



*Wishing you a
peaceful Christmas
and a Happy 2014*

The Burton Borough Tree of Light

The end of any year is a time to reflect on what has been achieved during the last 12 months. At times we can all become so engrossed in the issues of the day that we don't take time out to see the bigger picture.

2013 has been a great year for Burton Borough. Yes, a GREAT year. Within the last 12 months we have:-

- a) Been upgrade by OSFTED to become officially a 'good' school, when judged against the most challenging criteria that have ever existed. We are now on our 'journey to outstanding'.
- b) In August our Year 11 students were rewarded for 5 years of hard work with an outstanding set of exam results. Yet another school record was set with 71% of students achieving 5 or more A*-C (including English and Maths) and 94% achieving 5 or more A* - C.
- c) On 11th December planning permission was granted, and on 20th December, Telford and Wrekin will be signing off the plans for our new 'building for learning' and the refurbishment plans for our remaining buildings. These will be complete for September 2015.

To achieve this 'hat trick' in one calendar year is amazing, and was only achieved by students, staff, parents and the community going beyond what could be reasonably expected from everyone. My thanks go to all.

In January we will set ourselves new targets (New Year resolutions?). High on the list will be the restructuring of the exam subjects we can offer to students in our current Year 9. These changes are being forced on all schools by changes by the Government to what they will consider as 'high value' courses. We are promised a list of what is included (and therefore what is not) by Christmas. As we don't yet have the necessary information our options programme has had to be delayed. If your child is in Year 9 please read the further details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and happy New Year. I hope that Father Christmas brings you everything you could (reasonably!) wish for. I look forward to meeting you again in 2014.

Dave Hill



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Progress Reports, Annual Reports and Parents Evenings

Please note there are changes since the last Head's newsletter.

	Progress Reports Home	Annual Reports	Parents Evening
Year 7	6th June	7th Feb	9th April
Year 8	24th Jan	27th June	
Year 9	14th March 13th June	25th Feb	
Year 10	17th Jan 27th June	4th April	8th May
Year 11	20th Dec 9th May	28th Feb	12th March

Looking to Plan a Holiday in 2014/15?

Term dates are available on our website.

Please remember - Holidays taken during term times will almost certainly **NOT** be authorised. Any holiday requests **MUST** be made on our 'Leave of Absence' form which needs to be returned to school at least three weeks prior to your date.



"Who do I contact if I have a query?"

As you know, all children from each family have been placed in the same House in order to make this as easy as possible. The first point of contact should be with your child's tutor (perhaps via their planner). After this, please use the House structure as follows:

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	Miss Dakin
Moore	Mr Mainwaring	Mrs Pickering
Tolkien	Mr Bell	Mrs Richards
Attenborough	Mrs Tomlinson	Mrs Jones

Contact Details

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, but would like one for every parent.

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



I N O U R C O M M U N I T Y

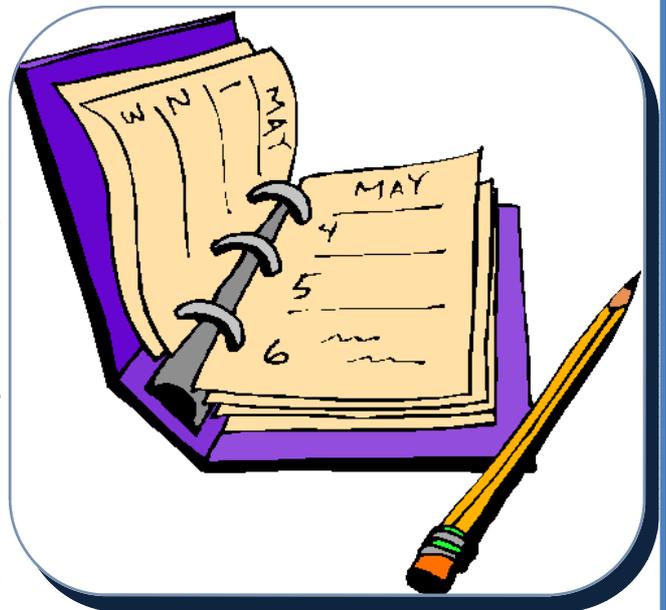


WE WILL ALL:

POSITIVE ATTITUDE	Show a POSITIVE ATTITUDE to life at school Do the right thing Be the best we can be Be proud of our community	
LEARN	Be prepared to LEARN Be on time for school Be organised for learning Support each other's learning	
RESPECT	RESPECT each other Look out for each other Encourage others to succeed Stand together against bullying	

PSDs

These are students' "passports" around school and also act as our communication links with home. Students must bring them every day. If any student does not bring their PSD with them, they will be logged onto the system and your child will be given a 20-minute Head of House lunchtime detention.



