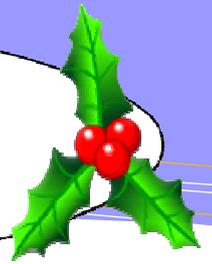




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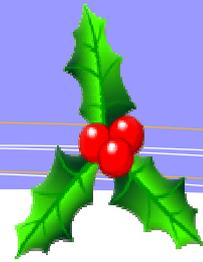
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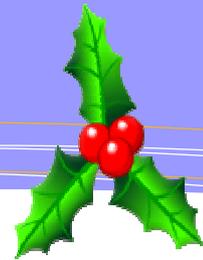
Year 9 Design Technology



This is certainly a 'bumper issues' of the Headteacher's newsletter! Despite the amount we have included, we have actually still struggled to fit everything in!

Last week, I was fortunate to have a tour inside our new building. It is certainly taking shape very quickly now. There is even one room that has been completed ready, so it is possible to get a 'feel' of how the building will work in practice. Exciting times lie ahead, and Monday 8th June (the first day in the new building) will arrive very quickly indeed.

Many of you will already be aware that one of our Deputy Headteacher's, Ms Brown, is currently undertaking a secondment. She is fulfilling the role of Executive Head at Linden Centre, until the end of this academic year. Ms Brown will return to Burton Borough in September 2015. During her absence Mr Morgan will undertake the role of Deputy Headteacher, with Ms Walsh moving to the role of Assistant Headteacher. We wish everyone well in their new roles.



Our congratulations also go to Ms Corbishley who was chosen as the 'Midlands HLTA of the Year'! We are fortunate to have such a fantastic team of Teaching Assistants at Burton Borough, and congratulate Ms Corbishley on this award.

As you know in the couple of weeks, many students and staff have been hit by a particularly severe flu bug. This has come at the end of the longest and most tiring term. Despite the challenges this has created, our Carol Service and Music Concert continued, and hit their usual heights. I cannot thank our staff and students enough for battling through rehearsals when really they should have been at home. I really hope everyone is fully recovered so that they can enjoy a wonderful Christmas.

With best wishes to everyone for a peaceful Christmas and a very happy and successful 2015

Dave Hill

Headteacher



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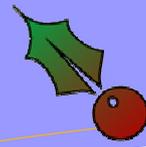


Mrs Richards - Tolkien House

At the end of this term, we say a sad farewell to Mrs Richards (Student Support Manager– Tolkien) who is leaving to work at Wellington Doctors Surgery as Receptionist Manager.

We would like to thank her for her hard work, and contribution to the welfare of students during her time at Burton Borough.

We wish her well in her new role.



Accelerated Reader Christmas Rewards!

Pizza Afternoon!

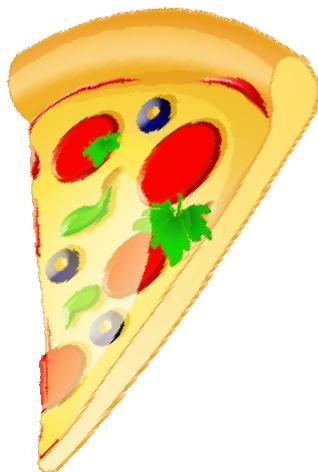


Since launching Accelerated Reader at the beginning of this half term, we have been overwhelmed by the positive response. Thank you to students, parents and teachers. A significant proportion of our students are already quizzing, gaining points and running up amazing word counts.

To celebrate the brilliant response, we held our first Pizza & Movie afternoon on Thursday 11th November. We invited 45 lucky students to have pizza, chips, juice and a special showing of 'Maleficent' – this year's brilliant movie starring Angelina Jolie. A Movie & Pizza afternoon will happen again Easter and once more at the Summer end of term. Get reading ... and get quizzing!

Have a great Christmas ... and remember to check AR Book Finder for books which you will enjoy reading – and which will challenge you and bring your reading age up and up!

Miss Owen, Whole-School Literacy Co-ordinator





Accelerated Reader Home Connect info!

For KS3 parents not able to attend 'Parents Information Evening' of 'Accelerated Reader'. A Proactive Way to Improve BBS Students' Reading Ages – Preparing for Key Stage 4.

Q: What is Accelerated Reader?

A: It is a very powerful software programme which can work out your child's reading age. It also gives your child's ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development). Your child can be directed to books which are both interesting and challenging for them. Every student should read books within their range to ensure reading ages rise. The reading material your child will have to access at KS4 gets increasingly more complex – in all curriculum areas from Maths to English, PE to DT or Science to Humanities. Improving reading ages is essential as your child needs to be able to access and understand information across all of the subjects they will study in the years to come.

Q: How often should my child read?

A: In order for this to work for your child, he/she should be reading **every day**. How long your child should read for depends on their reading age. Any student at KS3 with a reading age below 11 should read for **at least 20 minutes per day**. The higher their reading age, the more they should read. If your child has a 15+ reading age, then he/she should aim for 45-60 minutes per day. We recommend reading to you as parents now and then so you can: question them about words they may not understand; ask them about predictions and impressions of different characters; and ask them to read between the lines.

Q: How do I know my child's reading age and ZPD range?

A: Every student in years 7, 8 and 9 has now been Star Tested to determine their reading age. Every student has a sheet attached to the inside back cover of their Personal Study Diaries. You will find all the information you need to know there. This will be updated again in January when every student takes another test to see if their reading age has increased through their reading.

