

Newsletter

Remembrance Day at Appleton Academy

Poppy display at the bottom of the main staircase created for Remembrance Day.

The poppies have been made by the students and it was lovely hearing their positive comments after we all observed our minute of silence.

Miss Henshaw, Miss Boyle & Miss Aveyard



On Wednesday 6th November we had **Blueprint Design Solutions** from Keighley come in to work with our GCSE Design students. The company have been highly successful in designing and manufacturing products for high street brands such as Yorkshire Tea, Sainsburys and Boots.

Mick, the MD also brought in an electronic ice pack prototype, this was made for Wayne Rooney and is worth over 1 Million Pounds!! Needless to say the students were impressed. Mick grew up in Bradford and is keen to give back to his local community by helping to inspire our students in the possibility of pursuing a future in design.

Both Mick and Olivia (Marketing Manager) were highly impressed with our students and left the building on a high after the effort and positive response they had.

It was a really helpful and engaging session.

Miss Henshaw



Girls Football Team

In November Miss Douglas and I took our Year 7 and 8 footballers to compete in the Bradford City EFL schools cup. Out of the ten schools that entered from across Bradford, our Appleton U13 Girls secured their place in the semi-finals and achieved 3rd place.

They were fantastic and played some great football.

Team:

Captain - Caitlin Boocock Wennington – Y8

Anze Princess Buma – Y7

Leah Reardon – Y7

Maizy Stratford – Y7

Kai Li Wang –Y7

Ella Johnson – Y8

Nicole Laban – Y7

Bethany Leek – Y7

Hannah Robinson – Y7



Thank You for your support for 'Children in Need'. We raised an amazing £394.16



Listening

Speaking

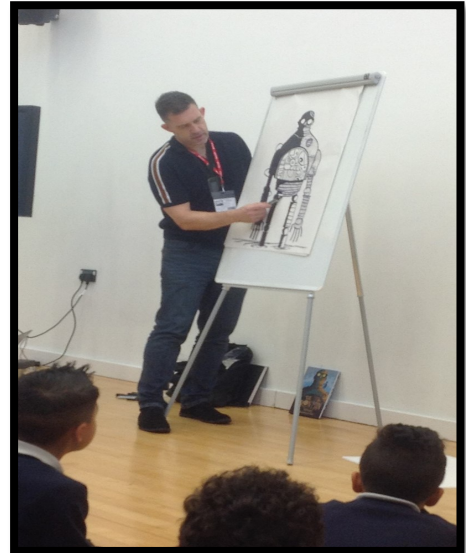
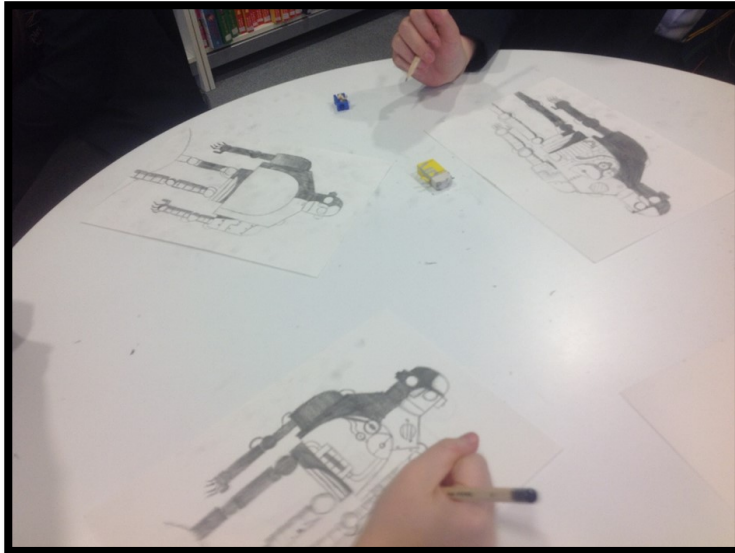
WRITING

Reading

Chris Mould Visit

Author and illustrator Chris Mould visited school this half term. Year 3 children have been reading *The Iron Man* as their class novel and Chris gave a wonderful talk to Years 3 and 4 about illustrating the 50th anniversary edition of *The Iron Man*. Year 9 were then treated to a drawing masterclass.

