

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2020.

Dear Parents, Carers, children and colleagues,

I hope you had a good week and that you enjoy looking at this week's newsletter activities and photographs. There have been many photos shared of the great fun had in paddling pools this week, making the most of the lovely sunny weather. I hope we see more sunshine over half term next week.

We had a great response to the school council request for rainbow pictures and photographs which Ms Combes has put together in the montage below sent to all local hospitals to say an enormous thank you to frontline workers in showing our huge appreciation from all of us at Medeshamstede Academy.

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding as we make plans for some children to return to school in our first phased group and adjustments for our 'new normal' way of school life. Our priority is to ensure children, families and colleagues are kept both physically and emotionally safe and includes ensuring children's understanding and adherence to social and safety rules.

Please do keep sharing you photographs, news and wow moments to stay connected. Teachers are using our digital learning platform to stay in touch with children and families which has also helped staff through the period of lockdown, as they are missing the children terribly.

We hope you all have a good half term and teachers will check in with you again on Monday 1st June. Stay safe and well.

Some of the great learning happening at home this week ...



Some fantastic concentration as Kobi completes his work station activities, including some great threading – well done, Kobi!



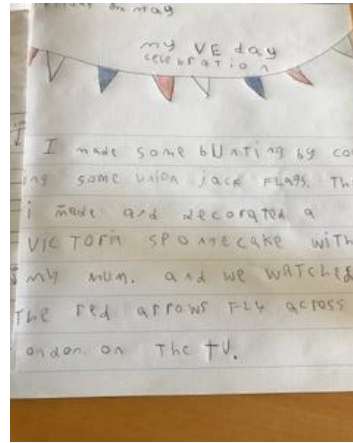
Zones of regulation is our provision to support children to learn emotional and self- regulation by learning to identify emotions and match them to the colours of the zones. Grzegorz is concentrating carefully on this activity.



Rahul has been developing his geographical skills and knowledge, labelling maps with the continents and oceans.



Eloise has been busy building and joining to create an impressive castle, then cooling off in the paddling pool and enjoying the sunny weather this week.



Henry made bunting, a most impressive cake and completed some writing all about celebrating VE day.



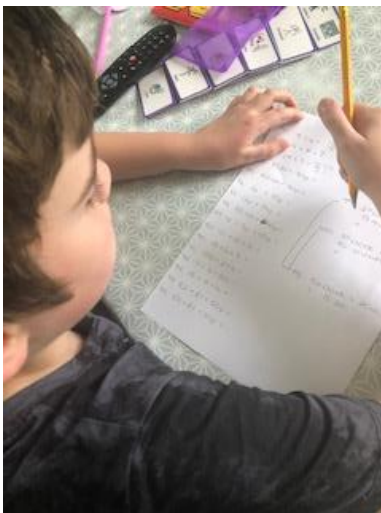
Kieran designed this rainbow to support the NHS.



Connor has been washing up too and helping with the housework this week. Well done, Connor!



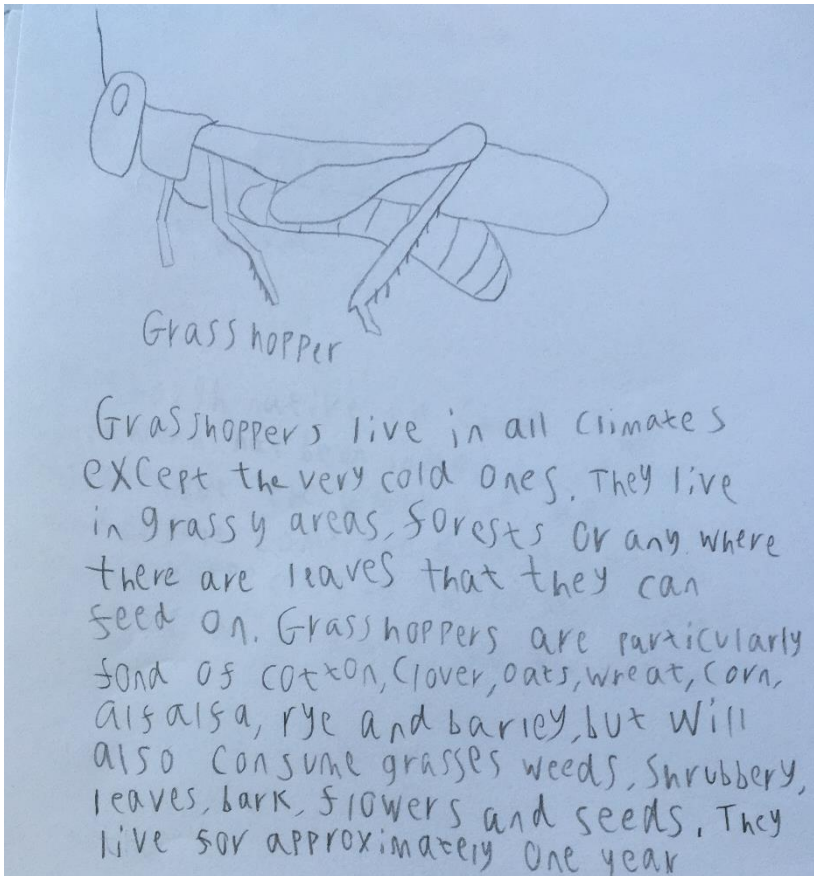
Live cooking sessions through Teams with Ms Walker continue to be a favourite activity for many of our children. A delicious dish here!



Callum has been using his daily schedule to support home routine and completing his school activities this week – excellent job Callum, Keep it up!



Now this is the way to do Movie Night! Malachy invited some 'friends' along too and there was even a tempting concessions stand!



Mason has been researching and writing about insects this week including a firefly, ladybird, centipede and spider. Fantastic writing Mason!



Callum in Mouse class has been busy creating an impressive Minecraft torch.



Archie is working and concentrating hard too, practicing letter formation – well done, Archie.

What have our staff been up to this week ?



Ms Wincott has taken up photography in her garden - Mrs Black Bird collecting nesting materials.



Mrs Robbins says hello. She has been keeping active with some country walks.



Mrs Greenaway, our cook, has been baking and icing cakes with her daughter for their friends and neighbours – (this reminds me, I am really missing Mrs Greenaway's cooking). She has also been doing impressive 5K morning runs with her son.





The fantastic montage going to local hospitals. Excellent idea, school council!
 Have a lovely half term everyone.

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