Parents will receive an automated email, to inform you of this.

Coming Up Soon

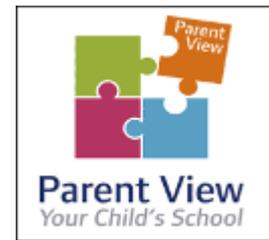


Dates for your Diary

- 20th December 2013 Last Day. Finish at 1.35pm
- 6th January 2014 Staff PD day—no students in school
- 7th January 2014 Students return for new term (normal time)
- 17th January 2014 Year 10 Progress Reports home
- 24th January 2014 Year 8 Progress Reports home
- 27th January 2014 Year 9 Preference Evening—X half
- 28th January 2014 Year 9 Preference Evening—Y half
- 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th February Footloose Performance 7pm
- 7th February 2014 Year 7 Annual Reports home
- 11th February 2014 Year 9 Parents Evening
- 14th February 2014 Break up for Half Term (Finish 3.15pm)
- 24th February 2014 Return after Half Term
- 27th February 2014 GCSE Music Performance
- 28th February 2014 Year 11 Annual Reports
- 4th and 5th March 2014 EEL Days
- 12th March 2014 Year 11 Parents Evening
- 14th March 2014 Sports Relief Mufti Day
- 14th March 2014 Year 9 Progress Reports home
- 4th April 2014 Year 10 Annual Reports home
- 8th April 2014 Easter Arts Showcase
- 9th April 2014 Year 7 Parents Evening
- 10th April 2014 Last Day of term (Finish at 3.15pm)



Parent View



Ofsted have set up an online questionnaire for parents, which provides an opportunity for all parents to give your views on Burton Borough. This can be completed at any time of the year.

Hearing your views is very important to us. The questions take less than five minutes to answer, and help us enormously. We would be very grateful indeed if you could complete this questionnaire.

Just click [Welcome to Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#) or visit

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/ Why not complete this now? It takes less than five minutes.....

Great attendance at the Maths Revision Sessions!



French GCSE Extreme Revision Weekend!



13 Year 11 GCSE French pupils were taken on an extreme revision weekend at Kingswood, Colomendy at the beginning of November by Mr Glew and myself. The revision weekend was a mix of intense French revision sessions which focused on the skills required to do well in assessments, and a wide range of extreme outdoor activities.

Day 1

Students received a revision booklet which they personalised with the goals that they hoped to achieve during the revision weekend. They then completed a test to gauge their current level / grade before we started the weekend revision sessions.

Our first extreme activity after completing the test was Jacob's ladder which is a moving wooden ladder which has rungs spaced out further and further apart the higher that you go up. Charlie Scruton was our Jacob's ladder champion as she was the only one to reach the top!

The extreme activity was followed by a relaxing campfire where students roasted marshmallows and drank hot chocolate as they swapped stories. It was a great way for the GCSE class to bond!

Day 2

We started with a double revision session which was followed by the Giant Zip wire and problem solving in the woods. The activities were all chosen as a way of bring the class together as a team and hopefully the friendships forged or strengthened over the weekend can now be used within the classroom when we do group work.

A French cultural element was thrown in when students and staff were taught how to fence. The history of fencing in France was explained which gave the activity more depth. After another revision session we retired to a movie room where students ate popcorn and watched the French film 'une longue dimanche de fiançailles' or in English 'A very long engagement'.



Day 3

The last day began with a test to see whether students had improved their French skills. And apart from one or two who remained at the same level everyone else in the group had gone up in their marks and overall grades. Shortly after completing the test students then set out to do the last extreme outdoor activity which was abseiling. I was very proud of all the students who took part in the weekend and whose enthusiasm for the subject and the experience shone through. The GCSE French Extreme Weekend was a positive and successful trip. Special thanks to Mr Glew and to all the pupils who attended!

