

Burton Borough School Newsletter

December 2016

Diary Dates:

5th January 2017:

Year 9 Parents Evening

16th February 2017:

Year 7 Parents Evening

16th March 2017:

Year 10 Parents Evening

20th March 2017:

Moore House Charity
Week

6th April 2017:

MFL Year 9 Paris Trip

9th April 2017:

PE Year 7&8 Paris Trip



Borneo Trip 2016

In July this year, 21 students from years 10 and 11, and 4 members of staff, set off from Burton Borough on expedition to Borneo. After a long night flight, we arrived in Kota Kinabalu, and the heat and humidity greeted us as we stepped off the plane. Our 2 nights in KK were taken up with organising the details of our expedition: changing currency, buying an in-country mobile phone, booking accommodation and transport, acclimatising to the heat and taking in the sights and sounds of the new country.

We quickly got used to eating noodles for every meal, and side-stepping the rats and cockroaches as we made our way back to our hostel!

Every day the team chose a student leader, whose role it was to organise the day. They were responsible for the daily budget, where we ate and slept and how the day was managed. This hugely enhanced the leadership skills of the students. They quickly realised that working as a team can be challenging and that it is important for everyone to have a clear role and responsibility.

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Head's Wall

Dear Families,

Welcome to the first edition of the Burton Borough School Newsletter! It has been an action-packed Autumn term where students and staff have worked incredibly hard – it has been a privilege to be a part of it!

By the time you read this, I will have been here for one term and what a term it has been. There have been numerous after school events, parents' evenings, countless performing arts events and sporting fixtures, the Tolkien Charity Week, EEL days, after school intervention sessions, the Spanish trip and the Faraday Challenge (which we won!) just to name a few. None of this would have been possible without the brilliant staff and students here at Burton Borough and your support so thank you to all involved!

In this issue you will find news on each of our four houses, concerts, Anti-bullying Ambassador News, EEL days, Your Future Conference, Work Experience and sporting achievements which I am sure you will enjoy reading about.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all your support over this first term and making me feel so welcome.

Have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year! I look forward to 2017!

Best wishes,

Christine Carter
Headteacher



“...a huge thank you for all your support over this first term and making me feel so welcome!”

- Miss Carter

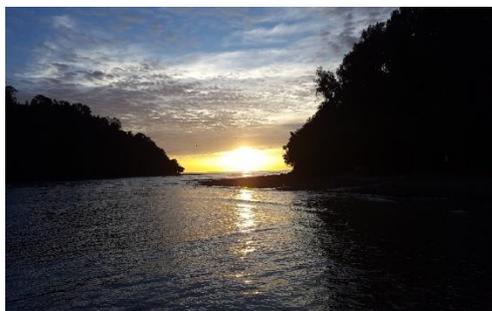
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The expedition was very much focused on conservation. Our first project was working with an eco-tourism project supporting the work of a village in the rainforest on the banks of a large river. We arrived after a 6 hour bus journey and everyone was assigned a family to stay with for 3 nights. We arrived at our new homes in the middle of a massive thunderstorm with all the electricity out. This was really challenging for the students.

On our first morning we got up with the jungle animals and went on an early morning river trip to see what animals we could spot. During our time there we saw orang-utans, leaf monkeys, macaques, proboscis monkeys, eagles, otters, crocodiles, monitor lizards, and fireflies. We even had a rather close encounter with a scorpion on a coat and a snake on a sleeping bag (with a student in it!) To support rainforest conservation, we worked hard to clear a lake of an invasive weed species and we re-planted 250 new rainforest trees. This was physically hard work in hot, wet, difficult conditions. During this time, we spent two nights sleeping in hammocks in the rainforest.

Our trek phase saw us trekking in the foothills of the mighty Mount Kinabalu to a very basic jungle camp, where the local people taught us how they use bamboo to make tools, and how to set traps. We slept on basic bamboo platforms open to the jungle and the leeches, used a stream for washing and water and had the pleasure of a very primitive toilet!

Our final phase was based in the beautiful TAR islands in the South China Sea. Every student spent 4 days completing their PADI Scuba diving qualification, and once qualified completed fun dives at depths of up to 18metres. This was an opportunity to see for themselves the amazing marine biodiversity. We then spent two nights wild camping on a desert island. At night, we had the island to ourselves and slept in our sleeping bags on the beach around a camp fire. We were



lucky enough to see a pangolin (one of the world's most endangered animals) walk through our camp. We also spent this time learning about marine conservation and doing a beach clean-up, where we removed 33 bin bags of rubbish from the beautiful Police Bay.

The expedition was an amazing experience for us all. The students came home with a far broader understanding of the biodiversity in the world, and man's continued impact upon it. They understood just how tough they really are – physically and mentally. They had lived in the homes of people from different cultures and understood that, underneath it all, we are very similar. Most importantly for me, they came home wanting to see more of our amazing planet, and wanting to protect it just that little bit more for future generations. It was a privilege to share the experience with our young people – they were fantastic ambassadors for BBS. Kim Stephens



PE Department Update

30th September 2016

Year 10 Boys Football: Year 10s played Ercall Wood in the Presidents Plate. Chief goal scorers: Lewis Hughes and Luca Dain. Result: 5-0. Special mention to Connor Vernon on his debut for an excellent game in midfield and also good performances from Oliver Howells and Ellis Brown.

7th October 2016

Year 7 Girls Football: Beating Idsall 20 – 3. A very good game with great performances by all.

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Year 9 Boys Football: Lost 2-0 to Madeley Academy in the Telford Area Cup.

Year 10 Boys Football: battled to beat HLC 5-4 in a tightly contested game in the County Cup. Ryan Walker Boardman scored in the last couple of minutes to score the winner and BBS managed to hang on for the last minute.



