



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

HEAD'S BLOG

Happy Friday everyone! We hope you and your families are safe and well and were able to enjoy a wonderful Easter weekend. It seems rather odd not to be welcoming you back to school this week. We are missing your happy, smiling faces.

Thank you to those of you who have been regularly updating class dojo with photographs of what you've been doing during these times. We have really enjoyed staying in touch and thank you for sharing the memories you have been making. Do continue to share your home learning photographs; some of which are shared on the next page!

We hope you are finding the suggested home learning activities accessible and helpful. We would again like to reiterate that managing this should not become a burden and if you require any further support or guidance, please contact your class teachers who will be happy to help.

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Miss Burr for creating such a super video of our BB team sharing what they've been up to during recent weeks. From staff performing their best dance moves, to showing off their skateboard skills, it definitely put a smile on many faces and I know there were many children who enjoyed watching.

Don't forget, we are always here for you and you can still contact us by ringing the school office or by emailing us at bbsupport@celticcross.education.

We are thinking of you all—take care and stay safe!

Miss Freight is a superhero!

Our very own Miss Freight has made a fantastic contribution to helping our carers in the community. She has been extremely busy knitting these very cute mask expanders for workers required to wear protective masks during their shifts.

She has been working with two friends to make them and has had lots of interest and demand for more to be made! So far, 150 have been knitted and delivered to local care homes in the area but it is anticipated that they will be asked to make up to 400! Miss Freight, you're a star and we're so proud of your commitment to support our carers.



To keep us all going, we will feature a weekly 'good news' section....

If you'd like to share anything, feel free to email:

bbsecretary@celticcross.education

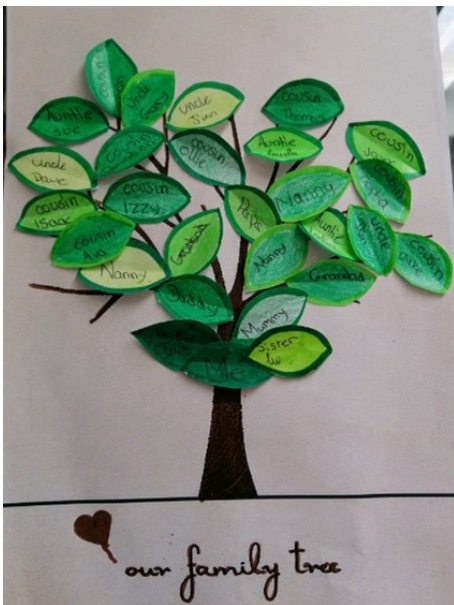
Home Learning



Alfie enjoying the sunshine and creating a bug home with the sticks left over from his maths hunt. There is a snail already moving in!



Jake created a self-portrait following one of the activities included in the all about me family project.



A brilliant example of one of the suggested family tree activities.



Rowan sharing a story.



Caleb exploring money to investigate different ways to make £1.



Emma did an experiment to see what colour acids and alkalis turn with litmus powder!

OTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Keeping Children Safe Online

Following school closures, and families confined to their homes, we are aware that use of the internet, apps, gaming devices and online services are being accessed more than ever. Use of the internet provides a lifeline to many of us and has a number of benefits, from home learning, to staying in touch with loved ones. As time becomes an advantage to us all, it is vital that we continue to raise awareness of staying safe online, especially for Celtic Cross pupils. This seems a sensible time to reiterate to everyone a few key points to keep your child/ren safe online:

1/ Talking with children about technology use...

Open and honest conversations with children about what they are doing online is vital at any time, but especially at this point in time when your child might be making more extensive use of technology. Check in on their technology use regularly – find out about what they are doing online, what new tools and apps they might be using; select tools and content together and discuss why certain tools and apps might not be appropriate. Equally, keep the lines of conversation open; your child may have concerns regarding things they have encountered online; let them know that they can discuss any issues and that you'll find a solution together.

2/ Online learning

Remember, parents shouldn't be trying to recreate a school environment at home. As well as the home learning set by teachers, there is a wealth of information for pupils to access online. Ensuring that sites are reputable and safe for your child is a priority; the South West Grid for Learning offer a range of safe activities for children to access in their resources section. For those who are engaging with any online tutoring, the SWGfL provide pointers to reputable companies and resources. This is also an excellent website to support families with online safety. (swgfl.org.uk)

3/ Online contacts and connections

The recommended age for a social media account is set at 13 and over. Social media, access to apps and gaming devices opens up the possibility of communication with strangers; children should remember that they can never be fully aware of who they are talking to online, and that they are free to shut down any conversations which make them feel uncomfortable in any way. Continue to monitor your child's activity and encourage open discussion regarding online activity.

4/ Other considerations...

- Choose carefully- support your child in accessing age appropriate content and set appropriate privacy settings-
- the 'BIK guide to online services' can help you with this.
- Ensure children keep personal info private.
- Encourage... 'Think before you share.'
- Beware of scams; if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Other Forms of Support Available to Parents:

- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

5/ What should I do if I have concerns about a child, or a child's online activity?

1 in 4

children have experienced something upsetting on a social networking site



If this relates to an incident within school, you should contact the Head of School who is the setting's Designated Safeguarding Lead. For concerns outside of school, you should call the local Multi Agency Referral Unit on 0300 1231 116.



Domestic Abuse

At home shouldn't mean at risk. If you or someone you know is suffering from domestic abuse, isolation rules do not apply. Police response & support services remain available. Find support at gov.uk/domestic-abuse or call 999 if you are in immediate danger. #YouAreNotAlone

Stay Safe

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

0808 2000 247

<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk>