

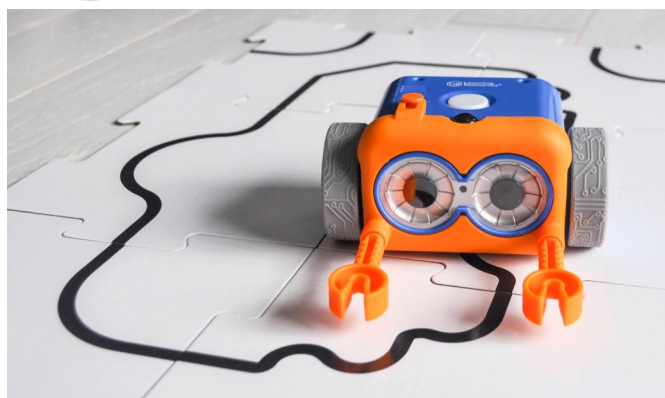
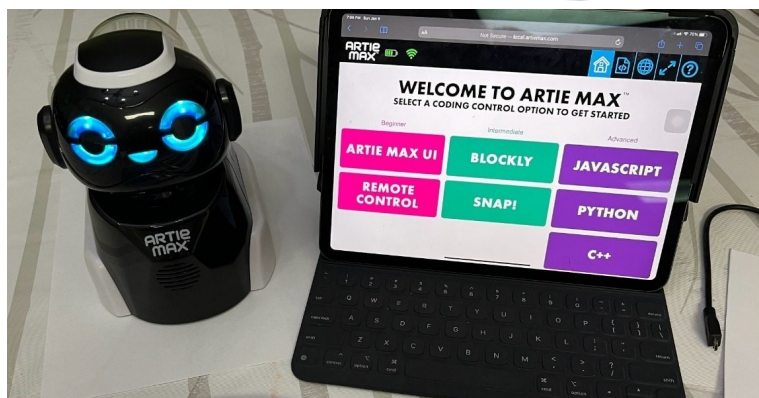