14th October 2016

Year 10 Boys Football: Vs Telford Langley in the County Cup. BBS came out on top with a 7-3 victory. They now face HLC in the next round.

Year 9 Boys Football: BBS came out 2-1 worthy winners in a game where all the squad played their part. A great team performance. Special mentions must go out to Ben Taylor and Campbell Ferguson. They play Marches in the next round.

11th November 2016

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21st October 2016

Year 7 Girls Football: Our A team beat TTS 1 (7-0) however lost a close game against TTS (3-2). Our B team lost both their matches however gained some great experience from playing. Well done to all 11 girls.

Year 11 Football: Our boys beat Shrewsbury Academy on Wednesday evening with 5 goals to 1. Well played to all the Yr. 11 Boys.

Cross Country, 7th October 2016: Well done to all those who took part at the 3rd Cross Country round at Adams Grammar. Cameron Ellie Mander came 1st in the Year 9 Girls.

Cross Country, 14th October 2016: Well done to all those who took part at the 4th Cross Country round at Idsall. It was great to see some new runners competing this time around.

Cross Country 21st October 2016: Our cross country team have completed their rounds now and some tremendous performance. Keira Adcock (Y7) who came 2nd and Cameron Ellie Mander who came 1st in all four races. A huge congratulations to both of these students.



Duathlon 30th September 2016: Congratulations to Dylan Lane-Craddock and Reece McKay for their 1st and 2nd place in this event on Wednesday. Well done to all competitors. Cycling 4 km on grass with a mountain bike was tough going.

Year 8 Boys Rugby 21st October 2016: Played against Abraham Darby. Overall, some great performances, especially for those students who were playing their first competitive game.

Year 7 Boys Rugby 23rd November 2016: Well done to the year 11 boys who won the Level 2 School Games competition. They now go onto represent the area in the level 3 competition

KS4 Dodgeball 21st October 2016: The KS4 girls dodgeball team annihilated the opposition on Tuesday and qualified for the L3 County School Games finals which took place on Thursday.

Year 9 Netball 29th September 2016: The teams played exceptionally well. We came up against some tough competition but the girls fought on and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the tournament. I am going to award players player to Tilly Clay and Mia Smith.

Year 7 Netball 14th October 2016: First matches for our new Year 7's this year. The A team won 7-0 against Madeley, drew with Idsall and lost to NGHS. Super impressed with all the girls as they played really well and encouraged each other which was nice to see!

Year 11 Netball 8th October 2016: A team of 11 played at the U16 County tournament on Monday. it was fantastic to see the girls really enjoying themselves at the tournament. The girls came 6th in their group and Helena Butts named Player of the Tournament.

Badminton, 11th November 2016: against Thomas Telford. U14 girls won 7:1. U14 boys lost 7:1. U16 girls won 8:0 (Fantastic!). U16 boys drew 4:4 – the points were added together and sadly we lost 119:127. There were some stunning games. Man of the match was Harry Johnson who didn't lose any of his games – well done Harry.

Year 7 Girls Netball 20/10/2016: Well done to all the year 7 girls who played their second tournament of the season. Wins from both teams.

Year 10 Girls Netball 21st October 2016: First tournament of the year with new manager Scarlett Gittins. The girls played fantastically well, winning against HLC and two other fought matches during the day.

Badminton 04/11/2016: What a cracking start to the season! We won 3-1 overall. The girls U16 team won 8-0 – fabulous considering 3 of them are KS3 pupils. The girls U14 team won 7-1. The boys U16 team lost 1-7 but there were some thrilling very close games and they made me very proud. The boys U14 team came out 4-4. When this happens all the scores are added together. Burton Borough had 121 and Ercall Wood 120 – how amazingly close! Tia Ward played in both matches – U16 and U14. Ollie Davis played really well for the U14s. Maddie Roper was drafted in at the very last minute so thanks Maddie.

“What a cracking start to the season!”



Badminton 18th November 2016: It was the turn of just the boys this week, away at Holy Trinity School. It was a close run thing between the Under 16s with some fantastic rallies. Sadly BBS lost 5:3 - but our scores were in the high teens to 21. The Under 14s boys won really well, 6:2. We have realised that we are much stronger in doubles than we are in singles so we will be concentrating on singles coaching in the next few sessions. A massive "thank you" to Mr Ward (Ellie and Tia's Dad), who coaches us each Wednesday.

A BIG well done to all students who have competed for the school!

The Burton Borough School No Smoking Procedure

At Burton Borough School we class the site as a non-smoking area. We also expect students to adhere to this rule whilst wearing their Burton Borough uniform or representing the school. In the light of changes to smoking practice across the UK we have addressed our policy to ensure that it is in line with these changes in practice particularly where vaping is concerned. It must be noted that any vaping material confiscated will be destroyed as would be the case with any other type of smoking material.

Students will follow the 'No Smoking Policy Procedures' including being searched if:

- They are seen smoking.
- They are seen with a lit cigarette or vaping pen in their possession.
- They are associating themselves with others who have been smoking (including known locations).
- They smell of smoke or vaping liquid, and are suspected of smoking.
- They are found to have cigarettes and/or other smoking materials e.g. Elites, lighters, matches, vaping pens, liquids etc in their possession.

The absolute vast majority of our students adhere to these rules however it is always necessary to reiterate policy when changes external to us cause a need to review current practice.



Tolkien News

We have had a fabulous half term in Tolkien with lots to be really proud of and to celebrate. As a House we have voted to split the money we raise this year between Telford and Wrekin Young Carers and Newport Cottage Care. Mrs Parkinson and I have had a meeting with Newport Cottage Care and we are hoping to be able to tell you about some exciting things we are working on in future Newsletters.