Q: How do they take quizzes on books they have read?

A: Simply go to the Burton Borough School website. Right at the top is a very small link marked 'Intranet'. Click on this and you will find a link to Accelerated Reader 'Home Connect'. This directs you to the correct website. **DO NOT** click on the box 'Star Reader'! Go to the orange box 'Accelerated Reader'. Your child has set their own password. If they have forgotten it, please contact your child's English teacher to reset. This can be easily done. Once logged in, they can type in the book name and do a test. If there is no test available for that book, it will be obvious. Try to read books regularly which have tests.

Q: How can I help my child choose books within their ZPD (or ATOS level)?

A: Go to the Burton Borough intranet (as above) where there is a link to AR Book Finder. Here, go to the **ADVANCED SEARCH** tab. Click onto the drop-down box for interest level (choose their age range) ... tap in tier ZPD ranges into the two boxes (the same as ATOS levels) and choose to add extra filters under 'additional criteria'. You can also choose fiction or non-fiction. Click 'go' and a list of suitable books come up. There are books in our library so suit every reading age and interest level. Your child **MUST** have a book with them at all times in school.

How to Get Involved
In Reading At Home.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS, OVERCOMING CHALLENGE, SUPPORTING OTHERS!

Lennon House Newsletter!

Yet another busy half term has whizzed by! As I draft this, I am warming up my singing voice in preparation for our Christmas Assembly tomorrow. Lennon House is in for a real treat as all Tutors and Co-Tutors will be singing the House a special Christmas message.

This Christmas we have also joined forces with our arch rivals, Tolkien House, in a joint project to sell Candy Canes for our House Charities. It is fabulous to see the houses work collaboratively on a project that will bring benefits to others.

Lastly, I finish with a big plea to support our Lennon House Charity Day that will be running on the second Friday after Christmas. Although we all pull our belts in during January, we will be running a '1960's style' music festival in the Gym. All tutor groups are contributing in some way and we are hoping to raise over £1000 for Alder Hey Charity. Stalls will include temporary tattoos, fancy dress competition, cakes, sweets and game. The main attraction will undoubtedly be our brilliant Lennon House Performers that will provide entertainment to all! Please support this event in any way you can, It really helps develop social responsibility and entrepreneurial skills.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas,
Sarah Alecock, Head of Lennon House.





Bad Weather Procedures



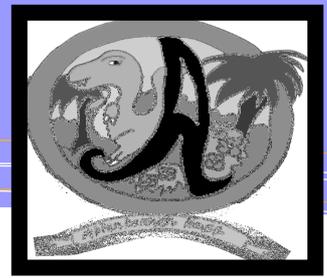
Severe Weather/Unforeseen Circumstances

If over the coming winter months, Burton Borough has to close due to severe weather conditions, the closure will be made as early as possible in the morning via:

- Our school website <http://www.burtonborough.org.uk/>
- Telford & Wrekin's website <http://www.telford.gov.uk/winter>
- Twitter @BurtonBorough
- BBC Radio Shropshire may also announce the information that they receive from the websites.

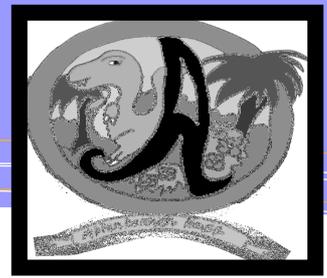
As always, we will make every effort to keep the school open at all times.





On December 2nd Attenborough's Christmas 'Tree of Light' was turned on. Attenborough House have received many dedications to loved ones that our Captains put onto the noticeboard, outside reception, and we are still receiving them. Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's charitable event.



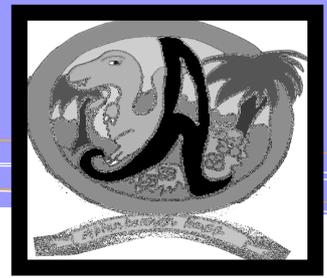


Attenborough House's 'Basket Ball Shoot Out'

Our Junior House Captains Luke and Molly organised an inter-house Basketball Shoot Out during this term. Over several weeks forms have been battling it out, to see who can score the most baskets in a set time. Heats were followed by quarter finals, then semis and the final was held on Friday November 28th. Mr Evans and Ms Stephens battled it out and the overall winner was Mr Evans's form with an impressive 46 baskets!

Well done to everyone who took part. Form tutors agreed that it was a fun team building exercise in CLL.

Luke and Molly are now busy organising another event.



Hi I'm Lucy and I'm Attenborough's Junior Sports Captain. I like loads of sports, but mainly swimming, in which I competed at the Nationals.

This year I will be trying to promote sport at Burton Borough and get people involved in more clubs and sporting events.



My name is Abbie Aitken and this year I am going to be Attenborough's Senior Sports Captain alongside Tom Brown. This year I am very driven to try and get students to participate in after school sport activities. Of course I don't need to promote the more obvious sport choices like boys football and netball but there are clubs like basketball and badminton which have hardly any students turning up to them. Most of you won't take a second look at this but if we really want a good chance at finally winning sports day we are going to need people who are able to compete in particular events and who are willing to try their hand at anything! If you do have any questions on anything sport related like clubs or interhouse competitions please ask any of the junior or senior sports captains.



