are here to support you and urge you to get in touch.



Miss Edney's bubble had a go at making these worry monsters in school this week. Why not get your child to make their own so they can write their worries down and add them to the mouth of the mon-

Glitter jars are a useful mindfulness tool at home and school. Watching the glitter swirl to the bottom of the jar gives kids time to calm down and regain control.



Mr Deadman's bubble worked together to create a gratitude tree. The children recorded the things they are thankful for and added them to be shared with the group.



This week in school, some classes have been accessing the books below to support them with managing their emotions and feelings. You may want to access these from home as we really recommend them!

