



The Burton Borough School

Autumn Term

**Heads Newsletter
October 2015**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Burton Borough School,

Firstly, thank you all for your support during this very busy half term. Our Year 7 students have settled in well over their first seven weeks and, at the other end of the school, our Year 11 students are nearly one third of the way through their time prior to the final exams. Doesn't time fly?

I have recently had the pleasure of showing many colleagues and visitors around our school; all of them have commented on how smart our students look and how calm our school is. Establishing a sense of calm is one of the key messages that we have been focusing on this term and so I have been delighted with this feedback. We have also been focusing on what our values are at Burton Borough School and how these are in line with what it means to be a British citizen. Our assembly program this term has focused on our values and has included topics such as 'Tolerance', 'If at first you don't succeed...', 'Britain has always welcomed immigrants' and 'Our British sense of humour!'

Perhaps the highlight of this half term was Open Evening, held on 7th October, followed by two Open Days. We have had many visitors who have left deeply impressed by the attitudes shown by our students and the positive relationships that characterise our school. Here are some of the comments made by our visitors:

'There was an energy in the building injected by staff and the students were shining lights! It was obvious just how proud everyone is of their school.'

'I just wanted to thank the two young ladies who showed us around, Aysha and Jasmine, who were a real credit to the school. They were eloquent, enthusiastic and helpful and sold the school extremely well. What great role models for my son to aspire to be like!'

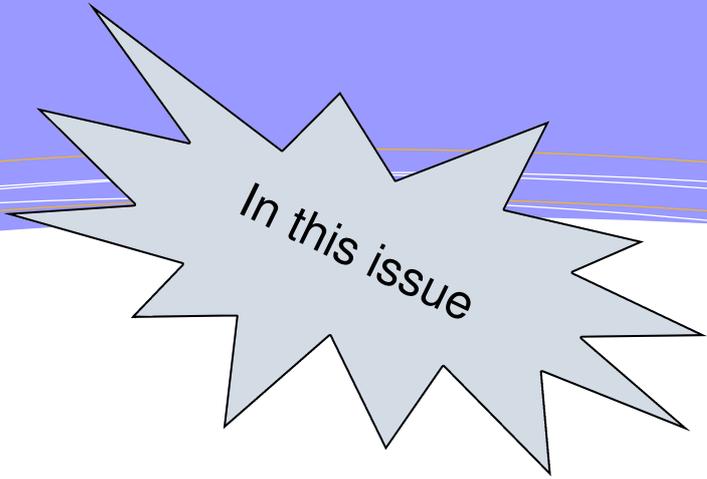
Construction and refurbishment of the older parts of our school site has continued during this half term with additional classrooms now available in the old build. We do hope soon to be able to use the open spaces between the old and new building; currently students are using the school field during social times which will not be suitable when the cold and wet weather arrives. We will be consulting with our Student Council about how we use the new spaces and also to evaluate how the move into the new building has gone and what we can do to improve their school experience.

Can I wish you all a restful half term break.

Best wishes

Stephen Richards

Headteacher



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Burton Borough School PTA

House Colours Christmas Hamper Raffle in Green, Red, Yellow and Blue

The PTA is organizing a brand new fundraiser this Christmas, which will enable all members of the school community to support programmes at Burton Borough School.

In November all students will be asked to bring in at least one new item in their House colour (green for Attenborough, red for Tolkien, yellow for Moore and blue for Lennon) that will be used to create several hamper prizes. Students will be awarded house points for each hamper item donated. The inter-house competition was very close last year so contributing to the hamper fundraiser could make the all-important difference to the final house points tally!

Students will be issued with one booklet of raffle tickets at the start of November to sell and return the ticket stubs and collected monies to their form tutor. Each raffle ticket will cost £1, and all purchased raffle tickets will have the same chance of winning one of several colour-themed Christmas hamper boxes.

Examples of colour-themed donations could include green mint chocolates, blue bubble bath, red Christmas ornaments, or a yellow scarf.



Each tutor group will hold a competition for the most imaginative donations within their house colour. The most creative-minded individuals will be asked to help draw the winning hamper tickets.