Hi I'm Abi and my role this year is Publicity/Arts Captain. This means that I work alongside Mrs Burton organising the House Noticeboard to ensure it stands out compared to the other houses. I will be advertising the house events organised by our other captains, whether charitable or inter house competitions.

Main Aims this year:

I am looking forward to supporting our younger captains within their roles.

Also, advertise all our upcoming events to make sure the majority of people get involved.

The Role of a Form Tutor

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

Back Safe and Sound from a Fantastic Trip to Spain

Students behaviour was impeccable and they were a pleasure to spend time with. We visited the Picasso museum in Malaga, the Mezquita in Cordoba, the Giralda in Seville and the Alhambra in Granada plus much more.





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 they can be?

If so, come along to our evening sessions. Each session runs from 6pm – 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:

Tuesday 13th January

Tuesday 24th February

Tuesday 14th April

Tuesday 19th May

Tuesday 23rd 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

Comments from parents who attended the last session said: “ it was very helpful just learning how they learn maths now” . “I will now be better placed to help him at home with problems”



GREASE



The school musical GREASE is currently in rehearsals with over 100 students taking part in the show. Every Friday since October students have been rehearsing to make sure Grease is our biggest and best show yet.

1959– USA. Rydell High School is filled with rebellious, thrill-loving students—none cooler than the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies. New girl Sandy discovers she is now at the same school as her summer romance— Danny, the leader of the T-Birds. Attracted to her wholesome ways during the summer, Danny now rejects Sandy to protect his macho image, leaving her struggling to belong. As the show goes on the gangs have to deal with relationships woes, finding out who they are and of course surviving High School.

The musical features songs such as *You're The One That I Want*, *Grease Is The Word*, *Summer Nights* and of course *Greased Lightnin'*. Students, including many who have never performed before, are working incredibly hard to learn all the songs and dances. Everyone is really excited to be doing GREASE and once we come back after Christmas the countdown will be on to make sure the show is ready to go on.

The show will take place between 3rd and 7th February and tickets will go on sale in mid-January so look out for more details.



This has been another hectic half term for Tolkien. The build up to Christmas has seen a lot of members of our house involved in rehearsals for the Christmas concert and service that is happening this week.

As part of our Christmas preparations Tolkien have been busy organising the sending of Candy Canes. The idea is that you can purchase a Candy Cane and have it sent to a friend with a Christmas message attached. We are working on this as a joint project with Lennon and Moore.

We have our Celebration Assembly this week and looking through the awards to be handed out we have a lot to be proud of in our House.

Sadly this week will be Mrs Lisa Richards last week working with Tolkien. She will be moving on to pastures new in the New Year. We will all miss her and the fantastic work that she does in Tolkien. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her on behalf of the students in Tolkien for all she has done for them and our house over the two plus years she has been here. We wish her well in her new position and hope she will come back and see us soon.

All in Tolkien would like to wish you a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.





DEAR Day!

Drop Everything ... And READ!

Here at Burton Borough School, encouraging our students to read regularly is one of our key initiatives. Reading encourages creativity, an ability to empathise, taps into our enquiring natures and enables us to discover. It also builds our vocabulary base ... and, the more we read challenging texts, the higher our reading age. During Literacy Week (1-5 December), we held another DEAR day where everyone – including teachers - read for 15 minutes in every lesson. It was really superb to see that the vast majority of students had reading books with them. We saw a wide range of reading material from 'The Fault in Our Stars' to 'Awful Auntie' to Alex Ferguson's biography.

Another DEAR day will be held in the Spring term. Remember – if you want advice on choosing your child a reading book for Christmas, go to the information on 'Accelerated Reader' and access AR Book Finder on the School's website under 'intranet' on our Home Page.

Christine Owen
Literacy Co-ordinator





No Pens Day Wednesday!

Putting Down our Pens & Picking Up Our Language

On Wednesday 3rd December, Burton Borough held its first 'No Pens Day'. This is the day when we put down our pens and pick up our language. Talk for Learning is really powerful: students can learn from each other through their speaking and listening skills.

Students across both Key Stages thoroughly enjoyed the day. Here are just a few examples of the different learning opportunities the students experienced that day ...

In Mrs Hennessy's Year 9 English class, they were given the opportunity to imagine how men spent their time in 1930s America as they are studying Steinbeck's *Mice & Men*. A game of horseshoes and the recreation of Crooks' stable home were just part of the learning. In Mrs Newey's Science class, group work involved passing a ball of string to ensure everyone contributed to the discussion. Over in Maths, Mrs Kane was plotting graphs and Mrs Corbett was working on iPads and prompts for a group investigation. Miss Loughborough filmed her class as they advertised a place of pilgrimage that they had researched and presented their advert to the rest of the class. In my class, Year 10's completed a role play based on a court scene inspired by Robert Browning's poem 'The Laboratory' led to some explosive performance – Toby Vince was particularly memorable!

At Burton Borough, the staff are always enthusiastic about trying out new initiatives and take themselves and our students out of their comfort zones. This is certainly an initiative we will repeat – and 'no pens' lessons are already starting to happen around the school.

Christine Owen
Literacy Co-ordinator



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.

Dave Hill
Headteacher

Trina Elliot
Education Welfare Officer

Looking to Plan a Holiday in 2015?

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 leaving date.



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.



