

BBC School Report Day

On Thursday 15th March 2018, 10 Year 8 students got to spend a day working with the BBC and their English subject teachers to talk to the people of Newbury about news stories in their town. The students visited Newbury town centre and interviewed the public about what they think of the railways being electrified. The students went into groups when they were in town and had to go up to complete strangers and interview them which was scary!

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The students were separated into two groups and whilst half of them researched the railway the other half were finding out more about the Newbury Weekly News building being transformed into apartments.

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On the issue of the Newbury Weekly News relocating we found out that they are changing the current news station into an apartment block. Many members of the public think that it is not a smart idea because the building has been part of the Newbury community for so long and they don't want to change it too much. It will also take a rather long time and the pollution will be bad because of all the builders and it could cause traffic because all the building work.

For the second activity, the students were introduced to Tanya Landman, an award-winning author who came in to talk to the children about her books and story writing. The first task was to interview Tanya about her books and the source of her inspiration. Some of the children wrote up on Tanya and created an article about what they found out about her.

The second task with Tanya was to answer 11 simple questions and then create a story beginning, the students really enjoyed this and came up with some very creative ideas.

The students involved in this day were: Judy Ordish, Olive Wallace, Rose Clark, Grace Collins, Joe Allison, Lewis Meechan, Polly Gibson, Leila Braidwood, Cameron Fritz and Abbey Cogan.

The teachers that helped us were Miss Morgan and Miss Dickson

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