9 October 2015

Susanne Finlay-Bearblock



safebook

YOU

THINK

Think before you post

FRIENDS

Only connect with friends

KIND

Be kind to others

PASSWORD

Don't share your password

PRIVACY

Keep your settings private

HURT

Don't be hurtful towards others



PARENTS & TEACHERS

Join Facebook
Understand how it works
Teach safety and responsibility
Privacy - check their settings



FRIENDS

DON'T: Stay silent
 DO: Help your friend
Report the bully
Tell your parents
Tell your teacher



THE BULLY

DON'T: Respond
 DO: Save what they say
Unfriend the person
Block them
Tell a Friend
Tell your Parents
Report the person

TELL • UNFRIEND • BLOCK • REPORT

This is our reaction to cyber-bullying. We must all play our part! Play yours - email design@fuzion.ie for a print ready file



Parents beware: Holidays in term time may cost you more than you think

Most people will be aware that a local family was recently fined roughly £1000 for refusing to pay the fines for taking their children out of local schools during term time. They also now have a criminal conviction.

Government Guidance on leave during term time changed on 1st September 2013. Any unauthorised leave of 5 or more days will lead to a fine. Head teachers now have extremely limited discretion, and their decision is final. Full details of recent changes to the law are available on our website, as well as our own guidance.

We do not want any of our families to face a fine or even worse a court case. Any request for leave during term time will almost certainly be refused, and could prove very costly.

Stephen Richards, Headteacher and Trina Elliot, Education Welfare Officer

Looking to Plan a Holiday in 2015/16?

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



PD Days

Please check our school website for details of our PD days. These may differ from the ones posted on the Telford & Wrekin website. If in any doubt, please contact school directly.



“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 further, 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 Mainwaring	Mrs Pickering
Tolkien	Mrs Heins	Mr Lamb
Attenborough	Miss Rutherford covering Mrs Tomlinson	Mr Garbett

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: 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.



The Role of a Form Tutor

- The role of form tutor is vital to the efficient running of our school; successful pastoral care and for the delivery of the CLL programme.
- Tutors are proactive in supporting a student with their difficulties.
- The tutor is the first person to whom a student must turn to for help or advice and often the first person that will contact home if there is a concern: Sometimes it may be necessary for the Head of House or Student Support Manager to contact home on occasions.

Important Notice to Year 7 Parents/Carers

Please return to orange forms that were given out on transition days are returned asap.

This information is to ensure that students personal information is as up to date as possible.

These should be directed to the Assistant Business Manager, Mrs Wycherley.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Wycherley via email on

sue.wycherley@taw.org.uk





Coming Up Soon

Dates for your Diary

• 2nd November 2015	School Returns after Half Term
• 5th November 2015	EEL Day
• 6th November 2015	EEL Day
• 11th November 2015	Remembrance—2mins silence at 11am
• 13th November 2015	Children in Need Mufti Day
• 13th November 2015	BBS Bands Quiz Night see details inside
• 17th November 2015	Help your Child with Numeracy see details inside
• 18th November 2015	GCSE Presentation Evening
• 24th & 25th November 2015	KS4 Drama Club Show
• 1st & 3rd December 2015	Borough's Got Talent! 7pm
• 2nd December 2015	Year 11 Parents Evening
• 8th December 2015	EEL Day
• 9th December 2015	KS3 Drama Club Christmas Show
• 14th December 2015	BBS Carol Concert - St Nicolas
• 16th December 2015	BBS Christmas Concert—School Hall
• 18th December 2015	End of School Term
• 4th January 2015	PD Day—closed to students
• 5th January 2015	School Returns



ATTENDANCE

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.**

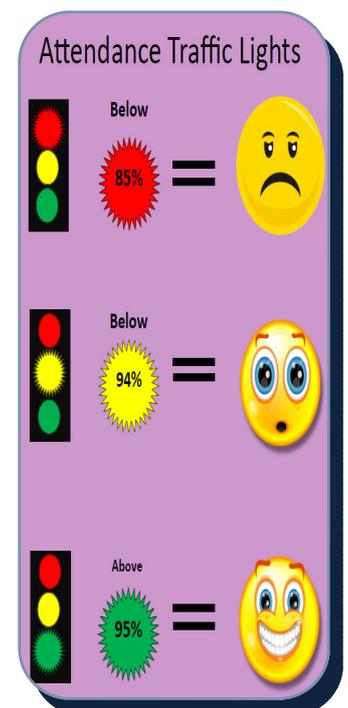
You can inform us by one of the following methods:

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).





Junior Badminton Club

every Saturday in term time

at Burton Borough sports hall

all abilities are welcome

6 - 12 years 10am-11am

12 - 16 years 11am-12noon

£4 per session payable termly in advance

Contact: Des Machin

Tel. 07949 192038



Level 2 Badminton England accredited coach, fully insured



My Visit to Kenya, July 2015

By Kim Stephens

Makunga secondary school is a 600-student strong school for students' 13-years to 18-years of age in rural Western Kenya. It has been recently twinned with Burton Borough School. Indeed, the link, funded by the British Council, is the first secondary school link between a British and Kenyan school, so we are trailblazing! In July, I was lucky enough to visit the school on a fact finding mission to strengthen our relationship and to look for ways to expand the partnership.

