

Show 1: With teacher, school leader and author **Martin Griffin**

In this show, Martin shares thoughts on the powerful role stories and storytelling plays in schools. We also explore the importance of 'try-fail cycles' and consider what we can learn from mid-league football managers about storytelling....

The Late Show

WEDNESDAY 7.30PM

Ben White

TEACHING, MID-TABLE FOOTBALL
MANAGERS AND THE TRY-FAIL
CYCLE...

**FROM 'CLASSROOM CHRONICLES
EPISODE 1.**

WITH GUEST **Martin Griffin**

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Written Reflection: [Stuck in the Muddle?](#)

Show 2: With Chemistry teacher, musician and ex-hacker Dan Boorman.

*We explored Dan's philosophy of teaching and scrutinised some thought-provoking claims about homework; wasted time in lessons; and why the Science GCSE spec **isn't** too big. Dan explained why anti-science rhetorical and statements from world leaders make teaching science both harder and more vital than ever. After all this, there was still time to look at Dan's pedagogical nemeses (PowerPoint and spurious data) via the big bad wolf that is 'the exam board.'*...

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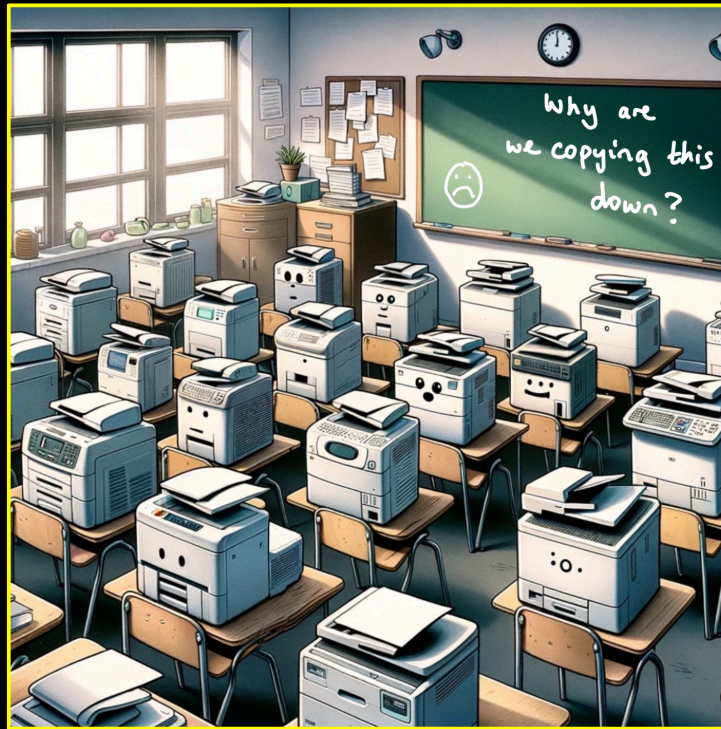
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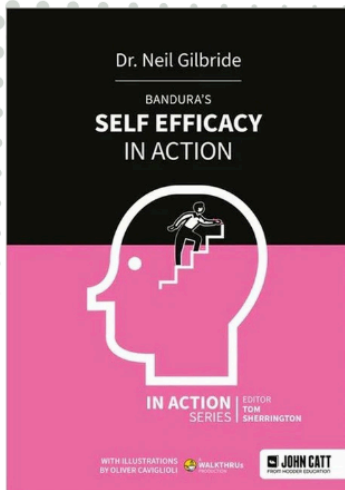
Show 3: Special Episode - Interview with Professor Neil Gilbride about 'Bandura's Self-Efficacy Theory in Action'

Dr Neil Gilbride makes a compelling case for how Bandura's self efficacy theory can help refine how we understand and support our students AND how we design and teach our lessons. There are plenty of pedagogy 'how tos' alongside reflections about our role in shaping how students feel about their ability to 'do it' in our particular domain - be that maths, English or cake baking. Along the way Neil shares his views on the dangers of PowerPoint, the ultimate purpose of teaching - and who he'd invite (along with Bandura) to a pedagogical dinner party.

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BANDURA'S SELF EFFICACY IN ACTION

WITH GUEST **Dr Neil Gilbride**

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Show 4: Classroom Chronicles: What's the Point of Assessment? with Matt Evans

Ben White's guest, headteacher and author Matt Evans, shares thought-provoking insights on how assessment shapes students' self-perception. He challenges the usefulness of

'summative' and 'formative' labels, arguing they can be misleading. They also explore future trends in schooling—why so many of us predict similar shifts—and take a sharp look at Ofsted's proposed new assessment system. Spoiler: it's probably not reliable enough for its intended purpose.

Yet, despite all that, it's still wrapped up on an optimistic note—with Matt's favorite story.

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CLASSROOM CHRONICLES: WHAT'S THE POINT OF ASSESSMENT?



WITH GUEST **Matt Evans**

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Show 5: Classroom Chronicles with Damian McBeath

In this show we explored Damian's experience and rational in becoming one of England's first 'Yondr' (lockable phone pouch) secondary schools. There's a discussion of why they went for this change; what the impact has been; how they made it stick; and what the school has learned along the way.

As always, we found time to explore Damian's response to questions raised by previous guests - he was intrigued by Neil, and has a neat example of the risks of simplistic solutions - a homework initiative that failed - which resonated with Matt's observations. We finished by returning to our stories theme - it turns out that Damian is writing a children's story that we'll need to get him back on to speak about soon!

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Classroom Chronicles:
*What is school's
proper place in the
smartphone debate?*



WITH GUEST **Damian McBeath**

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AI and Schools – Hype, Help or Harm?

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Show 6: AI in Schools – Hype, Help or Harm? Interview with Professor Becky Allen

In this episode, Ben White speaks to Professor Becky Allen about how AI is already reshaping education, teaching, and the world of work. They explore how AI might affect students' aspirations, how teachers are using it to save time, and what schools should do next. Becky reflects on what she wants for her own children, why broad education matters more than ever, and how some teachers are experiencing AI as a challenge to their professional identity.

As always, we find time to link back to themes from earlier shows—this one's thoughtful, honest, and well worth a listen.

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Show 7: What can we learn from home schooling? Interview with Katie Finlayson

Ben White is joined by Katie Finlayson for a thoughtful conversation about home education. With 15 years of experience educating her own children—and supporting thousands of families across the UK—Katie shares what life as a home-educating parent really looks like, why more families are choosing this path, and what schools might learn from those doing things differently. She also discusses her own recent research, which gathered insights around why and when families chose to home educate.

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