



Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

April 2019



Dear Families,

As I write this, our year 11s are working incredibly hard and revising to make sure they maximise the time they have left at Burton Borough School. Some of our students have already sat their first examinations and can't quite believe how quickly their final year with us has gone! The examination period will begin very quickly after the Easter holidays so I would like to take this opportunity to say good luck year 11! You will be fantastic in your exams!

March was another fun and exciting month for us, with a number of activities and students gaining recognition and awards that they deserve. Many of our staff enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character for World Book Day (as you can see from the photo above!) and it gave me great delight in taking on the character of the White Rabbit throughout the whole day and making our students smile.

We are the first school in England to be recognised by Public Health England for the work we do around mental health and wellbeing and we showed our continued commitment to this by signing the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health. This work is at the top of our agenda as we believe that in order for students and staff to flourish, they need to feel happy, safe and cared for. Burton Borough is such a supportive school you can feel it just by walking around the site! Contributing to this work, our student democracy team hosted the training for the prestigious anti-bullying Diana award, where schools and staff from the West Midlands came to BBS for the event. Well done to Ms Beaver and our students for organising this!

We had some fantastic sporting achievements in March, including two of our students, Ben Thompson and Sam Davis representing the country on a cricket tour to South Africa and raising a phenomenal amount of money (over £3000!) for Sport4Kids with their team. Our girls' cricket team beat the Shrewsbury School in the County tournament, gaining first place. Not only that, they also won the indoor cricket tournament with their excellent skills! Successes don't stop there however. Our year 7 football team are through to their third final this year and one of our students, Emily Fletcher, has been selected to play for England's U15 football team in Belgium over the holidays! Incredible accomplishments for so many of our young people – well done!

It was not just sporting achievements this month. Our Big Band came top at the Great North Big Band Jazz Festival! Congratulations to Ms Ruston and everybody who was involved!

Our Maths team did a brilliant job for Maths week, including running competitions for the best pie for Pi Day and a number of our students also tested their memory skills by reciting Pi. The top student was able to recite Pi to one hundred decimal places! Wow! Not only that, our Year 10 students came third in the Maths Feast competition against schools in Telford and Wrekin.

Finally, it has been a very exciting month for Mr Morgan and me as we were asked to deliver keynote speeches and share good practice at various events including the Optimus Education Conference, SecEd Conference and the House of Commons (the photo above right is me at the House of Commons with a cup of tea!). The work we are doing is gaining national recognition and we are hoping that this will continue to strengthen even more over the coming months.

Have a fantastic Easter break and I look forward to the summer term!

Yours sincerely, **Christine Raymont-Hall (Principal)**



Upcoming events

29th April 2019

First Day of term

6th May 2019

School Closed – May Day Bank holiday

9th May 2019

Year 8 Parents Evening

24th May 2019

Big Think Deadline

24th May 2019

Last Day of half term

3rd June 2019

Return to school after half term

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BBS hosted the training for the prestigious anti-bullying Diana Award. Staff and students from many other schools came to us so that they could be trained too. Well done to Ms Beaver and our student democracy team!



A huge congratulations to our Big Band (right) for taking first place at the Great North Big Band Jazz Festival! Wow!

School takes a national lead on mental health

A SCHOOL in Newport has become one of the first in the country to commit to tackling mental health under a new Public Health England campaign.

Burton Borough School signed the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health, which marks the first time agencies across the community and care sectors have come together to make prevention a priority for mental health.

The commitment from Burton Borough

Report by Mat Growcott

School included creating a school structure that supported the mental health and wellbeing needs of both staff and students as well as the extensive work the school does with many external agencies.

Christine Raymont-Hall, principal, said: "We are delighted to be recognised by Public Health England as making significant steps towards promoting good mental health and preventing mental health problems."

"Mental health is at the top of our agenda. We will continue to share what we do with other schools and organisations so that we can do our bit to help raise awareness of the importance of good mental health."

Lily Makurash, national lead for public mental health at Public Health England, said: "We're delighted that Burton Borough School has joined the growing list of organisations signing up to our Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health. Through local and national action we can all contribute to improving mental health."



Taking a lead – Burton Borough principal Christine Raymont-Hall holds the concordat on mental health with pupils Oliver Vickers, Hermione Wainwright and Adrienne Wheeler

We are the first school to be recognised by Public Health England for the work we do around mental health and wellbeing! Here is Mrs Raymont-Hall with some of our wellbeing mentors, holding our Prevention Concordat for Better Mental health which we have signed to show our commitment. We were in both the Shropshire Star and Newport Advertiser!



World Book Day was a fantastic day this year, with many of our staff dressing up as their favourite book characters!



This amazing young lady did charity work to raise money for Dogs Trust. Look at all that dog food she was able to buy!