Although I've travelled widely and been exposed to poverty before, I actually found the experience far harder than I imagined. I was greeted and treated like royalty, with many of the people that I met never having met a white person before. Everywhere I went the call of 'Muzunga' (white person) followed me. Everyone wanted to shake my hand and the girls were fascinated by my hair, convinced that it must be a wig. I was welcomed warmly into the school, and shown around: a bright pink wall emblazoned with the school motto, 'success is the only option' greeted me, the 600-students were in 6 half built classrooms which parents came and built a bit more of when they could afford more bricks. Goats roamed the land, having been given as payment when parents couldn't afford their school fees. Several attempts at digging a well had failed due to rocks, so one parent brought drinking water in 5-times a day from a local stream, in containers on his bike. The toilets were 4 holes in the ground.



Whilst there are 40 separate tribal languages in Kenya, as well as Kiswahili, all lessons, text books and exams are in English, which is often the student's third language. Straight away I was asked to teach a lesson on magnets. This involved 72 students, one tiny classroom with hand-made benches, a blackboard and 9 bar magnets. The Kenyan teaching method is very rote-based, so my attempts at practical work, encouraging student discussion and playing articulate at first failed. I had to model the activities with the classroom teacher and gain the students trust before they felt comfortable talking in the classroom.



The students' day is long. They get up at 4am to study for an hour before doing their chores: collecting water, feeding cattle or making the breakfast. Most students of all ages (from 5 to 18) have an hours walk to school along the dusty roads, arriving at 7am. They spend all day at school, eating a cooked maize called Ugali for lunch, perhaps mixed with an avocado that they pick from the trees on their morning walk. They stay in school until 5.30pm before returning home to more chores and studying. They even attend on a Saturday, and some students who aren't making expected progress also go on a Sunday.

Whilst the facilities in Kenya are clearly very different to ours, I was struck by the students desire to learn and to succeed. They realise the benefits that qualifications and an education can have on their future prospects. The difficulty of work that they are studying is often above ours (in some cases they are learning at age 14 what our students would learn at 17-years old.) In free periods, students can be seen in small groups around the school grounds, perhaps under a tree, with a small blackboard teaching each other. This was exemplary peer-learning with students challenging and questioning each other.

Partnerships of this nature are about learning from each other. Over the coming year we will be looking to develop curriculum activities in both schools that will improve teaching and learning, as well as developing a wider understanding of different cultures.





Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

This month saw the roll out of the Diana Ambassador Anti-bullying programme for Burton Borough, 2 members of staff and 18 students from across all school years spent a day being trained by the programme coordinators Mr Lamb & Mrs Heins.

The Award was set up in honour of the late Diana Princess of Wales and Ambassadors are trained to help challenge all forms of bullying with in the school and the local community. Over the coming months the Ambassadors will be involved in all sorts of anti-bullying activities both in and out of school.



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THURSDAYS**

7-8 PM

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INSTRUCTORS**

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**SUITABLE FOR AGES 5+ TRAINING WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN
AND FOR SINGLE STUDENTS AGED 12+**



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Rewarding Progress

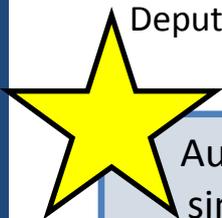
This year we are changing the way that we reward students following the release of monitoring data. Previously we had written to the top 40 students not only those who have made the best attainment but also those who have made excellent progress with the highest academic attainment. This year we are changing this to reward the top 40 students who have made the best progress (improvement in learning) from their respective Key Stage 2 starting points. What this will mean in practice is that reward letters, (and lunches for year 11) are now available to all students across the school rather than just our most academically able students.

I realise this is a shift in mind set and practice but hopefully everyone can see the merits behind the decision and I would hope that you agree this is fairer for the whole year group and enables different and possibly more students over the year to achieve these rewards.

Thank you for your continued support

Claire Farish

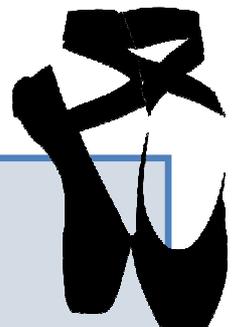
Deputy Headteacher



Auditions are open to all pupils. Have you a talent for singing, dancing, acting, musical instrument, comedy, magic or something else just as interesting? Then why not audition for Boroughs Got Talent.

