

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

I hope you have enjoyed your week. I'm sure we will see the appearance of the sunshine again in time for the summer holidays.

The countdown has begun towards the end of term. Last summer we held our traditional end of year school sports day event, where everyone took part despite the rain, and great fun was had by all. This year we cannot congregate together for a sports day event to celebrate the end of term. However, not to be defeated, Mr Hogson, Mr Day and Mr Howick have produced a virtual sports event challenge for children, families and staff, complete with video clips of how to participate in each activity. Class teachers will send the details and instructions out to you on Monday to carry out the activities across the week and scores will be collated. Good luck everyone - the challenge is on!

This week and next, teachers and staff teams are holding virtual transition meetings with their families and children in preparation for September. Mr Spalding has produced a support pack of social stories which will help to answer all the questions children may have and support social understanding of our new normal, social distancing, hand washing, staying in the pod, daily routines, etc. This will reach you early next week along with a letter for parents explaining our September operating procedures and risk assessment so that we can safely welcome all children back into school to begin the new academic year.

We are really looking forward to seeing all our children after the summer holidays. We will plan and prepare children for a safe and successful return to school to continue their education and wellbeing.

We are also planning some work to develop the outdoor areas over the holidays and will make full use of outdoor learning to support health and safety by being outside. Mr Edwards and Mr Barnes are preparing for artificial grass and a canopy for the courtyard and we plan to develop some further nature, sensory exploration and green spaces throughout our school grounds



Mr Howick, Mr Hogson and Mr Day have been hard at work creating an outdoor sensory space for when we return in September.

Ms Thulborn has sourced a very kind donation of plants from The Olive Branch Community Garden in Dogsthorpe and Wildheart UK. A huge thank you to all for a great team effort to achieve this project.

## Charlie Vs Bullies



A radio play

Released on 10th July 2020

Available at [www.medeshamstedeacademy.org](http://www.medeshamstedeacademy.org) and on  
School teams Channels

Written by: Brian Twiddy

Performed by: Shannon Bell and Joshua Sprawling

There is also a message from Ms Thulbourn this week to listen to the radio play called '*Charlie vs. Bullies*' – details are on the poster here.

This theme also reflects our school values of kindness and inclusivity and is confidently performed by two of our Y11s, Shannon and Joshua, for their Arts Award. Some budding actors here I think – a brilliant production!

## Some of the great things happening this week ...



A very happy birthday to Morgan in hedgehogs class from Ms Lobinaite and all of us at Medeshamstede – have a super birthday, Morgan!



Ethan, in mouse class, also celebrated a birthday this week with the most amazing cake and balloons. Happy birthday, Ethan. Looks like you had a great day!



Kobi, Roberto and Kalian have been 'busy bees' this week in their pod at school.

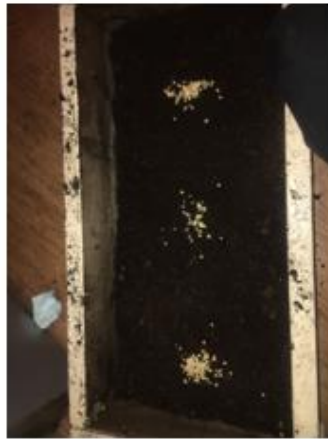


This amazing artwork is the final piece created by Alaster in Y11 – a piece to be proud of !

Excellent work, Alaster.



Ms Youngman and Ms Jordan have been having a great time with their 'peas in a pod'! They have enjoyed playing traditional games, such as 'May I Cross Your Golden Bridge?', 'Wink Murder' and 'What's the Time Mr Wolf?'



As well as coming to school each day, Kieran has been planting and growing at home. He planted some tomatoes five weeks ago and has just planted some celery and peppers.



Ameen in busy bees has been both working hard and playing hard this week.



Rhys and his family had a great time visiting a farm – some fantastic photos!