Miss Barnes—MFL



Maths News

Apologies from Maths: in the earlier wordle that I sent out I missed off a pupil from those students who had achieved their C grade or better a whole year early. This is such an amazing achievement I have created a new one that is updated and hopefully correct. We are very proud of you all.

Mrs Corbett.

Head of Maths Department





TOLKIEN HOUSE

A huge thank you to all members of Tolkien house, who have supported me as the acting Head of House, whilst Mr Bell is seconded to the PE department to cover for Mr Vinters.

My transition into this position was made easier by the enormous help and guidance of our fantastically organised Mrs Richards and of course Mr Bell!



Charity, Charity, Charity.....

As mentioned in September's Newsletter Tolkien's focus is to raise more money for 'Help for Heroes', and we've made a great start!

Thanks go to the following tutor groups:

Mrs Cornish's form for 'guess the coins in a Jar'

Mrs Hedges form for selling Raffle tickets.

House captains:

House Captain
Junior House Captains

Max Macera / Ruth Thomas
Emily Atkins/ Oliver Duffin

The Arts:

Music Captain
Junior Music Captain
Drama Captain
Head Art Captain
Art Captain
Art Captain
KS3 Art Captain
Dance Captain

Dayna Browning/ Katie Roberts
Phoebie Davis- Boydell
Charlotte Collier
Porntip Wilkes
Viatriz Clavel
Alice Duffin
Leah Eccleston

Sports:

Sports Captain (male)
Sports Captain (female)
Vice sports Captain (Male)
Vice sports Captain (female)
Junior sports Captain (female)
Junior sports Captain (male)
Junior vice sports Captain (female)
Junior vice sports Captain (male)

Daniel Ash
Alix Williams
James Humphries
Anara Kevan
Molly Jackman
Ben Chilcott
Ellie Mae
Josef Pratt

Charity

Head charity captain
Vice Charity Captain

Matthew Belfield
Josh McCormick

Events & Publicity

Head Publicity/Events Captain
Publicity/Events Captains
Publicity/Events Captains
Head photographer
Photographer
Photographer
Photographer

Amy Bould
Lydia Thorne
Katherine Wearing
Ellie Marley
Owen Matthews
Jack Darby
Angel Day

Tolkien Technician
Junior Tolkien Technician

Chris Lane
Owen Matthews

Our fantastic, happy Year 11 privilege students.





And Modern Maths Methods

On Wednesday 27th November the Mathematics department held an information evening for parents and students of KS3 (years 7, 8 and 9). The evening was well attended and involved parents and students being shown the internet resource www.mathletics.co.uk. This has been purchased to try to support student improving their mathematics in a fun way. Every student has their own login and they can win points which accumulate until they win certificates. Students are being encouraged to use the website for 20 minutes each school day working their way through the activities and playing mathletics live whilst trying to beat other students from all around the world. If your child is in KS3, please ensure they have their login and that they are using it. Practice makes perfect!

Secondly two modern methods that are used at Burton Borough were shown to parents. We wanted to try to support parents so that they can support their child in homework. We showed parents a modern method for multiplying called the grid method and a way of solving equations called the caterpillar method. Please see below for examples of the caterpillar method and the grid method'.

Caterpillar Method

Where you 'undo an equation' by working out what happened to it initially. You then work in reverse.

$\frac{3n + 5}{2} = 10$			
n	3n	3n + 5	$\frac{3n + 5}{2}$
	x 3	+ 5	÷ 2
n = 5	15	20	10
	÷ 3	- 5	x 2
			So n = 5



Grid Method – A method for multiplying by partitioning a number into its hundreds, tens units etc.

Example Question: 23×34

X	20	3	
30	(20 X 30) 600	(3 X 30) 90	600 90 80 + 12 782
4	(20 X 4) 80	(3 X 4) 12	

The QR code below will take you to the powerpoint that was used on the evening explaining the methods in more detail.



Any queries please contact verity.corbett@taw.org.uk





Many thanks to everyone who supported this in any way. A magnificent £1010.31 was raised.



