



Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

March 2019



Dear Families,

February may have been a short month with only 15 school days but that did not stop students and staff at Burton Borough engaging in lots of fantastic activities! During half term, some of our students went on a school trip to Sigüenza in Spain, where they stayed with local families and were able to practise their Spanish language skills. Not only that, they were officially welcomed by the Mayor of Sigüenza as shown in the photo above. What a fantastic opportunity for them all! One of our students who went on the trip, Leah Atkinson tells us more about the trip in this edition of the newsletter.

There were a number of competitions and awards in February where students who participated did very well. This includes Olivia Turner and Lucy Barton who won first (vocalists section) and second prize (instrumentalists section) respectively in the Rotary Lite Young Musician competition with their vocalist solo and saxophone solo. Sporting successes include our girls' indoor football team winning the league, one of our cross country students coming second in the county race and our netball team coming third in the county tournament. Also in PE, our Sports Leaders participated in the 'Step into Sport' event where they met with Paralympic Swimmer Katy Gray! Some of our students also participated in the Rotary Lite 'Youth Speaks' debating competition. Despite our students only being in year 10 and competing with 6th formers from our neighbouring secondary schools, they did extremely well and held their own with their very impressive arguments on the prison system. Some of the work our Young Writers have done will be published very soon so I am looking forward to seeing their masterpieces in print.

For those of you who follow us on social media, you will have seen the fantastic work and awards individual departments are giving out too. It has been a pleasure to see so many smiley faces on students who have been recognised for their achievements and hard work.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who gave us some great feedback on the two internet safety awareness events that we held at the beginning of the month. These events, run in collaboration with West Mercia Police, were on the dangers cyber-bullying, sexting, exploitation and vulnerability were incredibly important. These are all issues that we at Burton Borough take very seriously and the more we can spread the word so that everyone in our community knows the signs to look out for, the better! If you were unable to come to the meeting, please read the documents that we sent out via email (or post if you have not supplied us with an email address) or alternatively, you can download the information in the 'News' section of our website titled 'Safeguarding Awareness'.

On another note, February was a very exciting month for me as I was asked to be filmed on down in London. I'm not allowed to give any more details yet but I've put a photo of me in the studio above.

Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to writing to you about all the activities taking place in March!

Yours sincerely,

Christine Raymont-Hall (Principal)



Upcoming events

21st March 2019

Year 10
Parents' /Carers'
Evening

29th March 2019

Big Think Question
Deadline

3rd April 2019

Easter Concert

8th April 2019

Aqualate Celebration
Evening

9th April 2019

Chetwynd Celebration
Evening

10th April 2019

Hawkstone Celebration
Evening



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Our student democracy team eco-committee were awarded the silver Eco Schools award! We are well on our way to achieve the full green flag award!

EDUCATION

Town's schools are top of the table across the borough

THREE of the four best performing secondary schools in Telford & Wrekin are in Newport, new league tables have revealed. Newport Girls High School was the best performing school with a 75.3 Attainment 8 score, followed by Haberdashers Adams with 72.9. Burton Borough was in fourth place with 45.6 just behind Thomas Telford School. The figures relate to top per-

Burton Borough was in the press several times this month! Well done to Hattie who was the winner of the Rotary Lite Young Chef competition and a huge good luck to everyone who is participating in the Newport's Got Talent Show at Haberdashers' Adams on the 16th March at 7pm!



Pupils got talent as they sparkle at show auditions

STUDENTS performed their best dance routines, comedy gags and musical tunes as part of the auditions for a talent show Newport's Got Talent. The auditions took place in front of a panel of judges - which included an eight foot unicorn!

The Newport's Got Talent charity show, featuring children of secondary school age, will now take place on March 16 at Haberdashers' Adams. It will not be a competition, but a celebration of the range of talent on offer in the town.

And on Friday, pupils hoping to take part in the show will be performing in front of the judges.

He said: "It was really, really good. We had dancers, singers, a guitarist, a gymnast and a pair of comedians. We could not separate them so they have all got through. They are all from the secondary school as it is fair to say Newport has talent!"