Details will be shown on notices and displayed on the board outside Sports Hall office with further details.

Please sign up to show your interest by no later than Friday 23rd October or email dance.bbs@taw.org.uk





BBS PE Club Timetable Autumn 2015

Lunch	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Create				KS3 Dance Club	
Sports Hall	Badminton boys & girls y7 SBE	Badminton boys & girls y8 KMA	Badminton boys & girls y9 SBE	Badminton boys & girls y10 KMA	PE use for selected students
After School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Hall		Netball Squad Training for all with Vicky	Badminton All	THIS GIRL CAN club (see timetable as sports change regularly)	Y11 Indoor Football White Week
					Staff Sport Blue Week
Field		Rugby y7, y8 and y9 Boys		y7 Football Boys RJG	
Fixtures		Football y8 Boys	Cross Country Event	Netball Various - please check	



Whole School Photograph

Burton Borough School's most recent whole school photography is now available to view online on the Tempest Groups website. Please note this service is for viewing images only, ordering takes place via the order forms given to the school. Instructions to find and view the school photographs are below. Please note that images can take 10 – 14 days to be loaded from the day of photography.

Go to - www.tempest-groups.co.uk

Type 'Burton Borough' into the search box and select the event required.





Last weekend a group of twenty students completed their expedition assessment for the bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The group walked from Wilderhope Manor to The Iron Bridge, camping one night at Much Wenlock covering a distance of 19km.

The weather stayed dry for the group and even with the autumn cold the conditions was spot on for walking. The group completed their individual tasks on route,

A great weekend was had by all big thankyou to Mr Evans, Mrs Smithdale, Mrs Owen -Jones and Mr Bell for their help over the past expeditions.



"This group are a great credit to The Burton Borough School."

'Dave Thorley

DofE Assessor Shropshire'

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COUNTRIES
WORLDWIDE



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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD QUICK FACTS

2,244,128



AWARDS
SINCE
1956

48,910 
VOLUNTEERS



On average you're
never more than
12 miles from a
DofE centre
in the UK

12 miles

Year -11 Silver Level

Starting

**Wednesday
4th**

November

**Sports Hall
PE-1**

15.30-17.00



**THE BURTON
BOROUGH SCHOOL**



Wet Weather during Social Times

As you are well aware our school site changes almost on a daily basis. Until the outside areas of the school are fully re-furbished we currently have limited provision at both break and lunchtime which puts pressure on our indoor social areas. This is particularly an issue in our eating areas.

We have trialled various alternatives when the weather is inclement. At present we will use the following protocol

Current Wet Weather protocol as of October 2015

1. Students will be told in CLL if that day is going to be a wet day (Break and Lunch).
2. If Students want to get food from the canteen or eat in there they must queue up by going round the side of the old building by the cricket pitch and entering by the side door so that you queue up outside Create.
3. You will be allowed to stay in the open areas of the new building at break and lunchtime.
4. You will be allowed to eat in these open areas and use your mobile phones. Please use the bins provided and remember to switch off your phone at the end of social time.
- 5 Year 7 students will continue to be allowed to use M2 as a sandwich room.

Thank you and a reminder

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students who have been very patient during the refurbishment of the building and site. It will be a long time until these changes are finalised and it is credit to the vast majority of students who conduct themselves in an impeccable manner during these social times.

Can I just finally remind students that they must use the correct areas, behave in a calm manner, and respond to all staff instructions during any social time, but particularly when it is wet.

Mr Morgan—Deputy Head

The Hub Youth Club

Ages 11-17
Next to the royal Victoria hotel.

Open Mondays and
Wednesdays
6:00-9:00
1st time free then
50p per time.



- We will be planning trips and activities such as :
- Paint balling
- Chippy night
- Rock climbing
- Bowling
- Go to see football matches

And much more ... open to any suggestions





BBS Parent Voices Feedback

Last Easter we asked for your opinion on Burton Borough School. As I wrote in the original article, there are a number of factors that influence the running of a school and the policies that govern it. As such your views are one of the key factors that we consider when working on the School Development Plan for this year and determine many of the areas that we are working on to improve.