As we approach the Christmas it is a nice time to reflect on what has been a very busy term for all people connected to Moore house. As it stands we are very proud to be the house that is currently winning the house point total. Well done to all the students for putting us in this position. We look forward to what will be an equally busy and rewarding spring term. Wishing every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K. Mainwaring'.

Kevin Mainwaring



Moore's got talent:

We were very privileged this year to get to see 3 acts take part in the Moore has got talent completion. The acts were absolutely fantastic and went down really well with the watching students and staff. Thank you to Hayden Sayce, Michaela Garrow, Sasha Vandesande, Jay Emmerson and Jay Harris for taking part. We hope to combine all these acts along with those of other houses to put on a very special evening in the future to raise money for our nominated charities.

Charity News:

Mr Bell and Mr Wood from SBE ran a house assembly on our nominated house charity Marie Curie Cancer care. The assembly was very poignant, highlighting the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care and detailing how they used the money for which the house has raised so much. The form also did a quick collection of money at the end of assembly and raised over £50. This was an excellent start for our charity push this year, with next term being our charity week to tie in with the national Big Daffodil appeal.



Recess go to the World Championships 2014 in Glasgow!

During the summer holidays I had the fantastic opportunity to go to the World Street Dance Championships at the SECC in Glasgow. My street dance crew RECESS, competed against the world's best street dancers.

We all travelled together on the train to Glasgow on Friday 22nd of August. We had to dance in qualifying rounds on both the Friday and Saturday to earn the chance to dance in the final on Sunday.

The atmosphere in the venue on the Saturday was very tense and exciting as we waited to hear if we had qualified. We were ecstatic when they announced that Recess had made it through to the finals!

I had also pre-qualified at regional competitions to dance a solo at the worlds on the Saturday, I was so happy to dance through two rounds and qualify for the final on Sunday for that too. I had to go on a massive stage with the other dancers that had qualified. It was very scary but fun as well and I was overjoyed to be awarded a 7th place World champion trophy in my under 14 intermediate solo.

Eight crews made it to the finals and on the Sunday Recess took to the stage again; ready to fight for the world championship trophy. We walked out on to the stage to face the eight judges, each representing a different country. I had butterflies in my stomach and I could feel my heart pounding in my chest, as I stood there waiting for the music to start. This was it, we gave it everything and danced as hard as we could. Now all we could do was wait.

When every crew had danced the awards were announced whilst we had to wait behind the stage to see where we had placed. We were all so nervous, we stood in a circle with our arms around each other waiting for the results. We were over the moon when they announced that Recess had got come 2nd in the Under 14 Advanced teams World championships and we ran on to the stage to collect our trophy with pride.

Jodie Teeling and her Street Dance Crew



Recess go to the World Championships 2014 in Glasgow!





“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	Ms Dakin
Moore	Mr Mainwaring	Mrs Pickering
Tolkien	Mrs Heins	To be appointed
Attenborough	Miss Loughborough (covering Mrs Tomlinson)	Mr Garbett (covering 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.



Coming Up Soon

Dates for your Diary

- 19th December 2014 End of Term—1.35pm finish
- 5th January 2015 PD Day
- 6th January 2015 School returns for New Term 8.50am
Blue Week
- 19th January 2015 Year 9 (x half) Options Evening
- 20th January 2015 Year 9 (y half) Options Evening
- 29th January 2015 HPV Vaccinations
- 30th January 2015 EEL Day
- 4th February 2015 School Musical Evening Performance 7pm
- 5th February 2015 School Musical Evening Performance 7pm
- 6th February 2015 School Musical Evening Performance 7pm
- 7th February 2015 School Musical Matinee Performance 2pm
Evening Performance 7pm
- 10th February 2015 Year 9 Parents Evening
- 13th February 2015 Half term—3.15pm finish
- 23rd February 2015 PD Day
- 24th February 2015 School returns—8.50am
Blue Week
- 12/13th March 2015 EEL Days—double
- 23rd March 2015 Year 8 Parents Evening
- 27th March 2015 End of Term for Easter - 3.15pm finish



Student of the Month

November 2014

Attenborough Nominations

- PVI Pippa Mansell, Jay Moore, Niamh Taylor
- KST Sam Matthews, Olivia Hawley, Jake Burrows
- AAD Tom Olliver, Sophie Avery, Celeste Ashford
- PEV Holly Armstrong, Jess Taphouse, Mille Bennett
- HNE Molly Kent , Craig Jones, Claire Wright
- VLC Toby Vince, Paige Shorter, Alex Dove
- RBA Victoria Barker, Mary Strickland, Harry Johnson
- JWA Lee Storey, Georgina Russell, Matthew Harrison
- LKA Tom Brown , Sehaj Grewal , Carys Clempner
- NPR Luke Burton , Alex Lowe, Amrita Virk

Winners

Ruby Wilson and
Louisa Maddox

Lennon Nominations

- TBI Oliver Vickers, Rebecca Grant, Ewan Walker
- JGL Vaneeta Verma, Joe Thorpe, Izzy Slade-Jones
- JGR Andrew Clarke, Lauren Jenkins, Elise Barker
- CCO Holly Lea, Alex Wilkes, Anthony Brizuela
- KGO Jake Smith, Phoebe Shaw, Ethan Henderson
- KLP Charlie Conquest, Lois Bradford, Elise Milner
- CJO Abi Lovatt, Isla Murphy , Angel Webb
- SJG Anna Grainger, Jorge Hadley Moore
Emily Whiles
- GFA Emily Rodwell, Zac Hayes, Nichole
Coombes

