



Friday 17th April

To all our children and families...

I hope that everyone had a lovely Easter and managed to get outside in gardens and for their 'daily exercise' in the wonderful sunshine we've been having. It seems odd not to be welcoming you back to school this week and I am missing all your happy, smiling faces.

I am really pleased that almost everyone is signed up and using either Tapestry or Class Dojo to keep in touch with their teacher and carry on with some learning at home. Please remember that this must not become a burden to you, especially for those parents who are working from home too. If you require any support or guidance, please contact your class teachers and they will be happy to help.

I hope everyone has a good week... I am thinking of you all. Stay safe, stay at home.

With all my very best wishes, Caroline Jarrett



Look at your plants in  
the school field!



Silver birch



First buds



Hazel

Mr Hall has very kindly sent some photos and a message about the planting that you all did in the Wild Tribe field:

*"I attach some photos I have taken of the trees we planted in the field. (I have taken off the tree guards whilst I took the photos.)"*

*All the trees are doing really well and every one has fresh green leaves. I have been watering them when I take my daily exercise. The pupils clearly did a really good job carefully planting out the young saplings. The tree guards are doing their job and none of the trees show any sign of being nibbled by rabbits or deer. Most of the trees now have a shell name tag so that we can all more easily identify what each tree is even when it might have no leaves.*

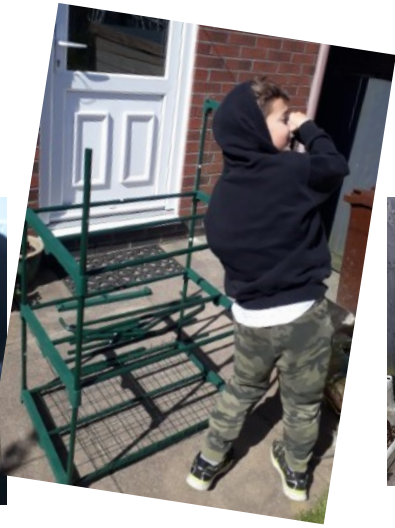
*One of the photos also shows the Mother Oak with its buds.*

*I shall try to take regular photos so that the children are able to see how their trees are growing."*

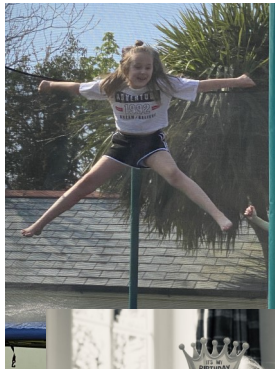
Thank you Mr Hall – we really appreciate you looking after the field and trees whilst we can't be there and look forward to seeing the progress.



# News from friends



Freddie got busy building a green house and planting seeds—we look forward to seeing them grow Freddie.

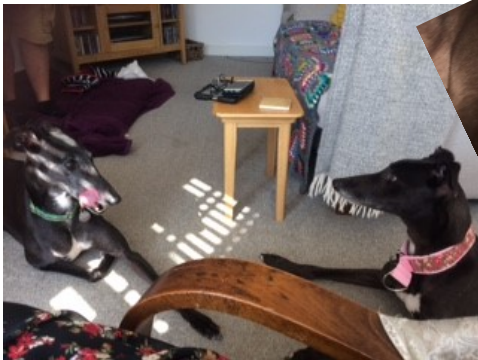


Amy keeping fit and healthy ready for Easter chocolate!



Rosie and Amy made some yummy Easter treats, planted some seedlings and celebrated Rosie's 8th birthday. Many happy returns of the day Rosie!

To share your activities and stories to make us smile please send to : [veryan.secretary@celticcross.education](mailto:veryan.secretary@celticcross.education)



Mrs Cartwright welcomed a new addition to her family! After a rehoming centre put out a plea, Mr and Mrs Cartwright fostered and then adopted Lily as a play mate for Isabella. Lily looks very happy and settled already! We're sure Rita would enjoy meeting her when they are allowed to

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](http://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.

**1 in 4**

children **have experienced**  
**something upsetting** on a  
social networking site





#### 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
- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children 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?

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.



## Message from the Education Library Service

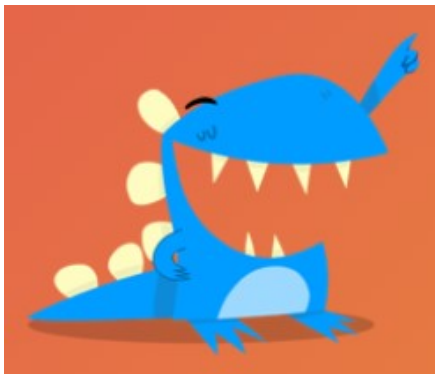
Please find below the web address for a fun but informative site to help children to learn through facts, experiments, games and much more. Although it does say “science kids” on the web address, there are tabs at the top of the page when you open it up that also gives help with English and Maths. Please have a look and hopefully you or your home-schooling parents, will find this of some use.

<https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

We hope that together we can help the pupils, teachers and parents in Cornwall get through this difficult time.

Take care, stay safe.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>



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