Over 200 parents responded to the online survey and we have analysed the results. Some of the key successes and points for improvement are summarised in the table below:

Comment	% Agree/Strongly agree
My child is happy at school	91
My child feels safe at this school	92
I receive valuable information about my child's	78
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	76
The school deals effectively with bullying	81

There are a number of areas that we are working on to improve further:

- You told us that there were issues with homework not being set or not being recorded on Show My Homework. Show My Homework was included in the September inset training for both new and existing staff and we are continuing to monitor the use of Show My Homework. We hope that you will agree that your child is now being set regular homework and that this is always available on Show My Homework. We are in regular contact with the company that runs Show My Homework and are looking at developing the functionality. We are now able to set differentiated homework provide challenge for different students in the same teaching group.
- Only 78% of respondents felt that they received valuable information about their child's progress. Miss Walsh met with a group of year 7 parents before parents evening and obtained feedback on what information is useful for parents. A new system of reporting is being trialled for current year 7 students based on student progress. Additionally we have introduced 'fine grade' monitoring for year 10 and year 11 to give students and parents a better idea of what level students are working at.



- Nearly 20 % of respondents said that they were worried about bullying (including cyber-bullying outside of school). All of our staff continue to work hard to deal with incidences of bullying and Mr Morgan and his team have developed an environment where students feel happy and safe to report issues. Mrs Heins and Mr Lamb (Tolkien Head of House and Student Support Manager respectively) have set up the Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme which Mr Lamb previously developed when he was at Abraham Derby Academy. This is a national scheme where students train as peer mentors and additional points of contact for students if they have bullying concerns. It also involves parents joining focus groups to develop school anti-bullying policies. This additional input helps to impact on bullying outside of school. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been selected and are currently undergoing training for their role.

We view Parent Voice as vitally important to progress at Burton Borough. Last year's survey has identified areas for development but it is essential that the information we receive is representative. This year we will be working hard to increase the proportion of respondents taking part in the survey.

Ofsted's Parent View Survey has many similar questions to our own survey and gives you another opportunity to share your views on Burton Borough School. If you have not already done so please can you register and logon to Parent View and complete the survey:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Building on the success of the year 7 parents focus group with Miss Walsh we have decided to develop the idea and hold a similar focus group at the next parents evening which will be for year 11 parents on Wednesday 2nd December. Details will be available closer to the event.

Thank you for your support.

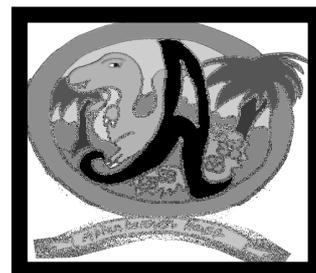
Rob Court

Assistant Headteacher

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Attenborough House



Welcome back to all the students in Attenborough House! Also a special welcome to all the new Y7s, we hope you enjoy your time at BBS and have an amazing 5 years here.

Miss Rutherford (SRU) is acting as Temporary Head of House for Attenborough for the run up to Christmas, with lots of busy weeks ahead. Attenborough's charity week is coming up in the Christmas term, with lots of fund-raising and activities to raise money for 'Cancer Research UK'.

This year's house captains:

Title	Student(s)
Senior	Jenny Wilmott Tom John Brown
Junior	Molly Franklin Luke Burton
Senior Sports	Charlie Gamble Abbie Aiken
Junior Sports	Dylan Lane-Craddock Cameron-Ellie Mander
Technician	Thomas Olliver
Charity	Curtis Moore Sophie McKevitt
Arts	Mary Strickland Emily Pierce
House Points Master	Sam Pauling
Dance	Chelsea Petty





Lennon House

*Celebrating Success, Overcoming Challenge,
Supporting Others*



As always, we have had an amazingly busy start to the term. The term started with applications for House Captains. I was absolutely inundated with some marvellous applications and choosing those to fill the key roles was really challenging. However, it is with great pleasure that I can announce that Lennon House will now be led by Ayse Et and Peter Overal. They have a fantastic team to support them, including the wonderful charity captains pictured below. The team have already fulfilled the first part of their remit, which was to review the charity we would like Lennon House to support this year.

After a wonderful assembly presented by our new team of captains and frantic vote counting, I am pleased to announce that the house has decided to continue to support Alder Hey. We awaits with delight to see what wonderful charity raising ideas Toby and Oliver come up with .



**Junior Charity Captain, Oliver Vickers and
Senior Charity Captain, Toby Adams**



MOORE HOUSE

Welcome

We would like to say a warm welcome to all of the year 7 students joining our house. You have made a fantastic start to life in the Burton Borough School and we look forward to five more great years.

Charity

After our fantastic charity efforts last year we invited a representative of Marie Curie penetrative Care to come and receive a cheque from our house. Marline Sturdy visited us in one of our house assemblies and was extremely grateful of the efforts of the house, not just for last year, but also for the previous year's efforts. Well done to all, and let's raise even more this year.