Mrs Parr



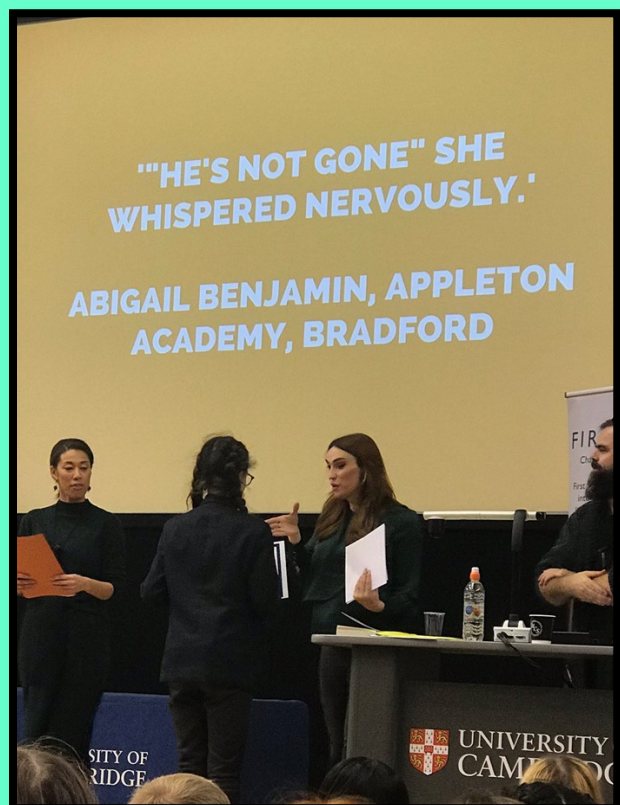
FIRST STORY

Yong Writer's Festival

The festival this year took place at Cambridge University and twenty one students from Years 7 - 9 took part in writing workshops and listened to a keynote speech from bestselling young adult writer, Juno Dawson. First Story also announced the finalists in their National Six Word Story writing competition and Abigail Benjamin from Year 9 was announced as a finalist. Well done Abigail!

Pictured right is Juno Dawson giving her keynote speech and Abigail Benjamin receiving her finalist certificate.

Mrs Parr





St Johns Ambulance First Aid Course

Over October half term sixty of our Bronze, Silver and Gold students came in over 3 days to complete their St Johns First Aid Certificate as part of their Award.

Caroline from St John's delivered the course to twenty students on the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. They were long days with a lot of information to take on board. The course ranged from practical to theory and required participation in all aspects of the syllabus. Students covered CPR, recovery position, minor



and major bleeds, contacting emergency services and many other topics.

A very worthwhile course which students found incredibly useful. We have one more day of first aid training happening during the Friday of February half term for students who missed out this time.

Staff First Aid and Lowland Leader training Well done to Miss Crookes and Mrs VSJ for successfully completed their 16 hour Outdoor Incident Management Course on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November. This course covered many first aid incidents but provided instruction on how to deal with these incidents in a remote environment. This meant a lot of time spent outside in the rain, wind and cold to be assessed in many of the scenarios.

On Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th of November Miss Whittaker and Miss Enright spent the weekend at Nell Bank in Ilkley taking part in the Mountain Training Lowland Leader Training delivered by the North of England Duke of Edinburgh team. They were put through their paces on grid references, signs and symbols, appropriate kit, weather forecasts and navigation on both days. We are very pleased to say they both did fantastic and are working towards their assessment early next year. Well done to all the staff involved and for giving up your weekend to undertake this very important training.

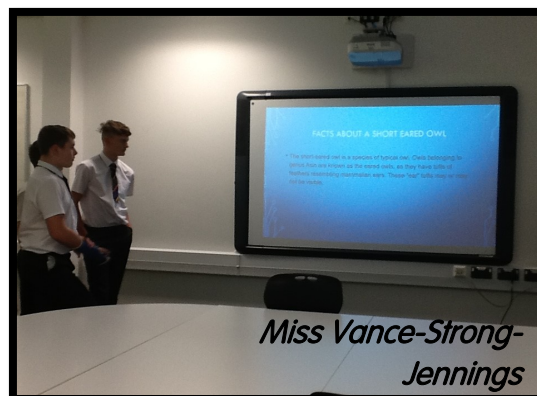


Miss Vance-Strong-Jennings



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Well done to all our Silver students for completing their presentations on their expedition aims. All groups presented a powerpoint based on their aim. Their aims covered everything from flora and fauna to literature. Many students took photographs on their expedition and used this to supplement their presentations. Students are now busy completing their other sections in the Award. Many of the Silver students undertook the St John's first aid course for their skills section over October half term. Students have also chosen to complete their Sports Leader Award for their volunteering section and successfully delivered to sporting festivals as well as attending training after school on Wednesdays with Miss Crookes. Once students have finished their Silver they will have the chance to go on and complete their Gold during Year 11.



