

# Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

December 2019



Dear Families,

It's nearly Christmas! Students and staff are full of festive cheer this month, decorating their classrooms and ensuring that every member of our school community is part of the fun. We are not sure how this year has gone by so quickly and that it is nearly 2020 – time certainly flies when you're having fun! I have just eaten a huge Christmas lunch in the canteen (which was a bargain at only £2.50!) and it was so lovely seeing so many happy smiling faces filling up their tummies! However, our students know that there are those who are less fortunate than us and with the help of Aqualate Small School, we have been collecting food for the food bank. Thank you and well done to everybody who kindly donated to this very worthy cause (photo below).

We had our 2019 GCSE Celebration Evening with our year 11 cohort from last year who received their certificates and received prizes and commendations. Congratulations once again to all of them for their fantastic results and a particular well done to Amara Otero-Salgado who was awarded the Principal's Award for her dedication to Burton Borough School and fantastic work ethic. We also celebrated the successes of our current year 11 cohort at the Work Experience Awards where Jo and Ed from Radio Active presented! It was also fantastic to have so many organisations represented at the evening to receive awards for their contribution and dedication in allowing our students gain work experience. Thank you so much!

Individual successes this month include Vanessa Macleod who was awarded Junior Player of the Year at Boughey Gardens Tennis Club, India Dobson who was awarded the U14 Coach's Player Award at Tibberton Netball Club and Amelia Jarrett who received her black belt in Taekwondo after only 4 years of training. I would also like to say good luck to Niamh Stretton who will be performing in Oliver with The Arts Centre, Telford (TACT) very soon!

A huge well done goes to our PE department who received the Education Award at the annual Tennis Shropshire LTA Awards and also to our Sportability team who were the overall winners at the Telford and Wrekin competition.

Everyone continues to be extremely busy, with our Music and Performing Arts team putting on a fabulous Autumn Concert. It was brilliant to see such community spirit with our Concert Band and Big Band playing alongside the Newport Male Voice Choir. Our new Thursday morning PSHE lessons are working well and it was great to see a special PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) competition for our students. DT Food have also been working away with glorious smells coming through the main teaching block – those cheesecakes smelled delicious! Our anti-bullying ambassadors also raised awareness of the impacts of bullying by creating activities for tutor time. Well done to you all!

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,  
**Krissi Carter (Principal)**



(Right: Students with food for the Food Bank)



## Upcoming events

20<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Last day of Autumn Term

7<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
First day of Spring term

8<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Year 9 Parents'/Carers'  
Evening

14<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
KS4 Transition Evening

4<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Year 7 Parents'/Carers'  
Evening

14<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Last day of half term

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Well done to Vanessa (left) who was awarded Junior Player of the Year at Boughey Gardens Tennis Club in Newport for her dedication and interest in becoming a coach during her own time in the summer holidays. She also pushed herself to develop her skills. Well done Vanessa!



Huge congratulations to Amelia who received her black belt in Taekwondo after 4 years of training. Wow!



Students conducted geography fieldwork in Stafford



Our year 9 football team continues to play well!



Year 10 and 11 watched Woman in Black at the Regent Theatre in Stoke. It was a rather spooky play that made some of our students scream!



Year 7s have settled in well and are playing some fantastic football!



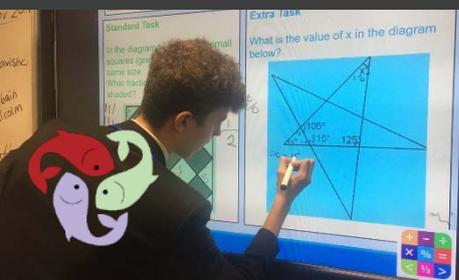
Both the year 7 and 8 Diamond netball teams have qualified for the premiership league for the Winter Netball League! Well done!



Some fantastic year 11 earth projects in Mr Bennion's science class.



Will Armstrong-Barnes won all of these trophies (right) at the Telford Athletics Annual Awards!



Chetwynd Small School had their red and purple charity day to raise money for Young Carers



Look at these tasty cheesecakes our students have made. Future chefs in the making!



Burton Borough were winners of the Education Award at the annual Tennis Shropshire LTA Awards. Here is Mr Mainwaring receiving our certificate! Well done to him and the rest of the PE department!



Congratulations to our Sportsability Competition team who were overall winners in Telford and Wrekin!



We welcomed Jo and Ed from Radio Active to our Work Experience Awards Night. A fantastic evening where employers who had given our students the opportunity to gain work experience with them received the recognition they deserved. Thank you so much for your support! Well done to all students who also won awards at the evening.



We welcomed back our 2019 cohort of school leavers for their presentation evening. It was lovely to see everyone again and to present them with their certificates and awards. Congratulations to Amara Otero-Salgado who received the Principal's Award!



As part of professional development, our staff went to schools all over the country to share good practice and learn from others. Here is Miss Carter with Mrs Antwiss (above) from Vardean School in Brighton who came to Burton Borough School to look at the fantastic work we do on Mental Health and Wellbeing. She was very impressed with our school!



Our Autumn Concert was a huge success (see above) with the Newport Male Voice Choir performing alongside our Concert Band and Big Band. Well done to everyone involved and especially to Ms Ruston and the Performing Arts Team for all the rehearsals and organisation!



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