Move over Gordon, Burton Borough are coming through....

Futurechef 2013

School Heat Thursday 17th October 2013



This is the sixth year we have taken part in Futurechef, a national competition, run (by Springboard UK) in the same manner as Masterchef. The standard this year was the best ever and all students who took part were amazing.

Their Task :- Plan, cost and cook a hot main meal for two people within a budget of £5.

Students had 30 minutes preparation time to collect equipment, peel vegetables etc and then one hour to cook and serve their main dish.

Marks were awarded for:-

- workmanship,
- creativity & presentation,
- composition, taste & flavour,
- dish/menu balance

Huge congratulations to the following students for the quality of their work, their effort, attitude and commitment; Ben Foskett, Sam Foskett, Georgia Hardy, Melissa Austin, Lily Murphy, Imogen Kelly, Alex Devitt, Jaikob Beards-Spittle, Hollie Snell, Toby Adams.



After a very long and difficult discussion, the top three were :-

- 1st Place Imogen Kelly
- 2nd Place Georgia Hardy
- 3rd place Jaikob Beards-Spittle

Imogen went on to represent Burton Borough at the Local Heats at Stoke-on-Trent College on 5th December and(see next page).



Congratulations to Imogen Kelly for winning the local final of the Futurechef competition. Best wishes for the regional final in January. I'm sure your family will enjoy your practice as you prepare the Christmas Dinner this year!

Year 11 “Last Day”

Looking ahead, Easter is very ‘late’ in 2014 with the first day of the school’s holiday being Friday 11th April, and students returning on Monday 28th April. GCSE exams start just two weeks later on Monday 12th May.

Year 11 students will be required to be in school full time until Tuesday 20th May. On this day we will be having the now traditional shirt signing, fancy dress at lunchtime and afternoon leavers assembly .

From Wednesday 21st May students will be required to attend all lessons where they have yet to complete all the exams or assessments.

Further details to follow—but mark the dates.

(PS—This years Prom is being held on Friday 27th June)



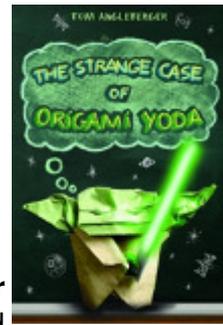
KS3 Book Club

Great books for Christmas Gifts

Book Club think these books will go
down a treat as stocking fillers

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

Hi, I'm Eva Pascall and I would like to recommend this high-school based book with whacky characters to years 7-8! A boy, Dwight, creates an origami Yoda and his friends set about testing whether it gives useful advice! Tommy and his classmates narrate this middle grade mystery, each recounting an episode in which they received wise advice from a finger puppet of Yoda, perpetually worn on the finger of their classmate, Dwight, a loser who can't get anything right. Is this puppet really Yoda? Or is Dwight a bit more together than he seems?



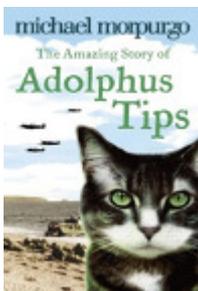
The Gone Series – Michael Grant

I'm Frankie Jones in Year 8 and I am recommending this sci-fi fantasy book to both Key Stages. Imagine a world where the adults have disappeared ... well, it happens in this book and when cut off from the outside world, the children are trapped, and there's no help on the way. They must do all they can to survive. Gangs begin to form. Sides are chosen ... and then there are those who begin to develop powers. It's Lord of the Flies for the Heroes generation.



Adolphus Tips – Michael Morpurgo

This is Becky Chilcott from ARU and I'm recommending this well-known author's book. Based in WW2 a village is evacuated to make way for the Allied forces. But Tips, Lily's adored cat, has other ideas – barbed wire and keep-out signs mean nothing to her, nor does the danger of guns and bombs. Frantic to find her, Lily makes friends with two young American soldiers, who promise to help her. But will she ever see her cat again? Lily decides to cross the wire into the danger zone to look for Tips herself...



The School for Good and Evil – Soman Chainani

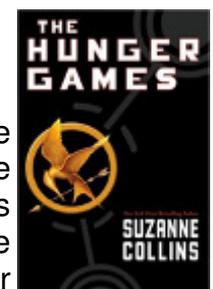
Hello, I'm Libby Duggan, Year 8, and I think that this dark fantasy adventure is perfect for girls who prefer their fairytales with a twist.

