

# Headteacher's Blog - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Coleshill's Creative Flair

There has been much to celebrate in our creative and practical subjects in recent weeks. We had the amazing school production of 'Alice in Wonderland', students performing at the Christmas markets and some outstanding performances by our sports teams. Being active and taking part in creative subjects and experiences is so important in ensuring our young people become well-rounded members of society as well as supporting their health and well-being.

Yesterday our GCSE Dance students were treated to a performance and workshop with the widely acclaimed Motionhouse dance company. Two dancers performed a duet of astonishing power and beauty, based around the theme of space exploration. For many of the students this will have been their first experience of live contemporary dance up close. I watched the performance myself and was in awe of the skills these amazing dancers displayed. The students then worked on developing their own routines, under the guidance of the Motionhouse team and Miss Holland who organised the event. Students told me they had thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We have welcomed hundreds of primary school children over the last two weeks in events organised by School Games and supported by our Sports Leaders. I always enjoy chatting with the Year 3 and 4 students about the activities and they are always very proud of themselves! In turn I am immensely proud of our fantastic Sports Leaders who always demonstrate maturity and confidence in the way they organise and work with the younger students.

We had an X Factor style judging competition in our Leadership Team meeting recently to decide the winner of the 500 year T-shirt competition organised by our fabulous Art department. The idea is that we will produce 500 T-shirts and get a drone camera shot as part of our 500 year celebrations! It was a very difficult decision with lots of very creative entries. The winner was Madison's design, with close runners-up Jessica and Emily. Well done to these students and all who entered the competition.

So, at the start of a new decade, maybe students can challenge themselves to consider what they are going to do to develop their creative flair in 2020 and make their lives a richer experience in doing so.

500 Year T-Shirt Competition Winners



Motionhouse Dance Company Workshop



Sports Leadership Academy Primary Festival