Miss Vance-Strong-Jennings

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

We currently have 57 of our Year 9 students going through the enrolment for Bronze DofE and sign up for all students will hopefully be completed before the Christmas Break. Students need to sign into their unique DofE account and complete the information needed for 3 of their four sections. Students must complete their physical, skills and volunteering section prior to their expedition in April 2020. Many students have chosen to complete the St John's First Aid course as their skills section. For any students who missed out on the October half term we are offering another day on the Friday of February half term. The expedition section is booked for the 14th – 15th

Silver Student Success

I am incredibly proud of our Silver Duke of Edinburgh and Sports Leader student Aliza Rizvi Year 10 for taking part in the TAGB British Championship 2019 in the yellow belt sparring competition. Aliza took home the trophy for first place. Aliza is using her participation in this sport as her physical section for her Silver Award. Well done Aliza and keep up the training for Gold next year. Aliza undertook the first aid training as her skill and is completing her Junior sports leader award for her volunteering.



April and the 17th – 18th of April at Bramhope Scout Campsite and students will be given more information closer to the time regarding the expedition. Prior to the expeditions students will take part in a training walk over February walk to cover map reading skills, compass work and route planning. Students will also have one day of timetable to cover tent pitching, cooking on a stove, packing a rucksack and other key skills needed for expedition.

Miss Vance-Strong-Jennings



On Saturday 7th December **Appleton Academy Community Choir** performed at St Mary's Church Christmas Fair. This is the third year we have performed at the Church and this year we were also joined by some fantastic year 6 children. All the students sang their hearts out and really helped create a festive spirit. We are really proud of all the students who took part!



Mrs Merifield

Sports Leaders Event

Year 10 achievements who are currently working towards qualifying for their Level 2



Sports Leadership in the Community Award.

They delivered their first sports festival alongside a school game organiser. At the Boccia festival, under 9s from across Bradford came together at

Appleton to compete in the festival that was designed to be inclusive to all students.

The sports leaders received many compliments from both the school games organiser and teaching staff from other schools. They did an amazing job of representing the academy and leading the event.

A big thank you to Mr Povey, Miss Clarke, Miss Williams and Miss Davey for being so supportive of the sports leaders and allowing them out of lesson. Also to Miss Vance-Strong-Jennings and Mr Green for their invaluable support. Miss Douglas and Miss Young for their help in

signing schools out as well as to the site team and the admin team for helping to make sure that the event ran smoothly!

Miss Crookes



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Outdoor Education in Core PE

Year 7 have been enjoying some unusual activities as part of their Core PE lessons this half term. Students have participated in a range of adventures activities as part of their PE timetable.



Every Year 7 students has participated in a climbing lesson on our specially designed wall here at school, this involved both traversing the length of the wall and going to the top of the wall. Students learned all about the safety equipment needed and had to work as a team to keep each other safe by belaying and lowering each other in turn. Everyone put in a great

effort with many of our students achieving great success on the wall.

Students also took part in a challenging range of teambuilding activities such as the mat race, rollerball, and complex tower challenge. All the challenges are a mix of both physical and mental challenges which require students to work together as a team to succeed.

The third activity on offer this half term to Year 7 students is orienteering. For this lesson students work with maps and compasses to learn how to navigate their way around the sports hall. Students need to think fast and move fast to be the winner of the compass



challenge, a steady head is needed to work out the compass locations as quickly as possible before they race to the location. Students then get to set a course for other students and then compete to solve the literacy challenge for extra points.

Well done to Year 7 for embracing the challenge of the new activities and we look forward to seeing you in our OAA clubs after Christmas.

Miss Vance-Strong-Jennings



School Closes: Thursday 19th December
Re-opens: Monday 6th January