Last week was our House Charity week and we had lots of activities planned to cover the entire week. The planning was led by our House Captain's and special thanks goes to Ellie Evans and Leoni Bagnall, who organised much of what took place during the week.

We began on Saturday with a Bake Sale and Tombola in Newport that was organised by Ellie Evans, supported by her friends, selling cakes and running the Tombola. Prizes and cakes donated by Ellie and parents of Tolkien Students.

This Bake Sale and Tombola kick started our fund raising and raised an amazing £180. We would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs Aver-Howdle who donated some fabulous cakes for us to sell.

Our next event was a Bake Sale that we held in school on Tuesday break time. Again, we were really lucky with many cakes being donated by Parents and Students of Tolkien House. This raised a fabulous £80 towards our final total.

On Wednesday Lunchtime and Thursday after school our Sports Captains organised a Penalty Shoot Out and a Zumba session with Glow Sticks. We had a number of Students taking part in the Zumba which was a great success. It was also lovely to see some parents come to join us in our Zumba Session. Both activities raised £35.



We then came to Friday and the Grande Finale of our week. All students came in Mufti in support of our charity. At the end of the Year when all the Houses have had their Mufti Day we will find out how much our quarter share of the money raised is and we can add that to our total.

At lunchtime in the Gym each Tutor Group provided a stall that made up our Tolkien Fete. Stalls ranged from Hook a Duck to Chocolate Fountain, we had a craft stall with some lovely handmade crafts and some of our fabulous singers came along and busked.

We would like to extend a big thank you to the parents, grandparents and carers who supported us so tremendously either by coming along or by donating ingredients and time to our charity day. Mrs. K. Heins



Celebrating Successes

September 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

LBU	Luke Holt	Christina Smith	
ARU	Rebecca Gripton	Lottie Savage	
EMA	Adam Jbara	Ella James	
MFS	Nicole Tagg	Joel Kelly	
ARI	Ella Majhu	Grace Padkin	
TDU	Megan Jones	Jonathan Leigh	
KBA	Jack Morrey	James Winterbottom	Steven Harper
SIR	Tika Green	Thomas Hardy	
MPF	Kian Everson	Owen Matthews	Leoni Bagnall
ABE	Mia Jeynes	Luke Garton	
HBI	Nathan Lynn	Lara Good	

September Winners: **Rebecca Gripton and Kian Everson**

October 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

LBU	Katie Rough	Aiden Maddox
MFS	Hannah Edwards	Ellie Clayton
ARI	Munita Virk	James Coggle
TDU	Maizy Carroll-Stone	Matthew Winterbottom
KBA	Holly Walsh	Brogan Adams
MPF	Callum Brookfield	Owen Mathews
ABE	Imogen Price	Emily Yates Ward
HBI	Charlotte Norton	
MRI	Ella James	Finlay Bickerton

October Winners: **Lauren Gwilt and Munita Virk**



Tolkien House

November 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

LBU	Mia Garrow	Katie Rough
ARU	Amelia Price	Izzy Harrison
MFS	Ellie Evans	Aron Wolfe
ARI	Megan Suffell	Georgia Pritchett
TDU	Frankie Jones	Kian Saxon
KBA	Alfie Warren	Anya Hassell
SIR	Thomas Williams	Erin Faulkner
MPF	Stephen Meads	Nick Harrison
ABE	Charlie Ensor	Leanne Hilditch
HBI	Shannon Nolan	Lara Good
MRI	Finlay Bickerton	Toby Hazlewood

November Winners: **Ellie Evans and Lara Good**

Celebrating Success, Overcoming Challenge, Supporting Others

What a busy first term back! Our new house Captains are in place, very ably led by the wonderful Emma Gabriel and Tom Healey. They have already been busy planning our main charity event for next term, our 'Lennon Festival' in the gym. This year we are raising money for a locally based national charity 'Combat Stress'.

Many thanks go to Miss Owen's and Miss Felding's form group who have already started their charity efforts by raffling a beautifully crafted advent calendar. This lovely calendar was made by Miss Felding and raffled by a team of students organised by Imogen Heins. From the photograph, you can see how pleased Oli Vickers is with his win.

Have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. S. Alecock



September 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

CJO	Charlotte Fletcher	Amy Oakey
KGO	Toby Mellings	Ethan Henderson
CMC	Tomas Mills	Lauren Jenkins
CCO	Robert Ghigliere	Andreea Llinof
LED	James Allcock	Jonathon Hawkins
TBI	Dillon Finnegan	Elizabeth Meeson
STP	Luke Vickers	Vaneeta Verma
AWA	Jamie Broome	Alexandra Llinof
RWO	Paris Doyle	Niall Murphy
KLP	Natasha Gallagher	Kayleigh Berry
SLO	Amy Newbold	Emily Rodwell

September Winners: **Charlotte Fletcher and Tomas Mills**

October 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

CJO	Jack Smallman	Brandon Piper
KGO	Abbey Scott	Hollie Morris
CMC	Lauren Jenkins	Luke Game
CCO	Niamh Freeman-Evans	Jessica Hardy
LED	Amy Truswell	Alex Letza
TBI	Josh Peel	Ethan Mark
STP	Tara Rose Fayers	Vaneeta Verma
AWA	Phoebe Shaw	Hannah Wosek
RWO	Alfie Heath	Hannah Ash
KLP	Hannah Blaxall	Kayleigh Berry
SLO	Lily Ashley	Emily Oakley

October Winners: **Alfie Heath and Niamh Freeman-Evans**

Lennon News

November 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

CJO	Imogen Heins	Teigan Risom
KGO	Shannon Priest	Joe Field
CMC	Elise Barker	Ellie Baughan
CCO	Katie Jones	Tyler Goodman
LED	Jessica Wright	Emily Whiles
TBI	Elizabeth Meeson	Dillon Finnegan
STP	Shannon Howlett	Jennifer Hughes
AWA	Charlie Cox	Harriet Bailey
RWO	Katherine Tanner	Amrit Dhariwal
KLP	Natasha Gallagher	Chloe Lewnes
SLO	Max Pickering	Alana Talbot Hillier

November Winners: **Amrit Dhariwal and Charlie Cox**

Celebrating Successes

We've had a great start to the year in Moore House with numerous successes in many areas of school life and beyond.