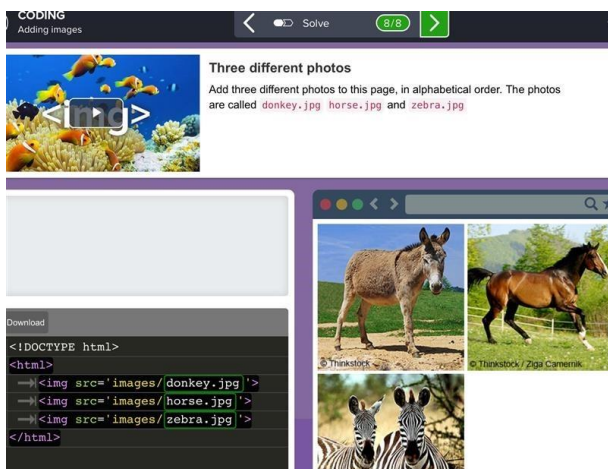


Charlie in Owl class constructed a fantastic street with houses from Minecraft.

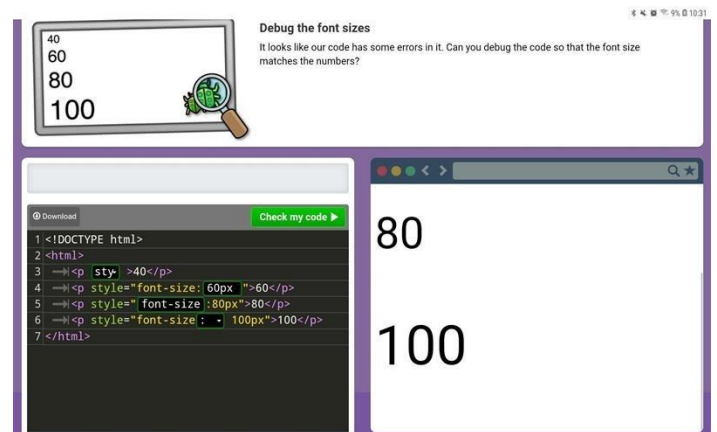
Mr Eames has been delivering home learning for computing this term.

The following children have been learning about HTML which is the code used to make a website ...

