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We have a new Careers Team at Appleton Academy this term. Mr Caw will be overseeing the Careers lessons delivered across the curriculum to all Y7-Y11 students and Suzanne Impagliazzo is the Careers Adviser from C&K Careers who will be supporting our students with careers information, advice and guidance.

For parents/carers of Y11 students please be aware that the open evening



season for colleges is now in full swing and will continue throughout the year. Colleges and 6th forms are currently advertising these dates on their websites, so please try to attend as they really help students to decide where and what they would like to study next. Most take place from November - February.

Suzanne Impagliazzo is in school on Mondays and Fridays and can be contacted anytime via email or phone with queries from parents/carers

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FIRST STORY

First Story is a creative writing project for students across the academy. Primary sessions run on Thursday afternoons throughout the autumn term. Secondary sessions run after school every Thursday from September until April. Once again, our writer in residence is Nick Toczek. Students will be writing a variety of poetry and prose and will have the opportunity to take part in national writing competitions, writing festivals and will see their work published in an anthology. Secondary students will be attending the Young Writers Festival at Cambridge University in December.

Pictured right are our primary students enjoying a session with Nick.

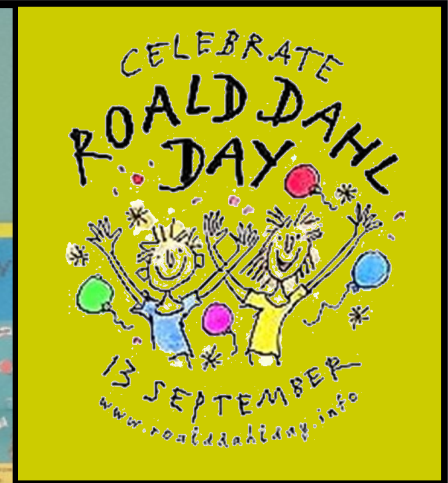
Mrs Parr



Roald Dahl Day

We celebrated Roald Dahl Day on 13th September with quizzes and character competitions. Mrs Whittaker brought in some items from her Roald Dahl collection and shared some interesting facts about Roald Dahl's original manuscripts.

Pictured are Year 5 students taking part in our competitions.

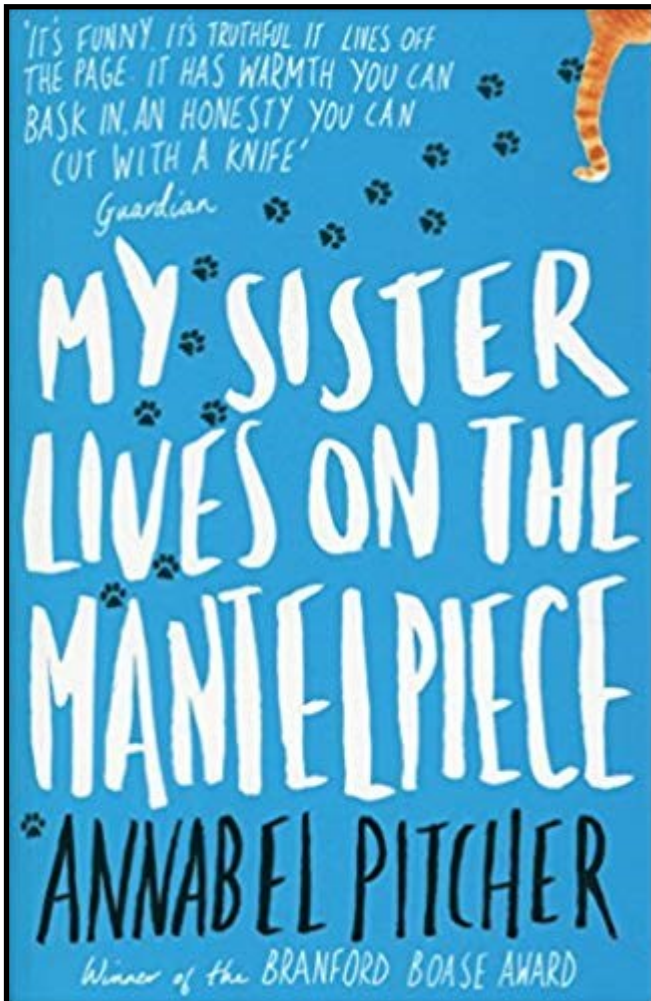


READING LEADERS

Year 6 Reading Leaders are working for 10 weeks with younger partners during breakfast club. The readers are tested at the beginning of the programme and will be tested at the end. The leaders prepare the sessions themselves and include a reading task and a reading game.