In Moore house we have been very successful over the last few years, winning all the major trophies for three years running. We feel that this should give us confidence but it also means that we have a significant responsibility in the school. Other students in less successful houses are looking to us to see what it takes to win. As a result of this we have focused on being leaders this term and showing leadership skills.

These skills have been shown admirably by the charity team who have coordinated the collection of the largest number of items for the Christmas Raffle hampers – 8 hampers! The generosity of the students and their parents has been amazing so a big thank you to all of those who donated gifts. The money from these will go towards the school PTA and they are looking to use it to benefit students in a huge number of ways so we are proud to support their efforts.

Some individual student successes are worth sharing since last year. Ethan in year 10 was selected in the successful UK paintballing squad and helped them to secure a top 10 position at the world championships over the summer. Olivia in year 9 is clearly a star of the future who had an audition with Britain's Got Talent during the term. She was able to shine on the day but we'll have to wait to see it on television as they have asked her to return when she's a little older. Luckily she is part of our house band so we get to enjoy her voice at school every month in assemblies!

Congratulations must go to APH as they have amassed the highest house point total this term so far. In fact Moore House are currently top of the league for house points and I fully expect us to make every effort to continue to lead the way in the New Year.

Sadly we will be doing this without two of our tutors who are moving on to pastures new: Marie Wylde and Kat Pritchard. I know I speak for your tutor groups when I say thank you for all your time, energy and hard work this term and in all your time at Burton Borough. I will be sorry to see you go and wish you all the best for the future. Mr. T. Allen

September 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

SRU	Georgie Dutton	Elliott Lawley-Robinson
RGE	Grace Bailey	Ffion Price
KPR	Oliver Davies	Lucy Scott
RPA	Jacob Johnson	Morgan Astbury
SSU	Ben Moss	Alyssa Tellwright
APH	Maia Tong	Sophie Henry
JWY	Rhys Williams	Vivian John
JNI	Beth Blythe	Joe Thrower
JPR	Adam McDonald	Mia Smith
ACO	Jess Brown	Ewan Graham
MWY	Evan Richards	David Elmer

September Winners: **Evan Richards and Alyssa Tellwright**

October 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

SRU	Charlotte Watts	Amy Pinto
RGE	Eve Hutchinson	Adam Lindsay
KPR	Thomas Downes	Harry Mullinder
RPA	Olivia Milward	Behan Neal
SSU	Emma Ozbim	Ethan Ward
APH	Scarlett Jones	Chloe Stokes
JWY	Jake Harrison	Alexander Porello
JNI	Dan Nicholson	Meiping Chen
JPR	Adam McDonald	Megan Armstrong-Barnes
ACO	Luke Holt	Tia McCorry
MWY	Maddie Thorpe	Niall Holloway

October Winners: **Alexander Porello and Megan Armstrong-Barnes**

November 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

SRU	Sophie Furnace	Georgia Dutton-Johnson
RGE	Daniel Bushby	Michael Morris
KPR	Isabelle Mee	Alex Amphlett
RPA	Adrianna Wheeler	Megan Pennell
SSU	Nathan Hester	Erin Boardman
APH	Scarlett Jones	Olivia Powell
JWY	Isobel Laverie	William Armstrong-Barnes
JNI	Mille Ward	Hannah Fleck
JPR	James Seymour	Bethany Corrigan
ACO	Luke Holt	Tia McCorry
MWY	Jude Courtney	Niall Holloway

November Winners: **Nathan Hester and Hannah Fleck**



Moore News Celebrating Successes



Attenborough News



September 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

CAJ			
HNE	Lucie Barton	Claire Wright	Oscar Cadwallader
JBR	Evan Marshall	Demi-Lee Baker	
JOJ	Kaleigh Jones	Eve Lincoln	Sean O'Brien
JPI	Keira Parkes	Alex Dodge	Harvey Steele
KMA	Tom Davies	Charlie Robinson	Josie Miller
NPR	Simran Grewal	Katie Benton	
PEV	Kian	Sophie	Callie
PVI	Charlotte Holbrook	Hannah Ross	Jaikob Beard-Spittle
VLC	Louisa Maddock	Skye Truan	

September Winners: **Oscar Cadwallader and Kaleigh Jones**

As we come to the end of the first term of the year, it is difficult not to reflect on the amazing successes of Attenborough house.

This term has seen us win the weekly House point competition more than any other house, leaving us second overall with an incredible 28 thousand house points so far. Currently we have VLC leading the pack, followed by KMA and HNE in 3rd.

Our charity work for Cancer Research UK is underway, PEV ran an incredibly successful bake sale raising over £100. Some of our year 7 pupils (Jenny Lowndes, Evie Wade and Lucy Taphouse) completed sponsored silences and Thomas Davies managed to go the entire month of November without eating any chocolate and managed to raise an incredible £117.

We continue to be a house of Sports super stars. Swimmer Hannah Ross has been asked to represent Great Britain next year and year ten pupil Luke Burton has represented Wales in football in the recent Victory Shield. We also have pupils doing great work in gymnastics, dance, rugby and Thai boxing.

Earlier this year we celebrated with the pupils in year 11s who have shown the best academic progress. Well done to Lily Keyzor, Sophie Avery, Imogen Welding, Georgie Russell and Tilly Williams.