Harrowbarrow School Newsletter

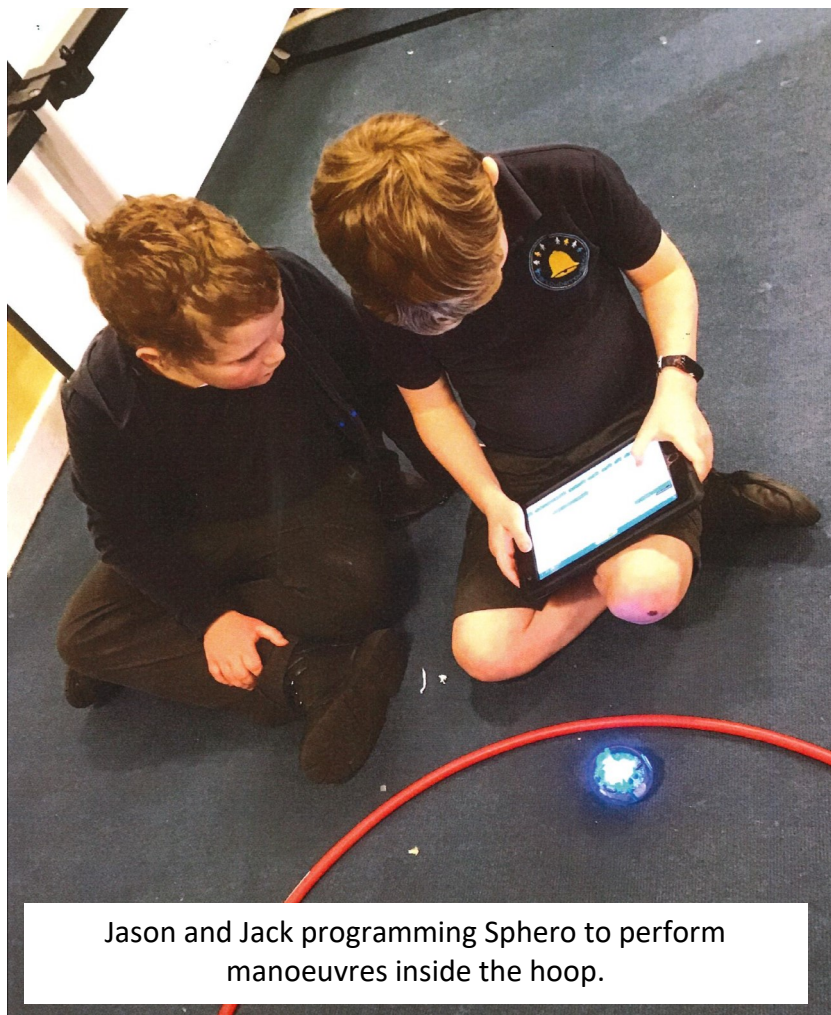
**Friday 21st
January 2022**

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Amazing Algorithms



This term, children across the school have been creating algorithms to programme our new digital devices, funded through the Tesco Community Grant scheme. Artie Max draws, Botley can collect and move things and Sphero can be used to drive a vehicle, even in water. This has been a really exciting innovation as part of our curriculum development work.



Jason and Jack programming Sphero to perform manoeuvres inside the hoop.

Home/School Reading

The disruption over the last two years has been widespread but, as we try to restore normality in school, one area that appears to have suffered more than others is children's home/school reading; the reading of school books at home. This isn't surprising given all the challenges we know our families have faced.

Reading progress is the bedrock that all further learning builds upon. It is now noticeable that children are reading less at home than ever before. We know how challenging it can be for families to juggle all the different aspects of their busy lives but any support you can give your children in this area will be rewarded in their educational progress.

By far the best approach is little and often; 5 minutes every day will have more impact than 1 hour a week. However, any increase in support will make a difference.

We know from years of checking reading records, home/school reading has tended to be done by mums and female carers. Perhaps this is an opportunity for dads and male carers to enjoy the pleasures of a shared reading experience with their children.

Thank you in anticipation of any additional support you can give your child.

Latest Covid Isolation Rules

We have experienced a small but steady trickle of Covid cases within our school community this term. This is the latest guidance on isolation rules:

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Sesquicentennial Anniversary Celebrations

2022 is the 150th anniversary of Harrowbarrow School. To mark the occasion we have put together a programme of commemorative events and learning opportunities. We will share more detail in due course, as most activities will be scheduled for the summer term. Here is a list of some of the opportunities we have identified:

- A garden party and commemorative event to mark the 150th anniversary.
- A Victorian day to take the children back in time to experience education in 1872.
- A school museum/display to exhibit our archive material from the last 150 years.
- Whole school summer term topic of 'Our School', where the children learn about its history.
- Every pupil contributing to a whole school textile to mark the occasion (see below).

This feels very exciting, particularly after the last two years, and we hope to involve our wider school community as much as possible.

The first headteacher at the current school site was Mr White, or 'Daddy' White as he was known. This photograph shows him with his family in the garden of the school house, where the school offices and staffroom are today.



Early school records from the time reveal some of the challenges they faced:

'Measles had been severe in 1878 and was followed by a serious outbreak of diphtheria and scarlatina. This outbreak lasted for almost a year'.

These challenges persisted through to the 20th century:

'Measles reached epidemic proportions in January 1905 followed by and following as so often happened, an outbreak of influenza. The school was closed but when it reopened in February only 4 out of 150 children were able to attend'.

I think this goes to show that sadly somethings don't seem to have changed much!

Great Cornish Sewing Bee

Calling sewers of all ages! To commemorate the 150th anniversary of our school this year, we are aiming to create a wall mounted quilt made from individual patches designed and sewed by every single child in our school. These patches will each reflect a snapshot of the history of our wonderful school.

For us to be able to achieve this ambitious goal we need a small army of sewers to help us. Each class will design their patch with their class teacher (this will mark an important part of our Design and Technology curriculum), each child will then hand sew their own design onto their patch. This is where you come in ... We are hoping to gather enough volunteers for each class to have a designated sewing helper. Each class

volunteer would ideally be able to kindly give up an afternoon a week of their time, where during each session they will work with one or two children to start and complete their patch. This volunteering would likely last into the summer term, or until all patches are complete. If this sounds like something that you would like to help us with, we would LOVE to hear from you ...

Please contact Tom Ottewell-Taylor directly at tomtaylor@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Sewers of any level of experience are welcome, the main attributes that will serve you well will be your ability to thread a needle and a lot of patience!

Dates for your diary

18.2.22 - Last day before half term

21.2.22 - First day after half term

7.4.22 - Last day of spring term for pupils

8.4.22 - Pupil progress day