Every four years, two girls are kidnapped from the village of Gavaldon. Legend has it these lost children are sent to the School for Good and Evil where they become fairytale heroes or villains. Sophie, the most beautiful girl in town, has always dreamed of her place at the School for Good while her friend Agatha, with her dark disposition seems destined for the School for Evil. But when the two are kidnapped they find their fortunes reversed...



The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins

I'm Hannah Bratton from Year 8 and I recommend that if you haven't seen the film yet, read this book first! Set in the future, a horrifying TV show takes place where there is only one rule: kill or be killed. When sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen steps forward to take her younger sister's place in the games, she sees it as a death sentence. But Katniss has been close to death before. For her, survival is second nature ...



Work Experience for Year 10

If your child is in Year 10 please read this information

A number of our students in Year 11 are currently benefitting from part-time/Saturday jobs following successful work experience placements last summer. In one case a student already has an apprenticeship lined up for when he leaves in June.

There really are no 'downsides' for taking part in Work Experience. If you do not yet have a placement sorted, then please do so as soon as possible.



Severe weather / Unforeseen Circumstances Emergency Procedures

If over the coming winter months, school has to close due to severe weather conditions the closure will be announced and publicised as early as possible in a morning on:

School website www.burtonborough.wrekin.sch.uk

Telford and Wrekin's website - <http://www.telford.gov.uk/winter>

In addition to this, BBC Shropshire Radio, may also announce the information they receive from the above websites.

As always, we will make every effort to keep the school open at all times.



Thank a Teacher

None of us say “thank you” often enough. We all know that! We resolve to do something about it, and then find that it has slipped through our minds yet again.

At Burton Borough we have introduced our “Positive Notes” which students are given by teachers. These can be for anything, and have been well received.

There is also a way for you to thank one of your teachers. The Pearson Teaching Awards provide an opportunity to do this, and it is extremely easy.

We are also encouraging students to thank their inspirational teacher, Head of House, Student Support Manager, Headteacher or whoever via the Teaching Awards scheme at <http://www.teachingawards.com/home>. All that is required is for the student or parents to log on to this website and to send a message of thanks to that person. This can be either a written message or a video message and can be for one person or even a team of people.

When a student, or a parent have thanked someone personally for my work, these words of thanks are very, very gratefully received. Please consider taking 5 minutes to say a few words of thanks to someone at Burton Borough School who has inspired or helped you!



U16 County Indoor Cricket Champions



The players were: Jack Prince (Captain), Nick Withers, Joe Jenkins, Will Harris, Joe Trickett, Jake Leonard, Charlie Conquest and Toby Pegge



The Year 11 Girls are put through their paces by Leon, a Personal Trainer from the Royal Navy. During his visit Leon also got the Year 8 doing some fun and exhausting exercises.

Destinations of 2012/13 Year 11 Students

Provisional analysis from Telford & Wrekin is (overall Telford & Wrekin figures in brackets).

	<u>BBS</u>	<u>T&W overall</u>
♦ Full Time Education	91.5%	(88.2%)
♦ Training (including Apprenticeships)	4.5%	(3.2%)
♦ Employment	1%	(0.9%)
♦ NEET (Not in above)	1%	(3.0%)
♦ Left Area	2%	(4.6%)
	————	————
	100%	100%
	————	————

It is fantastic to see so many students continue their education after they have left Burton Borough. It also shows how important it is that students achieve their highest possible grades so that they can obtain places on the most appropriate courses for them.



School Bands

Once again, our school bands participated in the recent Regional NCBF Festival at Altrincham.

They did extremely well, finishing with:-

- Big Band Silver
- Concert Band Gold
- Junior Concert Band Platinum

The Junior Concert Band have qualified for the national finals which will be held in Birmingham on 12th April 2014.

We await to hear whether the Concert Band have also qualified.