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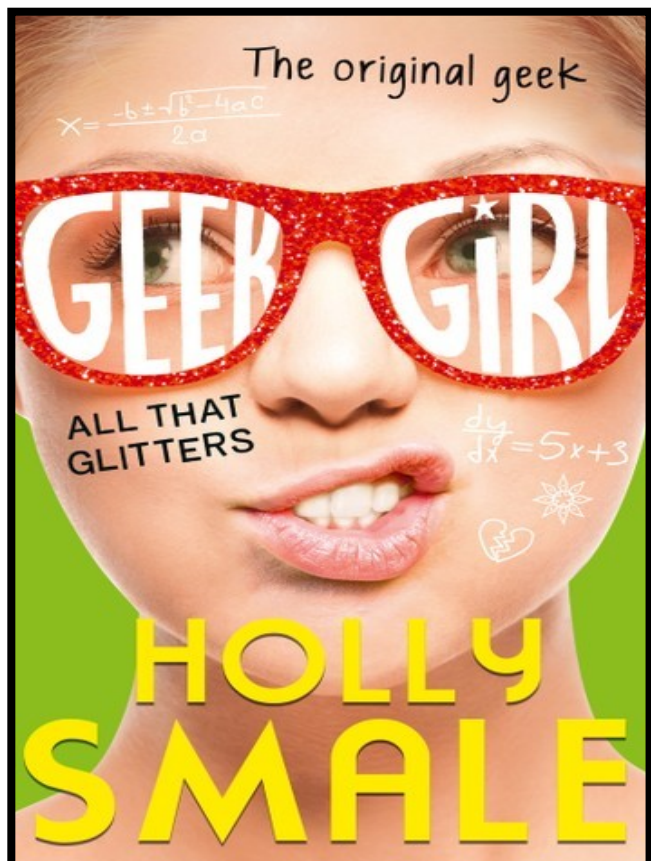


Year 7 have been studying the bestselling novel 'My Sister Lives On The Mantelpiece' and the author, Annabel Pitcher, visited school to talk to students about her inspiration for writing the novel. She also gave a series of creative writing masterclasses in the library.



Holly Smale visits Year 7

Students from year 7 were visited by Holly Smale, bestselling author of the Geek Girl series. Holly talked about her journey from modelling to writing and read from her latest book in the Valentines series. The visit was part of Ilkley literature Festival's schools outreach programme.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

It has been a busy half term for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at each level of Bronze, Silver and Gold. Bronze students in Year 9 have been signing up for the award and deciding what to do for their award sections. Many students are taking the opportunity to gain qualifications such as First Aid and Sports Leader through the award.

Silver level students have been out on training and assessment expeditions for three days and two nights in the Ilkley Moor and Bolton Abbey areas. Additionally we have had our gold level training expedition in the Yorkshire Dales. The group went out over some big peaks including Buckden Pike in challenging conditions that will prepare them well for their assessed expedition in the summer term.



Twenty nine of our students successfully completed their Silver assessed expedition in some very challenging conditions. Don't be fooled by the photos, this is the only time it was dry enough to get the camera out! Please say well done to all students and many thanks to Miss Crookes, Miss Aveyard, Miss Enright, Mr Caw, Mrs Whitaker, Mrs Johnson, Mr Green, Miss Bottomley and Mrs Broadhurst for all their help. Thanks to Mr Kerrigan for driving us to the start on Saturday morning and John Osoba for coming to collect us on Monday.



Marc Clarke
Benjamin Rothery
Cohan Burnham
Jamie Cook
Luke Jones
Lilly-Mae Kelly
Katelyn Priestley
Joseph Fynn
Daniel Bennett
Kian Fitzgerald
Jordan Catherall
Chelsea Lister
Aliza Rizvi
Harley Cranfield
Benjamin Burke
Kyle McKnight
Jack Rider
Riley Clayton
Ellis Keogh
Gerald Junior Thokora
Jodi Tiffany
Arron Hodges
Calum Larkins
Ramin Nikookar
Sa'ed Alzoubi
Rowina Shaker
Mariam Kotit
Alice Hackett
Caitlin Virco

George Layton visits Year 6

This half term as part of their topic on post war Britain, Year 6 have been reading 'The Fib and other stories' by George Layton. George visited school and talked about his childhood in Bradford, his acting career and his ideas for writing. He read to the children and enjoyed answering their questions.



Wise Owl Birds of Prey Visit

The Wise Owl birds of Prey Rescue Team visited school this half term. Nursery children have been reading the book 'Owl Babies' and looking at aspects of light and dark. Upper Foundation children will begin their in the woods topic after half term and the visit was a great way to embed their learning. Secondary students who are taking part in the Million Word Challenge were also treated to a flying display.

Pictured below is Jaxon-Lee Kirk holding a Little Owl.



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Brimham Rocks Climbing Trip

On 19th September a group of 11 students from the Appleton Climbing Club attended a trip to Brimham Rocks in North Yorkshire. The group spend the morning exploring the unique rock formations doing an activity called 'weaseling' which saw the students scrambling, sliding and squeezing themselves up, under and between the rocks. The groups took on the challenges of the 'cheese press' and the 'smartie tube' before spending the afternoon developing their climbing skills when roped climbing. A lot of fun was had by all and the students further developed their skills in a wonderful outdoor environment.



Mr Green

School Closes: Friday 25th October

Re-opens: Tuesday 5th November