October 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

CAJ	Ruth Gittins	James Clifford
HNE	Beth Wyre	Molly Kent
JBR	Honor Price-Nation	Molly Speed
JOJ	Cameron Ellie Mander	Mia Beetlestone
JPI	Isabelle Edwards	Rhiannon Brown
KMA	Helena Whitehouse	
LTA	Georgia Davies	
PEV	Niamh Cartwright	Charlie Fennel
PVI	Tom Bullock	Hannah Ross
VLC	Skye Truan	Jess Butters

November 2016 Pupil of the month nominations:

CAJ	Cameron Storey	Guy Wyre
HNE	Lucy Barton	Megan Owen
JBR	Honor Price-Nation	
JOJ	Thomas Steel	Lucy Armstrong
JPI	Ashton Prinold	David Nelson
KMA	Ella Wood	Sam Matthews
LTA	Kirsten Godwin	Callum Haycock
NPR	Katie Benton	Keira Adcock
PEV	Callie Squires	Dylan Baumforth
PVI	Simon Lellow	
VLC	Ewan Armstrong	Finn Day

November Winner: **Dylan Baumforth**

**Celebrating
Successes**



Literacy



We have had a busy term with Literacy; started some new initiatives and really set the ball rolling to achieving a whole school reading culture. The most notable change that we have had this year is all KS3 students have been reading for at least 20 minutes per day in school and we have received some great feedback from students, parents and staff. We will see what impact this has made after Christmas, when all students would have completed their second Accelerated Reader Test. Library book issues have also tripled since last year, which is fantastic news and we hope this momentum keeps up. We also thank parents for their continued support with their child's literacy at home, ensuring they are regularly reading and engaging in conversations about their books.

As part of Literacy Week in October we enjoyed National poetry day, where each lesson was started with a poem, to really get students thinking about poetry; how it is still relevant in today's world; how poems can deal with major issues, or something as little as feeling guilty about eating the left overs in the fridge that a family member was saving ('This is Just to Say' by William Carlos); hopefully showing how poetry can also be fun. We had some great responses and teachers wanted to share their favourite poems with students, too!

National Poetry Day was followed by 'No Pens Day' which is a national organisation that hundreds of schools across the nation participate in. This day is mainly to encourage speaking and listening skills, which we know are tremendously important in today's society and will help students progress not only in school, but throughout their lives. This is the third year we have participated and students were very excited for it, reminding us on a daily basis in the run-up week that they were not allowed to use pens on 'No Pens Wednesday'! It was fabulous to see them enthusiastic and participating in something different and exciting. BBS was even retweeted by the No Pens Day organisation, where students were engaged in a Geography lesson.

We are also running a Paired Reading scheme, where our year 10 students are helping our less confident year 7s to read in a supportive and friendly peer-environment. It is fantastic to see our older students provide our younger students with the skills they have acquired.

Furthermore, we will be running a Reward Afternoon before the Christmas break as an acknowledgment of achievement for students that have read the most and completed the most quizzes. There will also be Amazon Vouchers and a kindle for our most progressed students.

Coming up, we have World Book Day in March, where we are hoping to get students and staff dressing up as their favourite characters from their favourite book. We will also be running the Extreme Reading Competition again this year, lots more writing competitions and will be giving out further rewards to students who are reading regularly and making progress.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you a very joyous Christmas and New Year!

Ms J. Neild





IET Faraday Challenge

The IET Faraday Challenge Days are held at schools and other venues around the UK. The IET is one of the world's leading professional societies for the engineering and technology community and are committed to the advancement of science, engineering and technology and to encouraging young people to study the STEM subjects and consider careers within the engineering and technology sectors. There will be a total of 135 in-school IET Faraday Challenge Days taking place between October 2016 and June 2017, with an additional 12 days at venues in Universities around the country.

This is the second Faraday challenge Burton Borough and I have been involved in and I applied to be part of this year's competition in the spring of 2016. In September I was told that our application had been successful and we were to host a challenge day on December 1st.

I invited 5 other local schools to take part in this experience and bring a mixed team of students.

Thomas Telford School

The Priory School

Grove school

Bridgnorth Endowed School

Telford Langley School

Each team were made up of six students from year 8.

So the day began at 8am on a frosty Thursday morning. Teams and teachers needed to arrive at the school for 9.00am. The day ran from 9.30am – 3.00pm, with scheduled breaks during the day. All of the teams were slightly late due to road conditions (Except Burton Borough of course) but all were here for the 9:30 start.

The challenge itself is TOP SECRET to ensure future competitions around the country remain fair. However I can say that it was related to the Land Rover BAR (Ben Ainsley Racing) teams Americas Cup team challenge. The challenge gave students the opportunity to research, design and make solutions to genuinely tough engineering problems.

The Challenge is all about letting the students be creative and use their own problem solving skills to explore their capabilities as engineers.

Teachers are not able to assist their teams during the event.

The day consisted of

Phase 1 – Idea generation- The teams had to generate ideas to cover 3 main areas of the challenge

Phase 2 – Development – Agree on final design and produce prototypes. This was the main section of the day and combined with Stage 3 was where the teams were able to really show their ability to problem solve and work well as a team. All Engineering is a team problem solving activity.

Phase 3 – Modifications.

Phase 4 – Preparation of a 7 minute presentation to the room of what has been achieved and how the team's solutions will benefit Land Rover BAR.

There are points awarded for each stage and for a document they had to produce to show how they developed their solutions.

The Burton Borough team were...

Kiera Parkes – The Decision maker and code writer.

Dominik Grebosz – Project manager (and all round Motivator)

Bethan Neal – Closer finisher / accounts.

Logan McGladdery – The Code Writer

Freya Llewellyn-Smith – Presentation and documentation guru.

Alex Dodge - Ideas generator and tea drinker.