Winners

Anthony Brizuela &
Izzy Slade-Jones



Student of the Month

September 2014

Moore Nominations

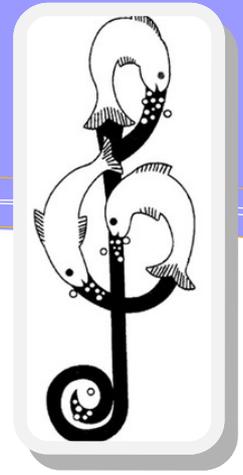
- JWY Isobel Laverie, Katie Blythe, Thomas Scott
- KPR Harry Rowlings, Carla Austin, Aimee McDonald
- SRU Dan Graves , Mark Dixon, Eddie Scott
- JNI Callum Jones, David Phelan, Emily Smith
- SSD Alex Baguely, Olli Davenport, Morgan Astbury
- MWY Haydn Sayce, James Round, Joel Boy Doe
- ACO Luke Holt, Hayden Ravencroft, Sam Oliver
- RGE Nathan Perrins, Morgan Lawley Robinson, Christie Trotman
- JPR James Seymour, Robyn Husslebee, Ffion Neal



Tolkien Nominations

- KBA Kieran Bennett, Molly Evans, Josh Hodson
- EHE Mir Barge, Katylan Morris, Matthew Winterbottom
- MPF Chloe Goldsmith, Callum Brookfield, Chloe Riley
- ABE Jordan Gripton, Charlie Ensor
- ARU Ashleigh Moore, Victoria Wilson
- LBU Dan Gormley, Jess Kendall
- SIR Nicole Tagg, Ellie Gough, Josh Riley
- HBI Lydia Thorne, Jacob Bradshaw, Eleanor Blythin
- ELO Ellie Ward, Grace Padkin, Reece Jones





BBS Band Christmas Concert

To finish the term the BBS Bands will hold their
Christmas Concert on
Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm in the
School hall.

All the school bands and ensembles will
perform including Concert Band, Big Band,
Harmony Choir and Junior Choir.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see all our
hardworking musicians perform including
hearing the Concert Band and Big Bands
NCBF competition pieces.

Tickets cost £4 for adults and £3 for
concessions and can be bought from the
Music Department.

For more information or to book tickets please
contact the
Music Department at school.



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:

By contacting the Attendance Office on 01952 386554
(answer phone in

operation so please leave a message),

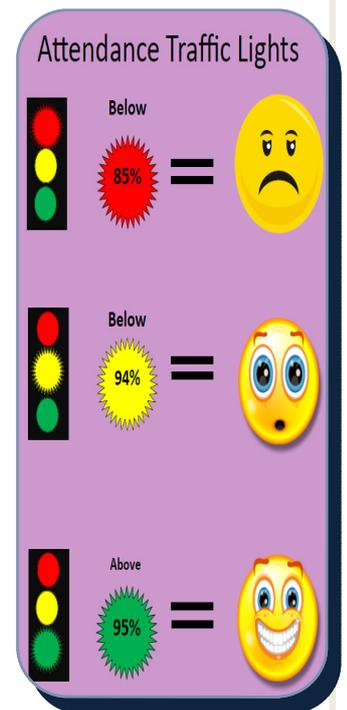
E-mail: attendance.bbs@taw.org.uk

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).





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



Important news: Are you interested in training to become a Primary School or Early Years teacher ?

Our school is part of a growing number that are supporting school-led teacher training. This is really important to us as a school because it means we can choose locally trained teachers to join the profession and deliver the best outcomes for all the children.

We are a partner of the local Severn Teaching School Alliance and they have vacancies to start teacher training from September 2015. They would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher. Our Alliance is looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. We are particularly interested to hear from people who are considering a career change.

With a starting salary typically over £24,000 and financial bursaries available to support trainees during their training there might not be a better time to consider a School Direct programme.

There are a team of people who would love to hear from you and have a chat about the exciting local teacher training opportunities available. You can contact Lee Ferriday by email : lee.ferriday@telford.gov.uk or contact him by telephone on 0797 3435711.

For any further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally you can also visit :

www.severnteachingschool.co.uk



Burton Borough Website Survey

What do you think?

We posted a request for visitors to our website to tell us what they think just before the summer and the responses we've had have been really helpful. We're working on making changes to key information for parents including newsletters and key dates which we will have up and running very soon.

However, we would really appreciate it if you could take a look at the survey we have online. It's completely anonymous and won't take any longer than a few minutes to complete. Just point your web browser at the following address:-



[https://](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GXMX2V7)

www.surveymonkey.com/s/GXMX2V7

We would really appreciate your feedback and will use it to help improve the website for the benefit of all our visitors. Thank you!

School Twitter and News Feeds

There are few ways to get the latest news from the school website; the simplest way is to go to the website homepage and click on the 'Latest News' link, which displays all the news articles as they are posted. The website can be viewed not just on a traditional PC, but also works perfectly on a mobile device such as a tablet computer (such as an iPad) or any smartphone. The display reformats itself to make the best of the device you're using.

Another way to get the news is by using an RSS feed; these programs get the news as it is published and download it to your device. You can subscribe to the RSS feed by clicking on the icon (next to 'Latest News') and subscribe to it using your favourite RSS reader app.