House captains

One of the key factors in the house system are the roles of the many house captains. We would like to express our gratitude to all those that applied and congratulate those who have been successful in getting a position. We look forward to working together this year to help, make our house as good as it can be.





Tolkien News



We are very excited for this academic year in Tolkien. We had lots of applications for House Captains and the standard of students applying was really high. Our Senior House Captains for this year are Emily Atkins, Eloisa Souto, Jez Burton-Clewes and Jack Jones. Our Junior House Captains are Mir Barge and Jack Jones. Mr Lamb and I are really looking forward to working with them and the other House Captains this year to move Tolkien forward. Our focuses this year are to beat the amount we raised last year for our House charity “Telford and Wrekin Young Carers” and to improve our House Point total.

Our first assembly as a House was a particularly special one because Caroline from Telford and Wrekin Young Carers came into collect the cheque for the money we raised last year. We were delighted to have Christina Smith, last year’s Junior House Captain, to hand over the cheque. A real moment to be proud of.



We have our House Charity week at the end of November and our plans for that are already well underway. We aim to hold a fete at lunchtime on Friday 20th November. We were grateful for all the help we had with our fete last year and we are looking forward to bettering it this year. All our profits from this week will be donated to our House Charity.



NEW Basic Equipment List

Please make sure your son/daughter brings the correct equipment to school every day

This includes **A PENCIL CASE, A RED PEN, A READING BOOK AND THEIR PSD**

Be prepared to LEARN



BASIC EQUIPMENT

A pencil case with

BLACK PEN

RED PEN

PENCIL

RULER

ERASER

SHARPENER



COLOURING PENCILS

PROTRACTOR

COMPASS

CALCULATOR

READING BOOK



Literacy Update

National Poetry Day:

Earlier this month we celebrated National Poetry Day. Students were treated to tutors' favourite poems during C.L.L. and they had a poetry related starter in each lesson. There was also a poetry quiz. Congratulations to Freya Llewellyn- Smith (JWY) who won a £15 voucher!

Key Stage 4 students also have an opportunity to take part in a national competition called "Poetry By Heart"- this competition will take place on 8th December during Literacy Week. Please encourage your child to take part if they are in Key Stage 4.

Accelerated Reader:

The vast majority of Key Stage 3 have now completed their initial Accelerated Reader test. Your child's reading age and ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) should be written in their PSDs. Their ZPD basically shows the level of books which your child should be reading; the books should be accessible but also challenging. Students are required to bring a reading book (within their ZPD) to school on a daily basis.

To improve their reading age, students should read for at least 20 minutes per day. Please encourage your child take a short, fun quiz on Accelerated Reader each time they finish their reading book. Their reading and quizzes will be discussed with their teacher during LRC reading lessons.

Literacy Squad:

Over forty Year 10 students applied to be on the Literacy Squad. These students will be allocated a range of roles. Frankie Jones and Rebecca Chilcott will lead a book club (starting on Tuesday 3rd November) on Tuesday lunchtime- this is open to all years. Again, please encourage your child to come along! We also have a paired reading scheme which will launch after half term. The Literacy Squad will be mentoring, offering reading support and listening to Year 7 and 8 students.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Payne

Literacy Co-ordinator



National Poetry Day- THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER LITERACY

Dust If You Must by Rose Milligan

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture, or write a letter,
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;
Music to hear, and books to read;
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

johnmsweeney.com

Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes; and the wind in your hair;
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go (and go you must)
You, yourself, will make more dust.

My Favourite Poem—Miss Loughborough



October Half Term Cycling Activities

Fun cycling activities, games and competitions for children of all ages and ability

Visit www.telford.gov.uk/cyclingactivities or scan the QR code for more details and to book your place



Join the Travel Telford team for a fun week of cycling, book via www.telford.gov.uk/cyclingactivities

Activity	Date	Times	Venue	Fee	Suitable for Ages	More Details
Bike Club	Monday 26 October	10am-2pm	Adams Grammar, TF10 7BD	£5	6+	A fun filled day of cycling activities, games and competitions for children of all abilities.
Learn to Ride	Tuesday 27 October	10am-12:00noon OR 12:30pm-2:30pm	Hadley Learning Community, TF1 5JU	£5	Any Age	An interactive session for children who want to make the transition from stabilisers or balance bikes to a 2 wheeled bike! Please note that parents are required to stay for the session.
Park Discovery Bike Ride	Wednesday 28 October	10am-2pm	Meet outside the visitor centre in Telford Town Park, TF3 4EP	£5	6+	An exciting bike ride and picnic through Telford Town Park with activity pack and goodies for children. Parents are not required to stay for the ride but you are more then welcome to join us if your wish!
Learn to Ride	Thursday 29 October	10am-12:00noon OR 12:30pm-2:30pm	Adams Grammar, TF10 7BD	£5	Any Age	An interactive session for children who want to make the transition from stabilisers or balance bikes to a 2 wheeled bike! Please note that parents are required to stay for the session.
Bike Club	Friday 30 October	10am-2pm	Hadley Learning Community, TF1 5JU	£5	6+	A fun filled day of cycling activities, games and competitions for children of all abilities.