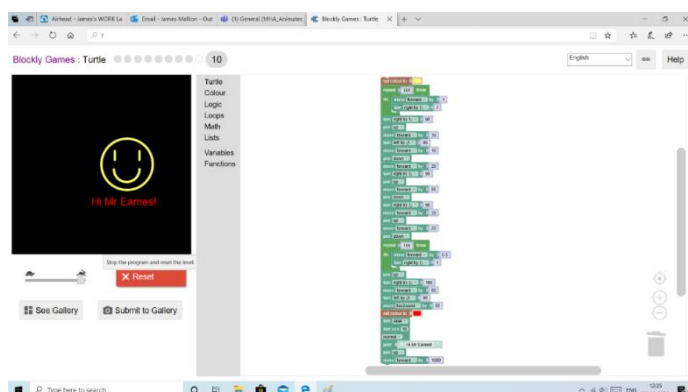
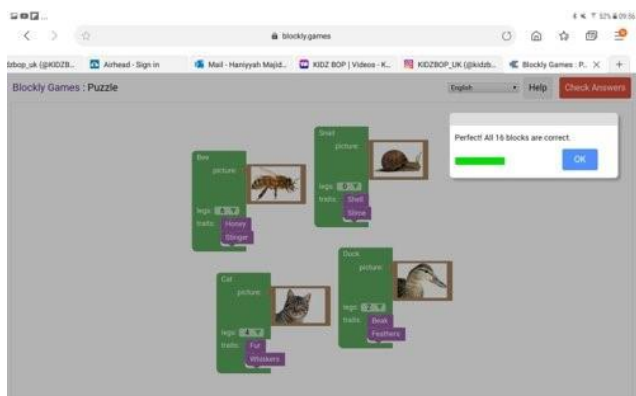
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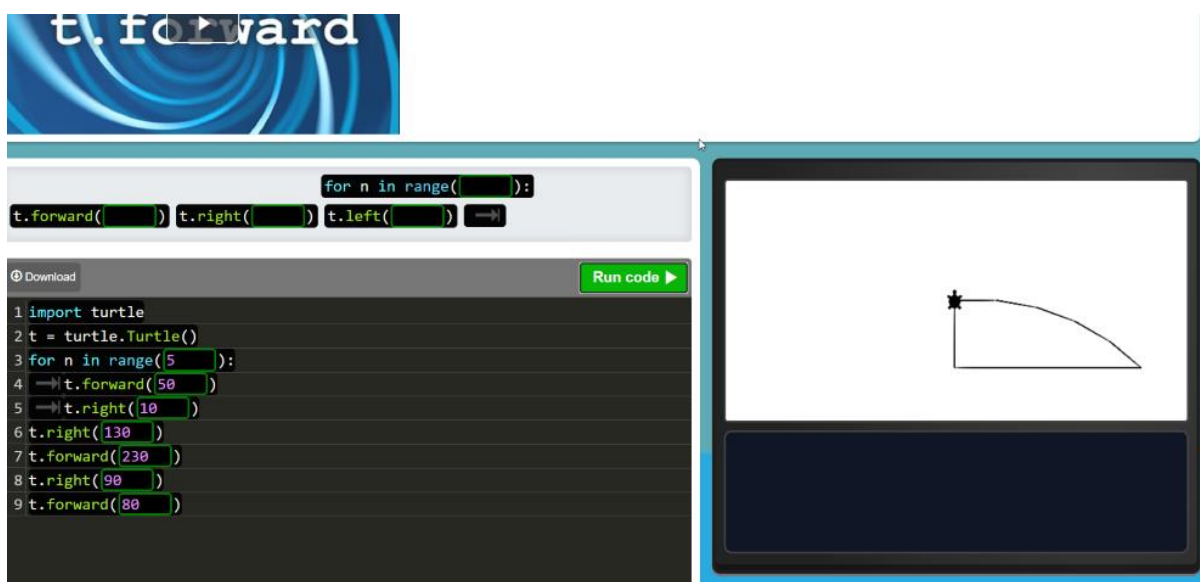
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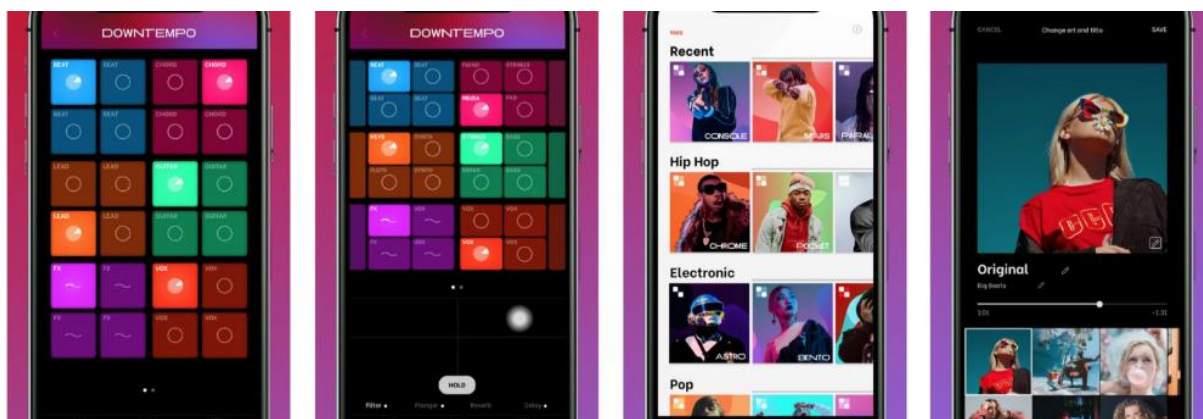
Haniyyah and James have been busy solving coding puzzles



Alaster and Anneka have been learning how to do Python Programming



Anneka has also been producing some music tracks using an iPad app called Splash. They sound great!



## What have our staff been up to this week ?

Ms Wincott finished the 60 day isolation art challenge (60 pieces of artwork all following a set theme for each of the days).



Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

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Mrs Laura Ives  
(Head of School)