

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th April 2020.

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Staff,

I hope you remain well and safe and you enjoy looking through this week's activities and photographs. What impresses me is how much children's independence and self help skills are clearly developing as the pictures and videos you send us show. Children are delighting in their successes and achievements and developing in confidence and self-esteem. The videos you have shared are a delight to watch. We have some amazing children and once again you are doing great things to work with us and we know our children are safe, well and happy.

It has been a challenging and uncertain time. However, it has also presented an opportunity to spend time as a family unit and with your children which is precious because they grow up so quickly. I have really appreciated this time with my own family. What I enjoy most about receiving your emails and photographs is the sense of how proud you are to share your children's milestones and achievements and we are proud of them too. It has kept us all positive through some of the more wobbly moments and for the challenges ahead. I thank you for sharing and keeping us connected as a school community. Please keep sharing.

Some of the great things that have been happening at home this week ...



Delicious baking from Aneka - demonstrating some impressive pastry skills that look to rival even those of Mary Berry !



Here is Kalian very independently showing us how to 'mix and stir' in his video and demonstrating some fantastic confidence in the kitchen.

Dragonfly Class



Dragonfly class are really working hard this week – some super photos of their work, creating, making and exercising. You are superstars, dragonflies !

Class 20



Our year 10s and 11s are really excelling at applying their independence and life skills with confidence – DIY: measuring and cutting to lay new flooring (now that is impressive), remarkable baking and mapping a route.



A colourful rainbow from Rubi in hawks class and some great writing too.



Alaster has designed and shared his rainbow flag.

What have our staff been up to this week ?



Miss Wincott started to crochet this doll four years ago! It has been the perfect time to finally complete and turn it into a nurse.



Ms Walker has been busy sewing face masks.



Ms Combes says 'hello everyone'. She is busy working from home and has been keeping fit by cycling.



The cutest photo of the week! - Charlotte showing Ms Walker her kitten.

Our own Mrs Kauser, hawks class teacher, was interviewed on the local news this week with her lovely family sharing their lockdown experiences.



Finally we have a milestone birthday to celebrate this week. James, in class 19, turned sixteen! James did a fantastic piece of writing this week about his lockdown experience which Mr Allen, his teacher, shared with me. It was insightful, moving and thoughtful and showed what an amazing, responsible and dependable young man he has grown into. I'm sorry you won't get your bowling party this year James, but hopefully when you return to school we can have a small bowling celebration! Keep smiling, as you always do, - Happy birthday from all of us at Medeshamstede.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we will be in touch next week.

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