Has your child grown out of their uniform?

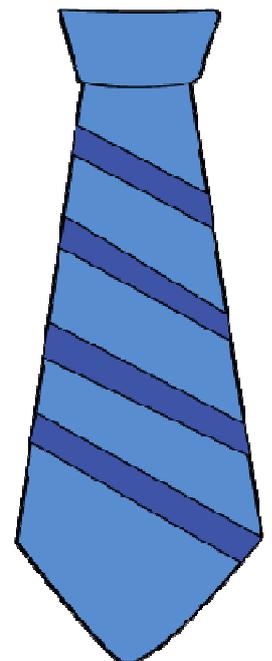
The Pastoral Team are very grateful of the uniform that is donated to them, once your child has grown out of it.

If you have any uniform that you are not able to use, please can you bring it in to school for the team to use when necessary.

Clean , undamaged uniform would be gratefully received

Many thanks

Mrs Pickering
Senior Student Support Manager



Burton Borough School Bands

***'We Will
Remember Them'***

**...an evening of music to honour
and celebrate those who have given
and continue to give their lives to
protect our freedom.**



**With Burton Borough School
Concert Band, Big Band
& Harmony Choir**

**Saturday 7th November 2015,
7.30pm at Burton Borough School**

Tickets £5 adults; £3 concession

Tickets available from the Music Department

FRIENDS OF BURTON BOROUGH SCHOOL BANDS



QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 13th November
in the School Hall**

**Bar open from 6.30pm,
quiz starts at 7.00pm**

**Tickets £5 per person
includes Fish and Chip Supper**

• Max 6 per team • Children welcome •

**All proceeds will go towards the
school bands**

**Tickets available from the
Music Office**



Mobile Device Consequences & Agreement

Mobile devices can be brought into school, but must be used appropriately. If they are used inappropriately then they will be confiscated, regardless of who the device belongs to. There are a series of consequences which are:

- 1st confiscation – The mobile device is handed back to the student at the end of the day. A letter is sent home to parents/carers and a lunchtime Behaviour Intervention is put in place.
- 2nd confiscation – The mobile device is available for Parents/Carers to collect from the Helpdesk at the end of the following day after confiscation. Parents/Carers should sign the Mobile Phone Confiscation Agreement to confirm they understand the implications of further confiscations. An SLT detention for the duration of one hour is given and a letter sent home to parents/carers.
- 3rd confiscation – The mobile device is confiscated for up to 3 weeks. The Parents/Carers sign the Mobile Phone Confiscation Agreement to confirm that they understand that the implications of further confiscations. An SLT detention for the duration of one hour is given and a letter sent home to Parents/Carers.
- 4th confiscation – The mobile device is confiscated for a period specified by the Headteacher. The parents/carers should sign the Mobile Phone Confiscation Agreement to confirm that they understand the implications. An SLT detention for the duration of one hour is given and a letter sent home to Parents/Carers.

Furthermore, should the device be confiscated again, there may be additional consequences as deemed by the Headteacher.

Please note: We do not wish to confiscate mobile devices for any length of time, but have no choice if the Policy is being flaunted. We recognise the difficulties this creates at home, but the school will not make exceptions. If a student cannot be trusted to follow the rules, then our advice would be simply don't allow your child to bring the device into school. We are very fortunate that we have strong support from Parents/Carers regarding



Sing4Fun

Sing4Fun, a community style choir in Newport, run by Heather and Dale Kynaston, celebrated it's 1 year anniversary with a party on Thursday last week. The mixed voice choir started on September the 11th 2014 and now has a steady membership who meet every Thursday, at the Burton Borough School from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and enjoy each others company whilst singing rock and pop songs from today and times gone by.

The evening at the newly refurbished Burton Borough School was attended by 60 of the choir members and some family and friends. Entertainment was provided by "The Travellers", Barbershop quartet and by Dale himself.

