



HEAD'S BLOG...

As we go into a half-term break, I'd like to thank you all for your help and support in keeping to our Covid-19 procedures. We are awaiting DfE guidance detailing what the next step of the government's roadmap will mean for schools and will review our procedures in line with this guidance. In the meantime, as the number of positive cases is falling and restrictions have eased nationally, we have reviewed one aspect of our internal procedures. Our KS1 classes will convert to one bubble, allowing a limited mix for daily phonics teaching groups. Classes will not mix at any other time and groups will remain consistent and close contact limited. If there were a positive case this would mean close contacts only would be notified to self-isolate. This will enable our staff to deliver even more precise teaching to groups, enabling better progress in phonics.

Some good news to share... We regularly engage the services of a School Improvement Partner to support us in evaluating and improving the quality of education at BB. Last week, our 'SIP', who knows his stuff as an Ofsted Inspector, came to review the quality of our science curriculum. He conducted a wide range of activities and concluded that he felt the science teaching was strong. Comments included:



"Pupils in both key stages and children in the early years all appear to love science and enjoy the exciting opportunities open to them."

"Teachers are making the subject exciting and they are utilising appropriate pedagogical approaches."

"Pupils across the school are using scientific vocabulary accurately and displaying appropriate skills in their studies. They are asking and answering challenging questions."

"Pupils' work in books shows sequential learning that leads to strong outcomes."

It was really great to get this feedback, which validates Mrs Lowe's super subject leadership as well as the fantastic efforts of our teachers and TAs.

We hope you all have a lovely week off—it's looking like the weather is changing for the better!!! See you in June!
Ms Carmichael

Schools and colleges continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils, students and staff.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms **more than 2 days** since being in school, you do not need to inform us. You follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, if your child tests positive having developed symptoms **within 2 days of being in school**, we ask that you inform us without delay by emailing: bbsupport@celticcross.education. We can then identify close contacts and advise self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Thank you for your support with this. We hope that everyone remains safe and well throughout the May half-term break.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020/21 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Mon 31st May 2021–Fri 4th June 2021—Half term

Thurs 10th June 2021— Y6 Kernow Sports activity day in school

Fri 11th June 2021—Inset day

Thurs 8th & Fri 9th Jul 2021—Y6 transition days at Penrice

Fri 23rd July 2021—Last day of term

This week's Achievers

BBeebies

Aurelia

For showing great interest in minibeasts and their habitats.

Rainbows

Caitlin

For sharing with her peers, where England is on a map and what our flag looks like.

Stars

Elijah

For explaining what plants need to grow and commenting on different parts of plants he observed at the wild space.

Little Doves

Riley

For excellent knowledge of the moon landing and people involved.

Little Fish

Christian

For his excellent recall of the names and locations of 4 UK countries and their capital cities this week.

Little Lambs

Scarlett

For excellent work in our history topic of the space race.

Peacocks

Sophia

For showing a huge amount of interest in our current topic and excellent in-depth writing about it.

Pelicans

Helena

For her design of an executioner's outfit when researching crime and punishment in Roman times.

Phoenix

Isaac

For his fantastic knowledge during our crime and punishment topic.

Angels

Seth

For showing a wonderful curiosity for history and using a range of primary and secondary sources to further his understanding.

Faith

Noah

For showing empathy in his history work.

Hope

Dylan

For showing a keen interest in primary and secondary sources to deepen his understanding of key historical points.

READING

Reading

Here are the answers from last week's newsletter and an interesting fact about each author. Did you get them all correct?

Author	Name	Books they have written
	Thomas Taylor Did you know that Thomas Taylor is also an illustrator and illustrated the front covers for the first series of Harry Potter books?	
	Tom Fletcher Did you know that Tom is also the guitarist in McFly?	
	Julia Donaldson Did you know that when Julia was growing up, she thought her cat was a prince in disguise?	
	Roald Dahl Did you know that Sophie in the BFG is based on his own daughter who was also called Sophie?	
	Jill Murphy Did you know that Jill Murphy lives near Wadebridge?	

ENVIRONMENT WEEK 2021

Saturday, 5 June -
World Environment Day 2021

BB will be holding an Environment week, beginning Monday 7th June to promote awareness of environmental issues and instigate action and change to make our school and community an eco-friendlier environment.

We have organised lots of activities, including beach cleans and litter picks, marine workshops, a 'say no to plastic' challenge, recycled art projects, Wild Tribe Heroes and a BB Gets Growing competition!



We will also be finding out what happens to our school waste and participating in some Eco-cubs and Surfers Against Sewage activities.



We are asking all children to bring in old washed plastic container which they can decorate and use to plant some seeds for our growing competition. Each class will have a window box too!



Thank you

Tracey Hawk-Vango, Environmental Lead



EXCITING NEWS



We are excited to announce the launch of our Bishop Bronescombe Early Years Facebook and Instagram pages!