Finally, we're posting news and event information on the school Twitter account, which links into more detailed information on the school website. You can follow us by searching for our account name:

@BurtonBorough

Hopefully these services will help parents, students and visitors keep in touch with what is going on here at Burton Borough!

Mr Attwood
ICT Department



Lucy Hopkins

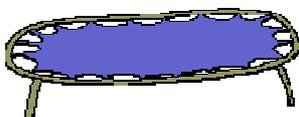
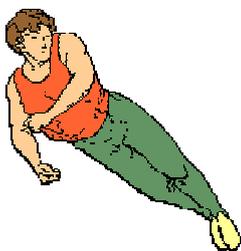


*The Journey
So Far...*

An exhibition took place in the Boughey Studio to show all of Lucy's work to date. The showcase of Lucy's work gave everyone an opportunity to see how her talent continues to grow. Well done Lucy! We are very proud of you!

Success continues for Ben O'Connor

Ben O'Connor left Burton Borough School 6 years ago and has now gone on to complete a BSc with honours in Geology and Environmental Studies from Birmingham University. Ben is living and studying in Italy and doing a Masters degree. He has continued with his much loved sport of trampolining; Ben also coaches and judges in Italy too.



Congratulations to Ben for his continued success!





Rugby Success



Pictured above are 5 of our Year 10 rugby players who represented Shropshire Rugby Union during October.

From left: Alex Haselock, Josh Hodson, Jacob Leonard, Alister Carrington and Charlie Gamble,

Alex and Charlie both play for St Helens, Jacob, Alister and Josh have just started playing with Midlands Rugby League. Charlie and Alex also play for Worcester Warriors, and recently played against Gloucester with Charlie scoring a try!



Girls Football—Good News

A convincing 10-0 win over the Charlton School in the second round of the county cup.

Congratulations go to Fran Garrott (4 goals), Keeley Thorpe (4 goals), Jaime Edwards (2 goals), Maddie Hampton, Jess Goddard, Alice Duffin, Abi Berridge, Holly Nicholson (captain), Ayse Et, Eloise Lamb, Chloe Mansell, Abbie Aitken.

In the first round of the County Cup, just before half term, they beat the Grove School 12-0. Personally I think it's all thanks to the expert coaching they received from Mr Morgan!

Mrs George

PE Department



Back Row L-R: Jess Goddard, Alice Duffin, Fran Garrott, Maddie Hampton, Keeley Thorpe

Front Row L-R: Abi Aitken, Ayse Et, Eloise Lamb, Abi Berridge

Missing: Holly Nicholson (Capt), Jaime Edwards, Chloe Mansell

You can now follow the PE Department on Twitter @BBSPE.

We will use this to tweet information on fixtures, results, emergency messages and cancellations.





The U14 Girl's Football Team played their first competitive 11 a-side match against Thomas Telford School recently. Borough fielded a team of mixed years (from year 7 through to year 9) whereas TTS's team comprised of year 9's who won the National Cup the previous year. To give due credit to Borough they started extremely well and players such as Megan Trickett (yr 7) and Lauren McLaughlin (yr8) had a massive impact on the game right from the kick-off. TTS's experience started to show through and they eventually finished as 7-0 winners. Borough should be very proud of their efforts though and gave a fine first-time performance.



Back Row: Nicole Tagg, Daisy Murray (C), Chloe Trower, Ellie Ward, Hannah Bratton
Front Row: Beth Lane, Issie McMorran, Natalie Tagg, Lauren McLoughlin
Missing: Megan Trickett, Daisy Wood & Lottie Norton



Newport January Jog

NEWPORT JANUARY JOG

4th January 2015

Senior 5km Run starts @ 12.00pm

£5.00 Entry Fee PLUS Sponsorship

Fun Run 2.5km starts @ 1.00pm

£3.00 Entry Fee PLUS Sponsorship

Shuker Field Newport

Parking at Burton Borough School

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ian@ultrasport.co.uk

07815068065



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Briefing for Councillors, Parishes and Schools 2014

Telford & Wrekin Council has reviewed its winter maintenance plans and winter maintenance communication so that it's easier for people to know what we do during the winter to keep residents safe and the roads moving in wintry conditions. We want to create a general awareness about the Council's gritting and winter service policy, particularly in periods of severe weather.

We have dedicated web pages on the Council's website, www.telford.gov.uk/winter, which provides clear information in one place. It includes clear guidelines on where we grit, a 'check my road' feature where you can find out if your road is gritted and frequently asked questions on winter maintenance. You can also find out about school and other service closures, as and when they happen, and find out about affordable warmth.

Full details can be found via our school website

<http://www.burtonborough.org.uk/>



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MONDAY 22nd December
TUESDAY 23rd December



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- Health and Safety
- Customer Service
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Call Helen on 01952 200677 / 07990 087856

or email helen.davy@shropshire.gov.uk

or contact Paulette on 07990 086000

paulette.kupiec@shropshire.gov.uk



county training



County Training, working with Telford and Wrekin Council, are able to offer parents a range of support to help them back to work.

Through the government funded programme 'Support for Families' we are able to help unemployed individuals overcome personal barriers to work with a range of support such as the development of soft skills, confidence and motivation, identifications of goals, family challenges for example housing issues or money management, and general careers guidance. Additionally, we are also able to provide a relevant occupational qualification, work placements and job search support. Travel is reimbursed for participants whilst on the programme.