BSF—"Building for Learning"



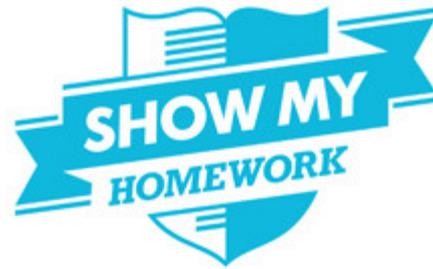
During this term, we have been working with Shepherds (Contractors) and Telford & Wrekin (BSF client) to finalise our plans. Considerable progress has been made in an extremely short period of time. At the time of writing a small number of important issues remain, however the overall timetable is (roughly) as follows;

- December 11th 2013 Planning permission was granted.
- Christmas 2013 Contract is signed (by T&W)
- February 2014 New temporary classrooms arrive and are situated at the far end of our car park.
- Easter 2014 { Humanities mobiles demolished.
Building site is separated by hoardings.
A new entrance is created via Science and construction begins.
- Whitsun (May) 2015 New building is complete.
- September 2015 Refurbishment of remaining buildings is complete, including demolition of current Art, Science and MFL.

The above is subject to change, but I hope it gives a helpful outline.

In the February newsletter I hope to be able to confirm the above, as well as giving final details of the layout for the new building.

Homework : **December 2013 Update**



Can I say a big thank you to all our parents who have contacted me about Show My Homework; whether that be queries, password issues or just all the lovely comments that just say 'thank you!'

Our approach this year has been to ensure that the homework set on the calendar is comprehensive and up to date. We have not as yet adopted the 'online mark-book' and so it may appear that your son/ daughter have not completed their homework. We will continue to use the PSD as the main mode of communication with parents and tutors regarding last or incomplete homework. Our policy is that all students should receive a written sanction for failing to hand in a piece of homework on time. Please do keep a check on your child's PSD.

We still have a number of students who have not as yet logged on. Please encourage your son/ daughter to log on using the password that they have on a sticker in their PSD. Once logged on each student is prompted to then change the password to a more memorable one. If you have any further queries or problems logging into Show My Homework please address your queries to:

- For setting up passwords and logons please contact Mrs Wycherley: sue.wycherley@taw.org.uk
- General queries and feedback about homework please contact myself, Stephen Richards: stephen.richards@taw.org.uk
- The link to Show My Homework , please copy and paste this into your favourites: <https://theburtonborough.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar> -

Once again can I say a huge thank you for all your marvellous support

Stephen Richards
Deputy Headteacher

Year Preferences Update (affecting current Year 9)

Many of you will already be aware that there have been various announcements made by the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove about the way that schools will be held accountable for their students' performance. Michael Gove has also made a number of comments in the media about the type of curriculum (called the English Baccalaureate) that he believes students should follow. The new accountability measures will largely measure the performance of a school by the progress that its students make following the English Baccalaureate curriculum (English, English Literature, Maths, Sciences, either History or Geography, Computer Science and a Language) thus forcing schools to radically reconsider the range of options offered during Key Stage 4. There is also speculation that many qualifications our students currently study in KS4 will not be deemed to be 'High Value' and will not be counted within the new accountability measures.

Currently our Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Learning Areas and Governors are working through the implications of these imposed changes and trying to ensure that the KS4 curriculum that we offer continues to provide a breadth of choice and still meets each individual student's needs and interests. This is a greater challenge than it has ever been.

Unfortunately, the current lack of information means that we are unable to complete our planning to meet our planned dates in the Year 9 option programme. Our revised dates are:-

- ◆ Preference Evenings 27th and 28th January 2014.
- ◆ Year 9 Parents Evening 25th February 2014.
- ◆ Preference Forms due in 14th March 2014.

Stephen Richards

Deputy Headteacher

KS4 Curriculum

Attenborough House News



Over the past year we have been asking students in Attenborough House to bring in their favourite family recipes with the view of creating our very own House Cookbook. We set out to create a special collection of people's favourite family recipes, whether they are were starters, main meals, scrumptious puddings or even a Smoothie. We decided to collate them together and create something amazing that we could sell to raise funds for our house charity 'Cancer Research' over and over again, with the view to adding to it when a new year group of students start in year 7. It seemed a simple enough idea , however it proved to be a long and painstakingly slow one!

