

Memory Café Amusement Arcade 18.

Light the Blue Touch Paper!



On 27th May 2020, Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley will lift off from Cape Canaveral to fly to the International Space Station atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. This is the final test to certify the Crew Dragon commercial spacecraft for operational use. The Dragon crew will test environmental systems, displays, control and manoeuvring thrusters whilst on the way to the ISS for docking autonomously 24 hours after launch. There they will join the Expedition 63 crew continuing to test the Dragon and joining in the ISS programme. There is always amazing science being conducted up there, including transparent metal glass would you believe.

The operational Dragon has an endurance of 210 days in space but this flight will splash down off the Florida coast at a date to be determined by when the next crew for the ISS are available. It is getting crowded up there!

Dragon is part of the US Artemis programme which aims to land men and women on the lunar surface in

2024 and then onward to Mars.

Cat Burglar!



My daughter's cat, Honey, is not as bright as this. She has a cat relative who has realized that her dinner is in the fridge, but may have suffered a mishap to her paw in the past.

Thank goodness they can't use the internet for distance learning – yet, otherwise there will be trouble.

Bringing home the bacon (or PPE)!



Carol Read 's son Sam is a pilot for BA. He has been flying to Shanghai to collect PPE equipment to bring back to the UK.

At least they don't have to worry about the meal and drinks service.

However, I fear that it is going to be some time before we are all flying again like we used to.

Unless you are an astronaut!

Do you like your bacon crispy?



This is the Crew Module of the Soyuz TMA-19M spacecraft which was launched on 15 December 2015 towards the International Space Station carrying Tim Peake from the European Space Agency. It was the 128th flight of the Soyuz vehicle. We don't have many Brits who have done the journey into space.

It safely returned to Earth, despite the blackened external structure, after a mission lasting 186 days.

It is now on display in the Science Museum in London