The competition was tough and all of the teams came up with a multitude of suggestions and ideas. They then executed their preferred ideas and incorporated them into their prototypes. This stage saw many heated discussions – particularly amongst the BBS team. Dominik was excellent at involving everyone and calming the boiling emotions. The final prototype was completed on time and during testing by the coders all of the ideas within the solution worked. During the development Freya was documenting all of the discussions and how the solution was developed. All of her work was submitted as part of the information for the judges to judge – and contributed to being awarded additional marks.

Finally a 7 minute presentation about how their prototype functions and the benefits it brings for Land Rover BAR, then the judging was complete.

The BBS team stole the show at every level and were awarded the trophy and a £10 Amazon voucher each. They produced amazing solutions, a well-documented support document and the presentation was well planned, confidently given and all round brilliant.

My congratulations to an excellent group of kids who did their best representing BBS, and who succeeded in beating other local schools (inc. TTS) and being awarded a trophy for Faraday Challenge Day Winner.

Please pass on your congratulations to them when you see them and ask them to tell you about their fantastic experience. – Mr. J. Price

At Burton Borough we hold 8 EEL Days (Extending and Enriching Learning) throughout the school year.

They are a great opportunity for students to engage with their academic subjects in different ways that both stretch their knowledge and develop some of the 'softer' skills that employers that employers are looking for.

Our first EEL day of the year in October presented students with a host of opportunities from factory tours and learning more about engineering careers in DT, to a visit from Medical Mavericks in science, where students were given first-hand experience of using hospital surgical equipment, as well as conducting a number of dissections.

For year 11s, the annual Your Future conference was held at the University of Telford. This gave students a real opportunity to learn more about study skills and careers, as well as practising their interview techniques with a range of volunteers from professional backgrounds.

As we progress through the 2016-17 academic year, we hope to develop our EEL days further. We will have a theme for the day in a move to improve the school-wide cohesion. Our first EEL day in January will have an 'Amazing Stories' theme as it falls during National Story Telling Week, and later in April we have 4 EEL days prior to Easter holidays which will become our Arts Week and will champion the House structure at BBS.

We are also keen to make EEL days more meaningful for students by developing our links with the community. We always welcome the involvement of parents and local business, so if you feel that you could contribute to our Amazing Stories Day, or our Arts Week, we would love to hear from you.

Mrs. K. Stephens

EEL Days



The PTA was busy selling hamper raffle tickets at the Carol Service at Trinity Church on the 12th December. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for one of our new total of 25 fantastic hamper boxes. This is an amazing nine boxes more than last year so thank you to everyone for all the generous donations!

PTA Hamper Raffle



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

We have been busy with National Anti-Bullying Week recently and all the Ambassadors have taken part in our Anti-Bullying Assembly which they have presented to each of the four Houses during Anti-Bullying Week.

This is our Anti-Bullying team when they were lucky enough to spend some time working with Lydia Greatrix who is an Ambassador for The Diana Award.

Our Assembly reinforced the effects of bullying on others and reminded students of the types of bullying that they might encounter. We also explained the role of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and reminded students of the drop-in sessions that are run daily so that students who feel they are in need of support can have somewhere they feel they can speak to the Ambassadors in private.

Alongside this, all Houses followed a Programme of Activities around Anti-Bullying in their CLL sessions.

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FROM THE DIANA AWARD

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Your Futures Conference

On 14th October, we held our annual year 11 “Your Futures Conference” at the University of Wolverhampton. All of our year 11 students spent a whole day at the university, taking part in six workshops related to employability skills and revision techniques. They also each had a mock interview with a respected member of the business community, for which they received verbal and written feedback on the day. We would like to thank all 36 of our volunteers who conducted these interviews from local and national companies.

The students all dressed the part in full business attire and we were very proud of each and every one of them!

A Big Well Done to...

As part of the mock interviews, we asked each interviewer to select one successful applicant from the 8 they each interviewed. Students were presented with certificates in assembly before half term. Congratulations to: **Dominic Carr, Lucy Evans, Alex Charles, Alexandra Cox, Victoria Wilson, Abbey Scott, Ella James, Max Iles, Alex Berry, Jack Darby, Amrit Dhariwal, Amy Oakey, Lauren Jenkins, Lily Keyzor, Bethany Corrigan, Frances Jones, Claire Wright, Maddie Thorpe, Georgia Pritchett, Shannon Nolan, Eloise Heins, Aysha Green, Katie Rough, Chloe Price, Scarlett Jones, Luke Holt, Owen Matthews, Sophie France, Liam Williams, Morgan Arrowsmith, Carrie Booth & Georgia Silakowski**



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Work experience this year is from 10th-20th July 2017 for all of our year 10 students. Letters have already gone out and permission slips and placement forms need to be returned to Mrs George in Stem 30 before the Christmas break.

If you have any problems sourcing a placement or if you are able to offer a placement to one of our students please contact Mrs Kane in Stem 30 or via email lisa.kane@taw.org.uk

Each year we award the top achievers on Work experience, as nominated by placement providers and visiting tutors, with a gift voucher. The top 15 achievers from last year's programme are listed below along with a brief explanation for the nomination.



Work Experience

Sam Pauling – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust

Sam had a great work experience rotating between all of the attractions – chemist, bank etc., all done in costume! His daily sing-alongs in the pub were the highlight of the day and Sam even took his ukulele in with him to play on occasion. The staff could not have been more complimentary about his attitude, enthusiasm and effort during the placement.

Abbey Scott and Sophie Avery – The Learning Tree Pre-school

Both Abbey and Sophie had fantastic placements at the learning tree and the staff were very impressed and said that both our girls were excellent! They got involved with everything, without being asked and used their initiative.