Earlier in the year, the choir managed to raise over £200 when they sang and fronted a tombola stall at the Newport carnival. The decision on which charity to make the donation to was easy, as one of the choir members, Helen Watts, has a degenerative sight condition, so, "Guide Dogs for the Blind" was the obvious choice. Cyril Plant and Pat Grainger from Guide Dogs for the Blind, came along with Tilly (the Guide Dog in training) and gave a short talk about the charity and how the donation will be used.

Newport's' Nova FM were also in attendance to interview several members during the evening and will be broadcasting the interviews in the next week or two.

Pictured here are Heather Kynaston (Sing4Fun), Helen Watts (Choir Member), Cyril Plant and Pat Grainger (Guide Dogs for the Blind), Tilly (Guide Dog puppy in training)





Sexting

Throughout the country there is increasing concern about students 'sexting' which is the practice of sending photos of their bodies to others. This dangerous practice inevitably leads to these photos being widely shared, and the dangers of adults obtaining them are obvious. Taking part in this is illegal and can (and does) lead to the police taking action through cautions and more serious steps if the person does not stop. A police caution is very serious, for some students it can mean that they will be prevented from pursuing some careers such as teaching, childcare or coaching.

We recently invited the police to lead assemblies during which they spelt out the dangers of sexting because we know that this is an issue that affects some students at BBS.

Please have regular conversations with your child about this widespread problem.





Help your child with Numeracy

Do you struggle to help your son or daughter with the maths methods currently taught in school?

Do you want to help your son or daughter be as numerate as possible?

If so, come along to our evening sessions. Each session runs from 6pm until 7pm and gives practical demonstrations and applications of numeracy in action. Refreshments are provided, free of charge.

The sessions will be run on the following dates:

- 17th November
- 26th January
- 15th March
- 26th April
- 21st June



If you require any more information, or wish to confirm your attendance, please email Lisa Kane (Numeracy Coordinator) at lisa.kane@taw.org.uk

Kind regards,

Lisa Kane
Numeracy Coordinator
Burton Borough School

“ It was very helpful just learning how they learn maths now”

“I will now be better placed to help him at home with problems ”



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**FARMHOUSE SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB
TRAINING TIMES
FOR ALL AGES**

SUNDAY

**MORETON MILLENNIUM
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

10:00am - 11:30am

TUESDAY

**BURTON BOROUGH
SCHOOL**

7:00PM - 8:30PM

FRIDAY

**MORETON MILLENNIUM
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

7:00PM - 8:30PM

FIRST LESSON FREE - CHILDREN £2 ADULTS £2.50

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All Instructors are fully qualified and approved by the AMA

**AMATEUR MARTIAL
ASSOCIATION**

Top 5 Questions Parents Have About Instagram

1. *Why do kids love Instagram?*

Instagram is all about taking, enhancing, sharing, and commenting on photos. It's easy to use and it's fun to be able to play around with photos and filters, then quickly share photos, comments, likes, inside jokes, etc. But of course kids also use their Instagram photos to mark special moments and make statements about things they care about.

2. *Does Instagram have a minimum age?*

Yes, it's 13, in compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act. But Instagram doesn't ask users to specify their age and there are many younger children who use the service, often with their parents' permission. Whether Instagram is "safe" depends more on how it's used than the age of the user, but Instagram will delete underage accounts if they're notified and can verify the users are under 13.

3. *What are the risks in using Instagram?*

Though there's nothing inherently dangerous about Instagram, the main things parents worry about are typical of all social media: mean behavior among peers and inappropriate photos that can hurt a child's reputation or attract the wrong kind of attention. Kids can learn to manage these risks, which is why we wrote this guide.

4. *What's the best way to help kids stay safe in Instagram?*

As with all social media, respecting ourselves and others makes us safer. Our posts and comments reflect on us and others in our photos. Even fun and sometimes silly pictures kids post on Instagram become part of their public image, and it's good to get them thinking about that. Respecting others in how photos are shared, tagged and commented on reduces risk to self and others. And while most kids are smart about this, parents need to be sure teens aren't posting provocative photos or having inappropriate interactions with people they don't know, which leads to the next question...

5. *Should my child's profile be private?*

For many kids, part of the fun of Instagram is developing a big following, so this is a good thing for parents and kids to talk about. Having a public account on Instagram means anyone can follow you. A private account does mean strangers won't see your child's content, so many parents have their kids start using Instagram with a private account for sharing only with friends and relatives. That doesn't ensure that social issues among peers won't come up, but it can help in other ways. It really depends on the child and how ready you feel he or she is to use social media kindly and responsibly.

Burton Borough Calendar 2015 –2016

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 School Closed/Holidays

 Public Holidays

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