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Newsletter

On Tuesday 9th April Appleton Academy Community Choir performed at St George's Hall as part of the Schools' Proms. This was a fantastic opportunity for the choir to perform on the stage at the newly refurbished theatre. The students worked really hard preparing for this performance and were a credit to the school. Huge congratulations to them all!



The Appleton Girls U13 and U14 football team began their training in September from there they have gone from strength to strength with the U 14 team winning the Bronze medal in The Bradford wide league.

The U13 team also managed to win their place in the finals and left with the silver medal.

They have worked incredibly hard and have improved hugely since their first game in October.

Miss Douglas and Miss Crookes would like to congratulate all of the football girls on their achievements as well as Ms Vance for her continuous support of the girls in the form of cheering and mini bus driving!

Well Done Girls!



Top Left to right: Abigail Benjamin, Summer Brame, Maddison Scatchard, Jenny Wang, Ella Mavin-McKeown.

Bottom Left to right: Kennedy Johnson, Antonia Hargreaves, Kaci Brooks, Summer Paley, Molly Prosser.

Chatterbooks

Primary students have been chosen by publishers to review a number of books this half term. Here are our reviews:

Storm Hound by Claire Fayers

Storm of Odin is the youngest storm hound of the Wild Hunt that haunts lightning-filled skies. He has longed for the time when he will be able to join his brothers and sisters but on his very first hunt he finds he can't keep up and falls to earth, landing on the A40 just outside Abergavenny.

Enter twelve-year-old Jessica Price, who finds and adopts a

cute puppy from an animal rescue centre. And suddenly, a number of strange people seem very interested in her and her new pet, Storm. People who seem to know a lot about magic . . .

In Claire Fayers' electrifying adventure *Storm Hound*, Jessica starts to see that there's something different about her beloved dog and will need to work out which of her new friends she can trust.

'Full of twists and descriptions'
Eleanor Leech

'The mystery hooks you in'
Kayleigh Mawn

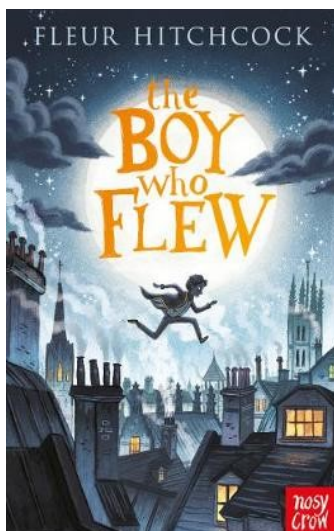
Chatterbooks members are pictured right;



Chester Parsons is not a Gorilla by Martyn Ford

When Chester discovers he can mind jump, his sister Amy wastes no time in putting his new skills to work boosting the viewing figures on her video blog. And when a TV company takes them global, he does his most daring mind jump yet, into the brain of Tito the gorilla. The trouble is, when he tries to return to his own body - it's gone!

'Very funny and usual' Jake Fahey
'It's funny and makes you laugh throughout' Fizza Nasir



The Boy Who Flew by Fleur Hitchcock

Athan Wilde dreams of flight. When his friend, Mr Chen, is murdered, Athan must rescue the flying machine they were building together and stop it falling into the wrong hands. But keeping the machine safe puts his family in terrible danger. What will Athan choose – flight or family?

'A unique book, heart-warming and mystery filled' Mollie Suggitt

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Young Bradford Poets

Students from Years 5 and 7 have begun working on the Young Bradford Poets Project. It is a collaborative project between the National Literacy Trust and the Bronte Parsonage Museum.

The project will develop students' knowledge and understanding of the Brontes as local writers and aims to improve pupils' enjoyment of writing and their attitudes to poetry.

During the course of the project the students will be working with Mrs Parr in the library working on themes of identity and journeys. They will also work with two professional poets and have the chance to participate in a performance event with other schools across Bradford.

The first element of the project was a trip to Bronte Parsonage Museum where students discovered more about the life and works of the Brontes and created their own versions of Anne Bronte's poem 'Lines composed in a wood on a windy day'.

Below is Madison Wilson's version of the poem

*My souls is awakened, my heart is soaring
And carried aloft on the ferocity of the breeze;
For above and around me the blustery wind is blowing,
Arousing to rapture the earth and the sky.*

*The long withered grass is swaying,
The towering trees are presenting their branches on high;
The yellowing leaves beneath them are
pirouetting and falling,
The dotted clouds are patterns across the crystal sky.*

*I wish I could see how the ocean is sparkling,
The foam of its billows to sheets of spray;
I wish I could see how its dazzling waves are dancing,
And hear the roaring of their thunder today!*

Young Bradford Poets

Lines Composed on Penistone Hill
on a Windy Day



Students enjoying the
Parsonage Museum



School Closes: Friday 24th May
Re-opens: Monday 3rd June