Jack Darby – Bentley in Birmingham & Harlow Timber Kidderminster

Jack had 2 excellent placements and impressed both employers with his good manners, enthusiasm and willingness to put himself forward, trying all aspects of the jobs and trying to gain as much from the placements as possible. One employer described him as a “breath of fresh air”!

Jack Smith – Moorfield Primary School

Jack was very popular with the children at his placement and was the “king” of High-Fives! He got involved in a huge number of tasks and even got up on stage and danced at the Year 6 Leavers Assembly. Jack was described as a “real delight” by his supervising staff.

Jay Felton – The Meadows Primary School

Jay fitted in really well and was described by the staff as a “fabulous male role model” and said that the kids loved him. Jay threw himself wholeheartedly in to each activity with the students and even dressed up in a sparkly manner at a Princess and Superheroes party!

Dylan Baumforth – Sue Ryder Charity Shop

Dylan impressed staff with his excellent work ethic and his commitment to the charity cause – he even dyed his hair as a charity fund-raising event and raised over £150!

Georgie Russell – Francesco Group

Georgie received an absolutely glowing report from the Francesco Group and made a real impression upon the staff there. They were delighted with her work ethic, her ability to show initiative and the fact that she asked a lot of questions. Georgie described it as the “best thing I’ve ever done”.

Ellen Taylor JWY – Mental Spaces

Ellen was based at a company in Wolverhampton working with groups of teenagers, trying to build their self-esteem by creating projects in production design exhibition. Ellen was thrown in at the deep-end on her first morning at placement and worked fantastically with a group of 38, 12 year olds. Her supervisor was amazed at her maturity, her ability to offer assistance and advice and also her ability to show great empathy towards the students.

Emily Yates-Ward – Sunnycroft (National Trust)

Emily was described as having the perfect attitude towards her work placement and impressed staff with her fabulous work ethic in each and every aspect of work ranging from dealing with the public in the tea rooms to involvement in deep cleaning and textile conservation.

Alice Owen-Jones – The Bridge School

Alice excelled at her placement even though it was very challenging as the students there have profound learning difficulties. Alice actually taught maths to small groups of students having planned and resourced her own lessons. She impressed with her ability to teach and has been strongly encouraged to follow the teaching as a career route.

Kieran Moore ABE – Oxfam & Bank House Residential Home

Kieran worked with effort in both his placements and staff commented on his honesty (after finding a wallet and contacting the owner) good manners and punctuality. Kieran’s biggest improvements were made in his confidence whereby he really “came out of his shell”, transitioning from a shy young man to a one who would readily greet and welcome customers and clients.

Shannon Nolan – Play Days Nursery

Shannon was described as “fantastic” by the staff at the placement and she was a huge hit with the children. She was also described as working as well as the adults usually employed at the placement and would be welcomed back as an employee after finishing college!

Dan Nicholson – Burton Borough School Kitchen

Dan was an instant hit with the catering and kitchen staff. He impressed with his confidence and desire to learn from all those around him and I think he is sorely missed even today, such was the impact he had. Dan was thoroughly involved with all aspects of menu creation, ranging from simple preparation to the nuances of finer dining!

Daniel Colclough – Chetwynd Firs Kennels and Cattery

Daniel received an excellent report from the staff at his placement who commented on his good manners, enthusiasm and confidence. According to the manager there is a potential for a career in this field for Dan.





Burton Borough School Bands at the NCBF Regionals 2016

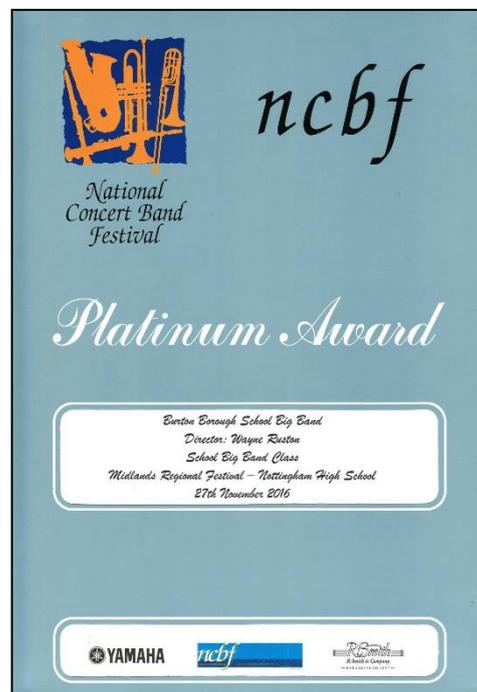
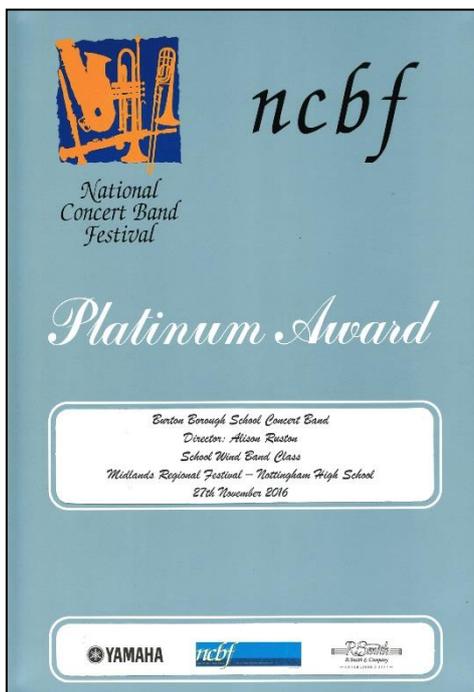
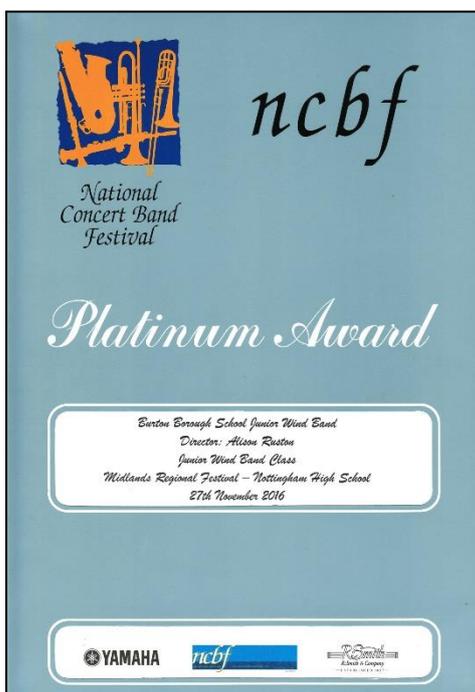
On Sunday 27th November the Burton Borough Big Band, Concert Band and Junior Wind Band took part in the National Concert Band Festival regionals held at Nottingham High School.