For many this may not be applicable, however for lone parents or those on benefits or part time hours, this could allow them to improve their prospects, which in turn could have a positive effect on their children.

Support for Families is due to finish next year and the last referrals to the programme therefore have to take place before 19 December 2014. Above is a copy of our leaflet, if you would like any more information or to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me as I realise the deadline is very soon and this is a busy time for you in preparation for the Christmas holiday.

Paulette Kupiec

Employment Manager, Learning Employment and Training Services

Shropshire Council, County Training.



Operation Christmas Child



The students and staff of Burton Borough have been busy collecting for contributions and donations for 'Operation Christmas Child'. The scheme runs every year, organised by the Samaritans Purse to provide a gift of presents for children around the world. Toys, sweets, writing and art materials and simple things such as washing items are packed into a shoebox and with a small contribution for the costs of transport, they are dispatched around the world in time for Christmas.

Here we have some of our students (L-R Mark Dixon, Katie Wassell, Elizabeth Phillips and Daniel Greaves) pictured with Mrs Pickering (Student Support Manager) who helped organise the collection, with the 46 shoeboxes just before they were about to be collected by Operation Christmas Child.



Nikki and Jordon from 'Operation Christmas Child' send the BBS boxes to their final destination



Post 16 Careers Evening



Once again, the Burton Borough held it's Post 16 Careers Evening on Wednesday, October 15th, in the Sports Hall. The evening as usual was very well attended by both our Year 10 and 11 students. There were 25 Providers available to speak to on the night, including representatives from the Armed Forces/Police and NHS. The evening provides our students the opportunity to speak to providers from all the different post 16 routes available to them.





Has your child grown out of their uniform?

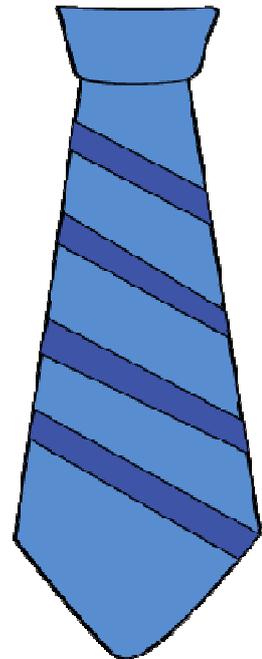
The Pastoral Team are very grateful for the uniform that is donated to them, once your child has grown out of it.

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





Mobile Device Consequences & Agreement

Mobile devices can be brought into school, but must not be used on site. If they are used, they will be confiscated. There is a “ratchet” of consequences which are:

- 1st confiscation: handed back to student at the end of the day. Letter sent home to parents/carer and a lunchtime Behaviour Intervention given.
- 2nd confiscation: available for parent/carer to collect from Helpdesk at the end of the following day after confiscation. Parent/carer to sign the confiscation form to confirm they understand the implications of further confiscations. SLT Community Service (one hour) given.
- 3rd confiscation: mobile device confiscated for up to 3 weeks. Parent/carer to sign the confiscation form to confirm that they understand the implications of further confiscations. SLT Community Service (one hour) given.
- 4th confiscation: mobile device confiscated for a period specified by the Headteacher. Parent/carer to sign the confiscation form to confirm that they understand these implications. SLT Community Service (1 hour) given.

Furthermore, should the device be confiscated again, there may be additional consequences as deemed necessary 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 will not make exceptions. If a student cannot be trusted, then simply don't bring the device to school.

We are very fortunate that we have (almost) universal support from parents/carers regarding such issues. This is vital if we are to send clear messages to the students.



Whitsun 2015

As you will be aware, our new building will be completed at this time. We will, therefore, need to move into our new accommodation. However, we will also have to temporarily vacate almost all of our current buildings so that they can be refurbished prior to September 2015.

This reorganisation is going to be unavoidably disruptive. It will not have an impact on students in Year 11 who will be either sitting exams or continuing with their lessons. We will bring forward the "Work Experience" fortnight for students in Year 10 so that this will run from Monday 1st June until Friday 12th June, which means that there will be no overall impact on students in either Year 10 or Year 11 during their GCSEs.

Given the challenges of moving into our building, the Governors requested a closure for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 which was agreed by Telford and Wrekin. This means that we will be closed to all students on Friday 22nd May (the day before half term) and for the week Monday 1st June until Friday 5th June. We will reopen in our new building at the normal time on Monday 8th June

Moving an entire school during a school year is far from ideal, and has forced us into this additional closure. All schools in Telford and Wrekin with similar (or larger) building projects have also been forced into making equivalent decisions.

We recognise that this situation will create some challenges, which is why we hope that giving you this information a year in advance will help with your planning.

We would also like to remind you that this partial closure only applies to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 at Burton Borough. All of our local infant/Junior/Primary schools will be fully open during this week.

Whilst this disruption is unwelcome, it is a sign that our new building will soon be used by our students. After nine years of planning, we are nearly there.

D.M.Hill
Headteacher

P.Broomhead
Chair of Governors



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Telford kickboxer Jamie Morgan on top of the world

A young kickboxer from Telford is on top of the world after striking gold at a major international event in Italy.



Jamie Morgan with coach Steven McMullen in Tuscany

Jamie Morgan, from Muxton, battled his way through six gruelling bouts to claim the -50kg mat light contact continuous boys' crown in the 13-15-year-old division at the Unified World Championships in Tuscany.

