

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This bank holiday, I will be spending part of the day in front of the television watching some of the many programmes on this weekend to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Celebrations were set to take place all over the country but because of the lockdown, these have had to be adapted. Using the link below, you can discover some of the virtual celebrations going on this weekend and activities you can do from home. Enjoy!

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/get-involved/>

FREE ONLINE ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

If you have used the extra time at home to get creative in the kitchen, Time Out have found out where you can stream some of the best online cooking lessons:

<https://www.timeout.com/london/things-to-do/cooking-and-baking-workshops-you-can-stream-into-your-kitchen>

Good news! Spotify will be releasing a new chapter of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone every week from now until mid-summer. Each chapter will be read by a different celebrity, starting this week with Daniel Radcliffe. Upcoming chapters are set to include David Beckham and Noma Dumezweni, who played Hermione in the original West End and Broadway productions of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child!

According to Spotify, "The audio chapters will be available exclusively on Spotify, for both free and Premium users, and on the new standalone Spotify Kids app that's exclusively available to Premium Family subscribers in select markets. Videos of those recordings will live solely on [Wizarding World](http://WizardingWorld) (wizardingworld.com). "

Let the magic begin!

SCIENCE @ HOME – ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

Each week, Ms Chan will be setting an exciting activity that you can do at home. Please see attached flyer for this week's activity!

5 REASONS FOR HOPE

Past the Peak

We have passed the peak of the virus and the numbers, although still high, are consistently dropping across the whole of the UK!

Lockdown being eased

From Monday we are to see elements of the lockdown being eased, another sign of all our good work and patience. We are coming through this!

Sunshine is still here

We have another full week of sunshine on the horizon!

Hug a tree!

In the absence of cuddles from our nearest and dearest, in Iceland, the country's forestry service has recommended that people hug a tree once a day during lockdown to boost their sense of well-being and aid relaxation. A reminder of the magic of nature!

Clapping

We continue to clap for our carers, louder and stronger than ever. 8pm on a Thursday now marks a time where we are able to feel connected to each other by coming to our windows/doors/gardens, and in hearing the clapping, we can feel less alone and remember how much we all stand together.

CH&O - FROM THE KITCHEN!

As we enter another lockdown week, we thought it would be great to look at how we can cook up some of our pupils favourite foods from scratch. In other words swapping supermarket 'shop bought' items with fresh alternatives. Easy, tasty food and very economical to make. Have fun and see if you can cook up a storm and save money too! We hope everyone has fun with the quizzes too and we look forward to receiving more food pictures. Watch out next week for our gallery of images and fantastic foods so far that pupils from our schools across the country have been sending in. We are all looking to the future and cannot wait to see you all very soon indeed!

Principals

Please find the third instalment attached.

SKETCHBOOKS

A sketchbook is a place for exploring the world through drawing, writing, collecting, collaging, sorting, recording, and playing with ideas. A sketchbook is a place of exploration, discovery, wonder and invention. It is a place in which you can ask all kinds of questions, without having to know or find the answer. Mistakes are welcome in sketchbooks as they show you are testing ideas or pushing yourself.

A sketchbook is not a place where you should feel pressure to work a certain way, or produce marvellous drawings without any mistakes, or to write neatly. - Access Art

You can make a sketchbook by gathering paper that you have around you - newspaper, brown paper, old maps, book pages etc.

Access Art has a great free online course, exploring how to create and use your own sketchbook.

<https://www.accessart.org.uk/sketchbooks-an-online-course-for-children-families-parents-teachers/Ideas>

They also have a free drawing class, complete with videos, taking you through some drawing exercises and techniques.

<https://www.accessart.org.uk/art-resources-for-home/>

I have been enjoying isolationartschool on Instagram, who have been sharing hundreds of different projects and techniques in short film tutorials, by a variety of artists.

Kate Gorely



TEACHERS IN ISOLATION

Welcome to our 'teachers in isolation' feature! Over the past few weeks, have you been wondering what your teachers have been up to at home? Well, find out over the next few weeks what activities Belham staff have been doing during lockdown.

Teacher in Isolation:

During lockdown I have enjoyed having more time to take long, leisurely walks in the sunshine. I've also loved having extra time to read especially in the morning with a cup of tea and some toast!

I have really enjoyed reading some of the work that you have all been posting to your portfolios. It's been strange working from home with no playground bell ringing to let me know what time of day it is. Filming lessons from home has been a really odd experience - it's like talking to yourself!!

One of the other great things about spending more time at home has been that I have been able to rescue my Venus flytrap plant – Vic – who I thought was on his last legs.

Tom Turnham



POEM OF THE WEEK

This week's poem of the week reflects the theme of the natural world. Read it aloud with the children and encourage them to perform some of it. Why not try playing with the words and adding other animals to this poem?

Didgeridoo

Catfish
take catnaps on seabeds
Sticklebacks
stick like glue
Terrapins
are terrific with needles
But what does a didgerity do?

Bloodhounds
play good rounds of poker
Chihuahuas
do nothing but chew
Poodles
make puddles to paddle in
But what does a didgerity do?

A puffin
will stuff in a muffin
A canary
can nearly canoe
Hummingbirds
hum something rotten
But what does a didgerity do?

Tapeworms
play tapes while out jogging
Flies
feed for free at the zoo
Headlice
use headlights at night-time
But what does a didgerity do?

What does a didgerity
What does a didgerity
What does a didgeridoo?

From All the Best: The selected poems of Roger McGough.

BANNERS OF SUPPORT KEY WORKERS

Thank you for all your pictures showing your support for key workers on the front line; we are going to spread them out across the coming weeks. Keep them coming!

