

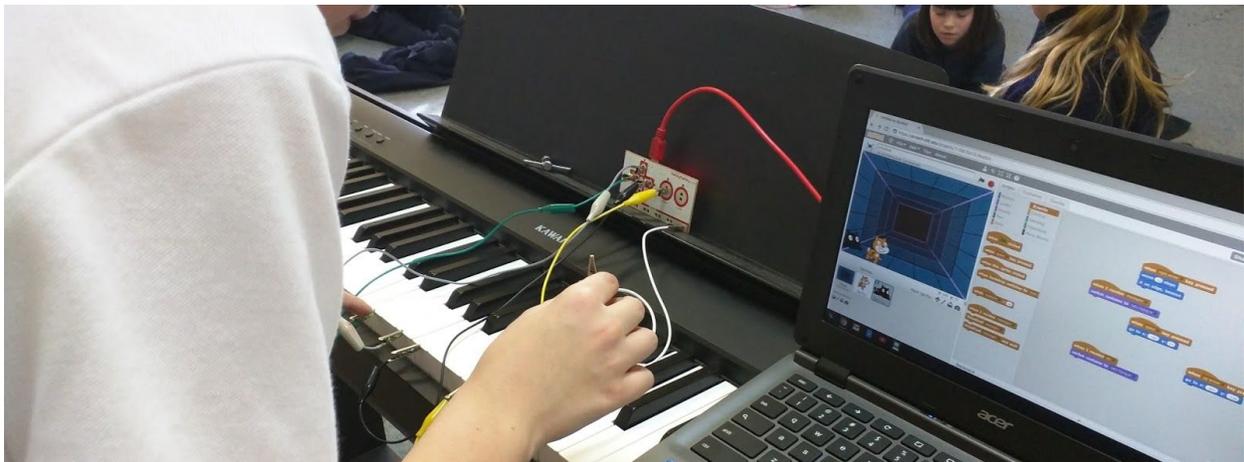


## Digitech@BellPS Occasional Digest

Updates on what is going on with digital technologies to support the creative and collaborative learning of our modern learners at Bell PS.

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### THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

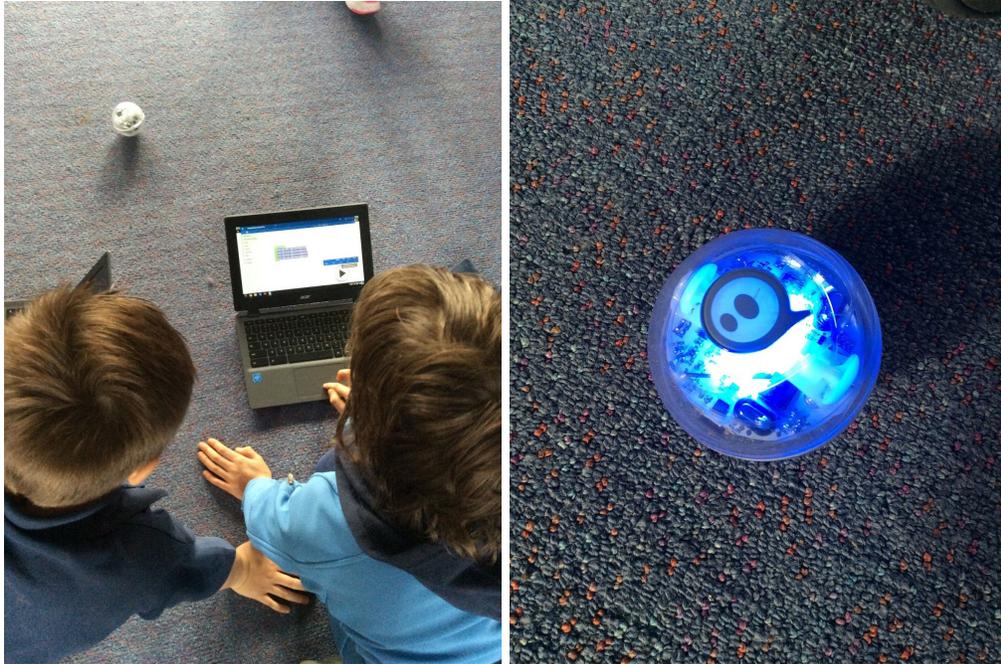


## General Digitech Update

Welcome to the second edition of the Bell PS Digitech Digest an occasional publication that covers the amazing learning taking place when students are using digital technologies.

Code club is a Friday lunchtime student club that is open to any 3-6 students. The main premise is that students come along and express their creativity through coding. Last week we were fortunate enough to test out a couple of Sphero Sprks that were on loan from the DET Digital Learning Branch. Sphero Sprk is a robot ball that can be programmed to do some amazing things using 'Blocky' type programming language similar to Scratch. Our 'Code Clubbers' have been flexing their computational thinking skills to move Sphero around an object course. They have been able to use the new iPads and Chromebooks. To

code Sphero using the iPad our Code clubbers have been using two apps [Sprk Lightning Lab](#) and [Tickle](#)



## Digitech with P-2's

Check out these AMAZING stop motion short films Prep B made this morning. We have been developing our filming skills and focussing on timing. It can take up to 30 minutes to make one of the short films above! We used props with wheels as they can move along the floor smoothly. [Read more...](#)

## Digitech with the upper school

Using Digitech To Support Mathematical Thinking!

In 5/6O we explored different currencies from around the world.

Returning from my trip overseas, I added some Thai Baht and Vietnam Dong to my collection of overseas currencies (including British Pounds, US Dollars, Malay Ringgits, Singapore Dollars, UAE Dirham and Japanese Yen).

The students had a chance to explore these different currencies, completing a series of increasingly challenging tasks that involved sorting currencies, using calculators and online tools to convert between currencies and even solving problems involving some of my holiday purchases! [Read more...](#)

## App of the week

[iMotion](#) is an intuitive and powerful time-lapse and stop-motion app for iOS. For grade 1 and two students it has been their main digitech tool for producing their films as part of the Bell Interactive Film Festival. If you want something creative and constructive to do with your family iPad, get a bunch of lego characters and watch the storytelling come alive.

## Interesting reading/viewing:

The MIT Media Lab is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Seymour Papert was one of the founders of the Media Lab and in this video created by LEGO, his influence on learning and technology for children.

*Please watch this video the it will give you some insight to some of the pedagogical thinking around why digital technologies are vital for engaging our modern learners at Bell PS in deep creative thinking. Critical skills for the 21st Century.*

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