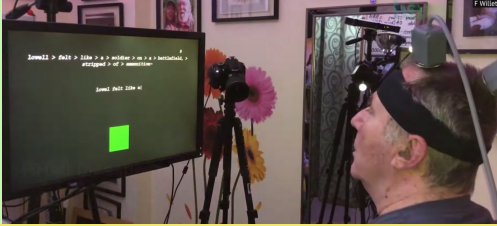


Happy News

Miraculous Mindwriting



A man paralysed from the neck down has now gained the ability to write

using a new form of technology, which allows him to use his mind. The technology uses a Brain Computer Interface or BCI which allows his neural signals to be picked up, run through an algorithm and then turned into letters and words. The technology uses the person's memory of what words look like visually and also how they are written when using a pen (if the individual in the past has been able to write), as these memories and connections are stored forever in the brain.

The man who took part in the study was able to write 90 words and letters per minute and will only get quicker as the intelligent system understands better how his mind works. In the past, most BCI's have used eye movement, and although this machine is only in the prototype stage, it is hoped to change the lives of disabled people in the years to come. Including a device which may also speak. How amazing!

Did you know? You can "rewire" your brain to be happy more often by recalling 3 things which make you happy, every day for 21 days! Give it a try! Hopefully these stories give you a few things to be happy about.

Exploring Technology in the Community

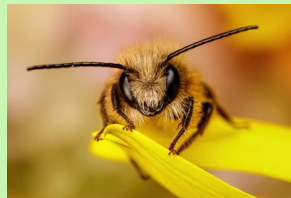
This week, as part of their Personal and Social development class, some of the learners from the training centre went out and about to practise their technology skills. Heading to the Hornbeam Train Station (whilst managing to miss the rain!) with our Tutors at the centre, the learners were able to practise using the interactive ticket machine.

This was all to help embed the skills that they have learnt whilst taking part in the Technology in the Community unit they have been studying. Chloe, Lead Tutor said "All the Learners made a fantastic contribution and it was fantastic to see them using the technology safely, (after being wiped!) out in the community."

Hopefully we can all get out very soon on public transport and we know that the learners would try help other people in the community if they saw them struggling to use the interactive machine. Well done everyone!



Learners using the interactive ticket machine and the digital pedestrian crossing.



The purpose of our lives is to be happy.



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Flowers can hear Buzzing Bees!

It was World Bee Day on May 20th, and scientists have recently discovered that plants and flowers can 'hear' or at least detect the buzz of bees. The tiny vibrations caused by the bees buzzing, stimulate the productions of pollen and in turn nectar, which the bees love! It benefits both parties, as the flowers need the pollen to be spread by the little striped creatures in return! How amazing!

What's On

What: Big Dog Walk

Where: Harewood House, Leeds

When: June 27th 2021 9:30-3pm

What: Explore the beautiful grounds of Harewood with your doggo on the 2k, 5k or 10k Covid Safe route. Have fun meeting other dogs and chat to other dog pawrents!! Fun for all ages!