

### Suggested Ideas for All Classes

- <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html> is a useful website if you wish to carry out any science experiments at home.
- Joe Wicks has a very good YouTube channel that encourages physical activity at home. At the moment he is currently uploading daily workouts which can be done at home in the sitting room. His channel is well worth a look.  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>
- Why not try and attract some Irish birds to your garden? Follow this link to find out how to create some simple bird feeders - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1-85wKBVRo>
- Another great activity could be to design a bug or bee hotel for your garden. Bumblebee queens and solitary bees are active at the moment and looking for places to nest. Here is a video showing a bee hotel you might try out if you have the necessary tools and materials <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9-gJuDgKnU>
- If you cannot make a bee hotel why not try and create a 'Bee Bank' somewhere at home. <https://www.biodiversityinschools.com/build-a-solitary-bee-bank.html>
- At the moment many people are reconnecting with nature and noticing birds, insects and wildflowers more than before. Why not try out a timed flower count with the family. It only takes ten minutes. You can then upload your results to the national biodiversity data centre and become a Citizen Scientist. <https://pollinators.ie/record-pollinators/fit-count/>
- There are lots of other animals and plants that you can spot and record on the national biodiversity data website too <https://www.biodiversityireland.ie/>
- RTE have announced that they will be broadcasting daily 'school' on TV to support families at home during the coronavirus outbreak. The cross-platform initiative is being launched by RTE with the support of the Department of Education. Daily school is set to begin on the station from Monday, March 30. It will run from 11am to 12pm, Monday to Friday on RTÉ2, with a shorter "catch-up" segment later in the afternoon.
- For any sport lovers, The42 has made their sports colouring book available to download for free online. Visit [www.the42.ie](http://www.the42.ie) for more details.
- **Mrs. Brown Art** on Instagram is another resource where you can access art ideas to do at home. She offers step by step instructions or PowerPoints for each of her art activities.

- From Wednesday 18th March, @**TheFamilyEdit** on Instagram has had a teacher on each morning from 9am sharing practical ideas that you can do with your kids at home. As well as that, they have been sharing their favourite websites that you may find useful. Covering all class levels and abilities, all activities can be made suitable to suit your child.
- Spider-Man and Star Wars artist **William Sliney** has set up an art challenge to tackle boredom at home over the next few weeks. Each day, he will share a drawing and challenge children to draw that character. At the end of the day, he's going to share all of the drawings that have been submitted to him. Follow him on Instagram at **will\_sliney**
- Why not enter one of the competitions the Heritage in Schools are running at the moment <http://www.heritageinschools.ie/about/news/heritage-in-schools-online-tutorials>
- Try learning one of the songs below
- Click on link or copy and paste into your browser:  
'Hear the Cuckoo Sing' (on New Ross Library Facebook page)  
<https://www.facebook.com/newrosslibrary/videos/223800135698448/>
- 'Here I Am Amongst You' (on Wexford Library Facebook page)  
<https://www.facebook.com/Wexfordlib/videos/2671449879765890/>
- We are coming towards the end of April. May 1<sup>st</sup> signals the start of summer in Ireland. Why not start thinking about erecting a May Bush in your front garden this year. Get yourself a piece of Whitethorn – plenty of them on the ditches at the moment – blackthorn currently has white flowers on it and whitethorn currently has nice bright green leaves, it won't get its blossoms until a little later in May. Stick the bough of the bush in a pot or in the ground in the garden somewhere. Spend some time at home over the next fortnight gathering decorations to hang on your May bush. Check out this article all about the Ballindaggin May Bush  
<https://www.rte.ie/culture/2019/0430/1046522-may-day-alert-bringing-the-may-bush-tradition-back-to-life/>