Finally, we have achieved what we set out to do. We received a huge variety of recipes over the year from students and staff. It has been a labour of love typing up the book, and at the same time very rewarding. I can say that some of the recipes have been tried and tested too; some were simply too exciting to resist.

Our Attenborough Cook Book is now available and we think it would make a very special gift for Parents, Grandparents, Aunties and Friends alike. We hope that venture will prove to be a successful way of raising funds for a long time to come. If you are interested in buying your own copy please contact Mrs Burton or Mrs Tomlinson.

Thank you to Mrs Burton – Attenborough House

I would like to thank Mrs Burton for all her hard work and enthusiasm. She is an asset to Attenborough House !

Happy Christmas Everyone
Mrs Tomlinson – Head of House

Presidents Cup is Awarded to Francesca Garrott



Mr Ross Vince, President of the Shropshire Athletics Association presents Fran with her award.

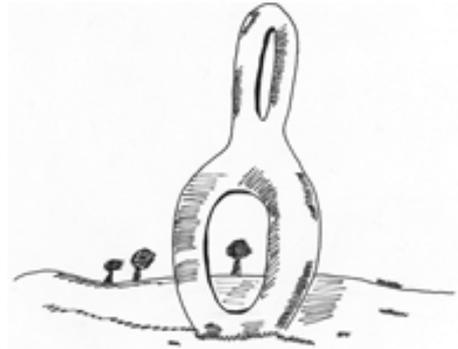
The Presidents Cup is given to the female athlete who gave the best performance over and above grade 1 standard at the Shropshire County Championships.

Fran threw 34.65 m in this competition although her personal best is now 36.10 m. Finishing 3rd in the UK for the 2013 season and finished 3rd in the National Championships in Bedford for the under 15 age group.

Fran now moves up to the u17's and there may actually be change of weight for the javelin used next year. Fran is waiting for confirmation from UK Athletics, and we wish her every success in 2014.

Congratulations to Fran!

MOORE HOUSE



Notes form Head of House:

I am writing this article as we are coming to the end of what has been a very long and busy term. I would like to start off by mentioning the year eleven students with whom I and Mr Hill had mentoring meetings. It was an absolute privilege to speak to such a dynamic group of students, who were really working hard, and determined to reach their own personal goals. I wish them all the best in what can be a busy term applying for colleges and apprenticeships.

At this time of year I tend to look forward to next year and what lies ahead. We have a big charity effort coming up in March, which ties in with the National Big Daffodil Appeal. We are looking to rub a raffle for a hamper during this time to raise funds. Any donations for this would be gratefully received,

We will also see the re launch of the Moore Trophy which is keenly fought over by the eleven forms in Moore house. Last year's winners CDA who are now KHE begin their defence of the trophy the first week back. Each form comes up with a challenge to take on another form, with the winners taking the trophy. Good luck to all the forms.

Last year's 'thumb war' challenge between JWY and CDA.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Kevin Mainwaring

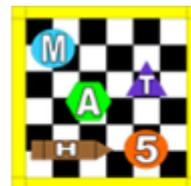
Head of Moore House

Y11 privilege cards released



On Monday 18th November Year 11 privileged students received their privileged cards which allow them discounts across a number of food outlets in Newport and Muxton. These students also have their Christmas reward assembly where prizes and commendations will be on offer for those students who consistently act as good role models and work hard across the school. We were delighted to receive positive feedback from shopkeepers and members of the local community about how polite and well-mannered our students are during the lunchtimes in Newport.

Ben Morgan—Assistant Headteacher



Fantasy Football Returns to BBS!

School Fantasy Football fever has hit Burton Borough hard with 65 teams managed by our students and staff. It has created a real buzz around the school, especially on a Monday morning after all the weekend's action. As you can see from this snapshot of the current top 10, Joe Whiles of year 9 is leading the way with his team scoring a huge 417 points gained from 30 goals, 18 assists and various other ways such as appearance points and clean sheet bonuses. Just 5 points below Joe is Jack Prince (year 11) with 412 points and Jake Tomkinson (year 9) completing the top 3 on 400 points. Lots of staff have also got involved including Mr Bandham, who has lead his team 'Bandhan Style' up to fourth place.