These incredible young ladies on the left beat The Shrewsbury School and are county champions in cricket for the 3rd year in a row! Congratulations!

Howzat for a fundraising effort?



The cricketers from Shropshire who have jetted out to South Africa for a tour

A group of young cricketers have been raising money for a charity in South Africa ahead of a tour of the country.

They have arrived in South Africa for a 12-day tour which will see them play six games against local opposition.

Before the trip, the group of under-15s raised around £3,000 for Sport4Kids, and took with them eight kit bags of cricket clothing together with football kit.

One of the tour organisers Wendy McDonald said: "The Sportskids and have collected a mountain of donated sports kit to donate."

"They have climbed Snowdon, walked the Hadrian's Wall coast to coast path, canoed the River Severn, swam across Coniston Water and climbed The Old Man of Conistone."

"They did a 5km mud run and two fabulous quiz nights rounded off a fantastic fundraising effort."

The squad is Jonathan Bland,

William Jenkins (both Shrewsbury), Josh McDonald, Ben Thompson, Jovan Uppal and Oliver Parton (all Wellington), Sam Davis (Lliffel), Henry Walker (Oswestry), Toby Egerton (Worcester), Oscar Cooke (Market Drayton), Freddie Timms, Will Peers (both Whitechurch), Edward Pridemore (County) and they will be under the guidance of coach Ed Ashlin.

Sponsored

They are playing games against sides representing Western Province, Stellenbosch and a couple of schools and community teams, while also getting the chance to see different parts of the super country.

Wendy added: "A number of local businesses have also sponsored the team, so we are indebted to Abacus Financial, Laughter Lines/Shrewsbury Comedy Festival, BWW Pugh, FBC Manby Bowdler, Moncaster Wire, Milton Travel, Staffline,

Shakers, Journey's End and Rea Valley Tractors."

"We would also like to thank NC United Football Club who have donated over 100 football kits for the Grosvenor Football Foundation charity in South Africa."

Steve Aston, who has organised previous tours to South Africa, said: "The experience the boys gain on the tour will certainly benefit them in their future crick- eting careers."

"I was involved in tours in 2007 and 2009. From the 2009 tour alone, Joe Clarke and Ed Barnard have both gone on to earn contracts at Worcestershire and represent England U19s and Lions."

Joe Carrasco, Will Cook, Ross Aucott and Henry Blodfield have all played for Shropshire."

Both Clarke and Barnard donated an autographed Worcestershire shirt and sweater to help raise funds for the tour.

A massive well done to our students Sam Davis and Ben Thompson (newspaper article, left), who represented the country on a cricket tour to South Africa and raised more than £3000 with their cricket squad for Sport4Kids. INCREDIBLE!





PE ran a fantastic PGL netball tour that our students really enjoyed. Lots of netball played and loads of really fun activities!



The Maths department ran the annual pie competition for Pi Day during Maths week. A great time was had by all and we are very pleased to announce that our Maths team came third at the Maths Feast event against other schools in Telford and Wrekin!



Max from Worcester Warriors came to deliver some rugby training in lessons and after school. A great time had by all!



Lots of students are receiving the limited edition Mrs Raymont-Hall stickers for their hard work and excellent attitude to learning. Could you be next?



Mrs Raymont-Hall and Mr Morgan had an exciting month, delivering keynotes and sharing the good practice of BBS with teachers and leaders from other schools in London and Birmingham! The focus was on mental health, wellbeing and behaviour.





Year 11s enjoying churros in Spanish! Yummy! Is that Sra Morgan peeping at the bottom of the photo??

"Just wanted to say that I attended the Y11 pre-exam drama dress rehearsal last week and I was genuinely moved and blown away by the standard of the performances. Having spoken to a number of the other parents there I know they felt the same.

The quality and authenticity of the acting was first class and I left wishing it could have lasted longer. Brilliant team work. Very tough subjects played with sensitivity, empathy and humour.

Well done and thanks to the drama team for their hard work with all of the students". – Liz O'Nions, Year 11 parent

Sponsor a Governor – fundraising for the new hall

Mr Evans, one of our Governors, is running the Market Drayton 10K in May. He is kindly donating any sponsorship he raises toward the equipment fund we have for our new hall which is scheduled to be complete during the summer term.

If you're able to sponsor Mr Evans, please do so via our Golden Giving page at:

<https://www.goldengiving.com/f/performancepace>

If like Mr Evans, you're taking part in an event where you can be sponsored and you would like to give your sponsorship to BBS, then please get in touch with school!



Our catering team organised a special St. Patrick's day themed lunch!

Our wonderful swimmers below who were at the Telford Schools Gala. Well done!



These girls on the left have made us so proud as they have made lots of progress this year! Our Sapphires came joint first in the plate league and runners up in the play off!



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