Stay up to date with the learning, play and achievements of our youngest children in the school and don't forget to like, share and follow the page to share the amazing things we do within our community.



Click [here](#) to like, follow and share the page :)

OTHER NOTICES

Vacancy—Cook/Unit Manager



We are currently recruiting for a cook manager for Bishop Bronescombe School in St Austell.

We are looking for an individual to provide a professional catering service, ensuring that company standards are maintained and that client expectations are met within the agreed objectives for the location.

Caterlink is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role.

Specific Responsibilities:

- To set objectives and be responsible for the day to day running of the catering service. Including weekly stock take
- To ensure that the locations achieve, as a minimum, the financial targets agreed with the client in line with the budget.
- To follow company food safety and health and safety guidelines ensuring all allergens are handled correctly



- Term Time only
- 27.5 hrs per week
- £9.02 - £10.00 per hour

Closing date for applications is Friday 11th June.

Applications can be made via the [indeed.co.uk](https://www.indeed.co.uk) website or by emailing Katie Cooper at kcooper@caterlinkltd.co.uk

Pilgrim Explorers is a series of 8 micro pilgrimages ideally suited to Primary School children. Go on a journey of discovery about local history, geography, conservation, saints and legends while following a colourful map, looking for lots of interesting features on the way.

Micro pilgrimages are between 2—7 miles long and help you to reflect on nature and the Creator God as you walk, look, listen and think. You can be creative with natural materials and perhaps take part in a Beach Scavenger Hunt.

Some are on the coast path, others in and around towns, including Fowey, Gunwalloe and Crantock. They're ideal for a family day out, with clearly marked routes and easy instructions to follow.

So take your pick, download and print one and go on a family pilgrimage!

ONLINE SAFETY

This week's topic is ways to peel your children away from devices....!

One way to peel kids away from screens is to steer them towards videos and virtual activities that build a bridge to the real world—that is, they help the transition from screen time to offline activities. This way, your children still feel like they're getting what they want (more screen time) but it's also motivating them to move offline.

Here's a peek at six great ideas that'll take your child from screen time to offline in no time :



Imagine Forest's How To Create a Comic Strip

The clever folks at [Imagine Forest](#) put together a simple six-step plan that teaches kids how to create their own comic strip—and all it requires is a paper and pencil. Toss a few crayons and markers into the mix and let them go offline to create. The website also shows them how to draw comic strip characters, complete with examples they can copy and storyline ideas they can try out on their own. Great for ages 6 and up, or younger if an adult helps them read the short passages.

Painting With Bob Ross

With his iconic fluffy hair and sweet demeanour, artist Bob Ross became an international sensation in the '80s and '90s delighting art lovers young and old with his PBS shows *The Joy of Painting* and *Beauty Is Everywhere*. In each episode he walked viewers through the steps of creating a painting, making it seem so easy. A [free YouTube channel](#) and a Netflix series, *Beauty Is Everywhere*, has placed the artist back in the limelight and it's the perfect activity for children who love arts and crafts. Let your child paint along with the videos and watch the series, then turn it off and see what they come up with on their own with some paper and a few washable paints.

Toca Boca Kitchen 2



For kids too young to cook in the kitchen for real, the Toca Boca Kitchen app teaches them about the different kitchen tools they can work with and invites them to host virtual dinner parties where they decide the menu and learn all kinds of tips and tricks, like how to juice a tomato. It's perfect for kids who love to help you with dinner prep, so they can transfer some of their newfound "skills" to your dinner table.

The Science Lab at National Geographic Kids

For curious kids age 7 to 13 who love science and nature, the [online Science Lab at National Geographic Kids](#) is a treasure trove of videos and games that leads kids towards a ton of offline exploration. From how to investigate the rocks in your backyard or local park to how to build your own weather station, they offer a huge library of activities for kids to do on their own after they've watched.



The Card Tricks at My Kids Time



For kids who love magic and putting on shows, there are tons of online resources for easy card tricks that even little ones can learn. One of our favourites is My Kids Time, a website run by two mums whose specialty is suggesting activities designed to "ensure there'll never be a dull day or an interminable summer break." All your kiddo will need to take this particular activity offline is a set of cards, but who knows what else they'll discover once they're on the site.

LEGO Discover

LEGO fans ages 3 and up will love logging on to this fun, free YouTube channel that serves as the official hub for brick lovers. Videos feature fun builds and challenges that kids can make themselves offline. Other times kids are invited to simply sit back, watch, and be inspired by cool LEGO Robots builds that are truly over the top. Either way, this channel is a great bridge from the virtual world to the real world with lots of hands-on LEGO-based activities tossed into the mix. Pre-schoolers might also enjoy the LEGO How-To Academy on the LEGO Access YouTube channel, which features some simpler builds.

The bottom line? Don't feel bad if you're struggling to get your children away from screens—you're definitely not alone. But if you'd like your child to spend just a little more time in the real world, without having to go cold turkey with a full screen-time detox, hopefully these ideas will help.