Pos	Team Name	Manager Name	GLS	ASS	Points
1	— Dynamo Chicken kiev	Joe Whiles	30	18	417
2	— Nice To Michu	Jack Prince	29	22	412
3	— Keep The Faith WWFC	Jake Tomkinson	27	18	400
4	— Bandhan Style	Mr Bandhan	28	15	398
5	— Millie's Maulers	Mr Vinters	28	18	389
6	— Class on Grass	Charlie Gamble	30	21	381
7	— tom united	tom bowen	26	16	377
8	— Not so athletic Madrid	Sam Foscett	34	16	374
9	— Golden Heros	Sam Griffiths	25	20	370
10	— Fosy Stars.	Benjamin Foscett	29	19	368

With the league table looking very different every week we have a long way to go until the end of the season meaning anyone could still win.

It is never too late to join, parents are also more than welcome, so if you are interested go to www.schoolsfl.com to register and join our league (the BBS league pin is 634496), or see myself who has the pleasure of being Chairman of the league.

Happy scoring!

Mr Philpin

Hall of Fame

Governors Awards from July 2013

Presented November 2013



Congratulations to Charlie Etherington on receiving his
Governors Award.

Lennon House News



What an busy half term it has been during which Lennon Students have been as active as ever. What has really struck me is the amount of amazing talent that we have within the House and Before I take this opportunity to share some of that amazing talent with you, I have the sad news that Mrs Muir, our wonderful Student Support Manager will be leaving us at Christmas. She is retiring and is looking forward to sharing extra time with her own family. In her place, we have already welcomed Ms Dakin, a marvellous lady who has already begun to get to know our students. Welcome, Ms Dakin!

Imogen Kelly, who was already renowned as an outstanding charity cake baker, won the regional final of Future Chef 2014. Well done Imogen!

Two wonderful students were nominated for the Telford and Wrekin's Tommy Awards; Elijah Everill, for his international martial arts achievements and Ellis Snookes for acting as a voice for young people with the UK Youth Parliament.

On top of that, a Year 8 pupil achieved an A* in GCSE Spanish when she took the exam in Year 7. Well done Amelia Philips. What an outstanding achievement!

To top it all off, an amazing group of year 11s got together and organised a charity penalty shoot-out and cake sale in aid of BBC Children in Need. Well done to Jack Prince and Katie Leach for pulling this together!



Next term, we are going to once again focus our house efforts on our own House Charity, the Imaging Appeal for Alder Hey Hospital. Watch this space, Katie Leach and Isabelle Dawes will be after your support!

Mrs Alecock—Head of Lennon House



We had yet another fantastic trip to southern Spain, this year with the added bonus of sol, sol and sol!!

This year I decided to go in October instead of February and the gamble paid off. Our first port of call straight off the plane was the beach. On a whistle stop tour we travelled 2000 miles by plane and over 500 by coach in just 5 days, visiting the four main cities of Andalucia, Granada, Sevilla and Cordoba and staying in 3 different hotels. We viewed at first hand some of Picassos finest works, and marvelled at the mix of Arabic and Spanish culture and architecture. The Mezquita in Cordoba left us in awe. Despite our busy timetable our year 11s still managed to fit in revision for their exams. Well done to all of them and I hope the hard work paid off.



I've certainly racked up the air miles this month as I was lucky enough to go to Madrid on an Etwinning course run by the Spanish government, designed to improve links and encourage partnerships. It was an intensive 3 day programme in the country's capital but very worthwhile. I've made links with schools in Menorca and Galicia and aim to start a project in the new yearwatch this Etwinning space



Hasta la vista Sra Morgan

Time to say a sad farewell



At the end of this term we will be saying a sad farewell to

- Mr Robinson (Maths) Joining Wrockwardine Wood as Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs Barrett (Lunchtime Supervisor) Retiring
- Mrs Miles (Science) Joining The Priory School, Shrewsbury.
- Mrs Muir (Lennon SSM) Retiring
- Miss Brown (PE) Joining Thistlehough, Stoke

We thank them all for their hard work at Burton Borough, and wish them every success in the future.

ATTENDANCE – some reminders:

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:

By contacting the Attendance Office on 01952 386554 (answer phone in operation so please leave a message),

E-mail: attendance.bbs@taw.org.uk

Phone **Reception** 01952 386500.

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).