Morgan, who trains at Lightning Sport Karate in Telford, won a demanding final against a talented fighter from the Czech Republic by a unanimous decision to reach the top of the podium. He also claimed bronze in the -50 kg ring light contact continuous kickboxing division in the same age group. And his delighted coach and club owner Steven McMullen said: "It is a massive achievement. He was in a big category and it was a good standard. He fought people from the Czech Republic, Ukraine and Northern Ireland as well as England. He is an experienced fighter who had previously competed all over the country but that was the first time he had competed abroad so he has done very well."

Morgan, who took up the sport seven years ago, has certainly put in the hard yards in preparation for his moment of glory. He trains five days a week with Lightning Sport, dividing his time between their bases at Hadley Learning Community and Phoenix School in Dawley.

That has also been supplemented with additional sparring sessions in both Burton-upon-Trent and Birmingham to prepare him for the tournament, which was held over three days. More than 1,000 fighters from dozens of nations took part in the event, including a 60-strong contingent from England.

Asked what Jamie's next goal was, McMullen said: "He just wants to carry on the way he is going and keep entering competitions."



SPEAK OUT

Speak: To your tutor, your teacher, your Head of House, your Student Support Manager, your family or your friends - don't worry alone!

Email: speakout.bbs@taw.org.uk - we will email back and listen, help and support you.

Websites and Blogs: www.youngminds.org.uk, www.childline.org.uk, www.recoveryyourlife.com.

Call: Childline 0800 1111.



Too much on your plate?





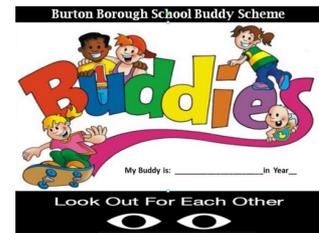
Safeguarding

We take safeguarding extremely seriously at Burton Borough. We have two designated officers (Mr Hill (Assistant Head) and Ms Owen), and all staff are trained annually.

Further details can be found via our school website <http://www.burtonborough.org.uk/School-Policies>

Buddies

All students now have a specific “buddy” who looks out for them and provides support for them. This is an important part of our support for each student as an individual



SPEAK OUT

This is a new service for parents and students to improve communication

On the school website in the parents section and on the posters around school is the new ‘Speak Out’ email address: speakout.bbs@taw.org.uk

Please remember that we have the Helpdesk, Tutors, Heads of House and Students Support Managers for all the pastoral day to day issues and concerns and class teachers and Heads of Learning Area for any academic or progress issues or concerns However, if you feel you need to speak out about something more general or are frustrated by an issue or concerns please use this email address and you will receive a reply within 48 hrs.
Mr Morgan (Deputy Headteacher)



Parking on Audley Avenue

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

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

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE



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**IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999**



As part of an initiative to increase pedestrian safety outside local schools, Safer Neighbourhood policing teams are to take a preventative course of action in the hope of raising awareness to drivers, parents or guardians to the well being of children, thereby promoting road safety to reduce road casualties.

We would like to remind you of the following to prevent unnecessary obstruction of the road or entrance to your son/daughter's school which benefits all parties:-

You must keep the 'School keep Clear' Zigzags free from vehicles. These markings mean that YOU MUST NOT STOP, even to drop off or pick up.

Park so that you do not cause any inconvenience to anyone else.

Do not park illegally – fines start at £30.

Do not drive or park on the pavement – children are taught the pavement is a safe place to be.

Do not park on single yellow lines if restrictions are in place which will be clearly visible on street furniture such as lamp posts.

Do not park on double yellow lines, these protect the junctions and allow motorists the visibility they need.

Do not park in designated Bus Stop Bays where it is marked on the road in yellow and signed.

Park away from road features such as traffic islands so that other road users including large vehicles, lorries, fire engines, coaches can get through

Dropped kerbs are there to assist pushchair and wheelchair users to cross the road, do not park so that you block them.

Never park so as to stop a resident or trader from getting on or off their property and if you are doing this you must move by law when asked to do so.

Do not park on verges, as you may damage them, or any utilities underneath. The local authority can charge you for the cost of the repair.

Drive slowly at school times, children may suddenly step out into the road, this allows you time to stop safely.

Vehicles identified causing any of the above offences may be subject to prosecution



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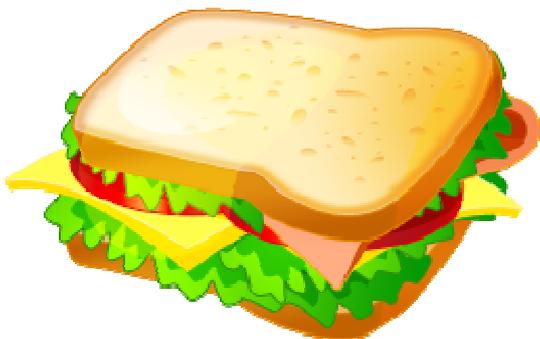
food to go!

Food At Burton Borough

As you may know, this will be the second year that we have run our own catering service. This has enabled us to improve the quality of our food, whilst also keeping prices fixed for the second year running.

A full meal costs just £2.20, which is also the cost of the “deli offer”. There is also a new range of sandwiches available this year.

Give it a try.....



2014 - 2015 School Calendar

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 School Closed/Holidays

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 Period of School Closure - BSF Pack/Move
 Y10 Work Experience 1st to 12th June 2015

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