All the bands had to play a program of music to showcase their ability for a panel of adjudicators of professional musicians marking them against a set of criteria. The adjudication is to measure the individual bands level of performance- i.e. how well that band performs, rather than making comparisons between two different bands' performances.

All 3 bands played fantastically and were each awarded with a Platinum Award- the top award you can get! The feedback given by the adjudicators was very positive and Big Band were especially praised for their teamwork and ability to adapt their sound to a small venue.

By receiving Platinum Awards this means that all 3 bands will be invited to take part in the National Finals held in Warwick in April 2017.

All the students who took part played exceptionally well and their hard work and commitment to rehearsals after school and at weekends really paid off.





Performing Arts

KS4 Drama Club

Throughout this term KS4 Drama Club rehearsed a 30 minute version of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Rather than put on a traditional performance of the production, Miss Burgess used this as an opportunity to create a filmed version that can be used in drama lessons when students study *The Tempest* in Year 8.

As well as helping the Year 8s with their study of the text, it allowed the Year 10 and 11 students taking part in the production to not only explore how you can take Shakespeare from page to stage but to also explore how filming can work compared to stage acting. For example, being able to do more than 1 'take' when lines are flubbed (although luckily this rarely happened!) and shooting a scene several times from more than one angle.

The finished film is still being edited and will hopefully be ready for students to watch in the new year. Well done to all those who took part.



Rock of Ages

The BBS school musical *ROCK OF AGES* (High School Edition) is nearly ready and will be performed from 7th-10th February 2017. The cast of 80 students have been rehearsing hard since September and there are already some amazing 'wow' moments ready for performance.

Tickets will be available from early January so watch this space for more information.

Rock of Ages tells the story of wannabe rock star Drew and aspiring actress Sherrie as they try to hit the big time in 1980s Hollywood. They struggle to find their way to successful careers and end up working at *The Bourbon Room* - a fading rock club, once one of the best music venues around which is at risk of redevelopment if the money-grabbing mayor gets his way. Drew and Sherrie need to save *The Bourbon Room*, hit the big time and fall in love all while singing some of the biggest rock hits from the 1980s - not an easy task! *Rock of Ages* features songs from Bon Jovi (*Dead or Alive*), Europe (*Final Countdown*) and Journey (*Don't Stop Believin'*).

Performance Dates 2017

7th – 10th February

Burton Borough School Musical, Rock of Ages

4th – 5th March

Great North Jazz Festival, Sunderland

Saturday 18th March

Fundraising Concert

Wednesday 5th April

Easter Showcase Concert at Burton Borough School

Saturday 8th April

National Concert Band Festival, Warwick

Monday 17th July

Summer Concert at Burton Borough School

21st – 24th July

World Music Contest, Kerkrade



School Information

Who do I contact if I have a query?

It is our policy to always place children from the same family in the same House. The first point of contact should be with your child's tutor but following this, queries should be directed to your child's Head of House or Student Support Manager.

To contact any of these staff, please use the Helpdesk number on **01952 386559** or email the **helpdesk.bbs@taw.org.uk**. All calls via the Helpdesk are logged so that we can ensure that each issue resolved.

House	Head of House	Student Support Manager
Lennon	Mrs. Alecock	Ms Dakin
Moore	Mr. Allen	Mrs Pickering
Tolkien	Mrs. Heins	Mrs. Parkinson
Attenborough	Mr. Cooper	Mr. Garbett

If your contact details change

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change. It is vital that we are able to contact parents and carers in the event of an emergency.

We now have email details for 95% of parents and carers: Communication via email is extremely important and very useful so please let us know if you have a new email.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you have not already given us your email address.

Parking on Audley Avenue

Since school started back in September, the number of parents dropping off and picking up students directly outside school has increased considerably. This obviously causes concern for the safety of all students around the school main entrance and in Audley Avenue. It also causes a number of knock on issues with our resident neighbours, deliveries to school and other businesses in Audley Avenue.

Can we politely ask, if you bring your child to school to drop them a little way away from school and encourage them to walk some of the way to school.

Attendance

If your child is ill you must contact the school as soon as possible, giving us the following information:

- **Your child's name, year and form group;**
- **Reason for absence and nature of illness;**
- **Likely length of absence if known.**

You can inform us by one of the following methods:

1. **By contacting the Attendance Office on 01952 386554** and leaving a message via answer phone.
2. By contacting us via e-mail: attendance.bbs@taw.org.uk
3. By phoning school **Reception on 01952 386500.**
4. Please do not be alarmed if we call to check on your absent child's progress for our records.

If you need to inform us of future medical or other appointments you can do so by:

- using the same contact details,
- sending in a letter,
- writing a note in their PSD,
- E-mailing your child's tutor (their address can be found on the school web site).



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