"I hope everyone will come along on March 16, will be well worth the price of admission."

All money raised is going to help going to VICTA charity that supports children who are blind or partially sighted.

Sparkle, who is actually a teacher from the town who is remaining anonymous, will also be performing for the VICTA by singing the 'London Bridge' song.

Delicious dish takes Hattie to final



Young chefs, including winner Hattie Mitchell (fifth from left) with judges Mike Hughes and Jane Dean, and Tony Bishop, Head of Design and Technology at Burton Borough School, Newport

HATTIE Mitchell cooked up a treat when she won the Newport Rotary Lite Young Chef competition - and she faced some tough competition over the stove.

The local final, which was held at Burton Borough School, involved seven participants cooking an impressive range of food for judges Mike Hughes and Jane Dean.

Newport Rotary Lite Youth Lead Martyn Dean said "The judges were stunned at the quality of food produced by all the participants. The standard was amazing."

"Hattie won against stiff competition from runner-up Louise Bailey and the other participants."

"Hattie's salmon linguine main course was terrific - it makes me hungry just thinking about it!"

Now Hattie will go forward to the Rotary District Young Chef final at Stafford College on February 27, when she will compete with top young chefs from across Shropshire, Staffordshire and the Black Country.

"From what we've seen of the quality of her cooking, the others had better watch out - she's a super cook," added Martyn.

"Thank you to all the participants, judges and to Tony Bishop, Head of Design and Technology at Burton Borough School, who was really helpful and enthusiastic."



Pupils from our neighbouring primary school, Newport Juniors, came for a fantastic day of Spanish with our MFL department. It was lovely to see you all!



We loved celebrating Chinese New Year and learning some Chinese words like 你好!



This young lady (left) came second in the county for her final cross country race for BBS! The girls on the right came 7th, 10th, 11th and 12th! Wow!

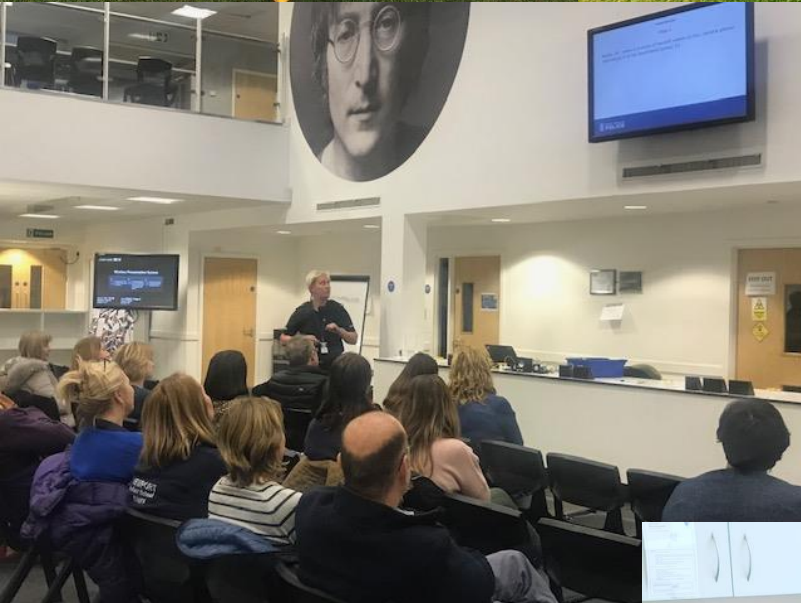


Here are our Sports leaders with Paralympian Swimmer Katy Grey on the Step into Sport programme.





We deliver staff training sessions to colleagues from all over Telford and Wrekin! The NPQML and NPQSL are both delivered by Mrs Raymont-Hall and Mr Morgan will soon be delivering these sessions too!



We welcomed Claire Walker-Shale and Vicki Ridgewell from West Mercia Police in February to raise awareness of cyber-bullying, sexting and exploitation. Thank you to all families who attended them! The presentations are available to download from our website if you did not receive them through email.



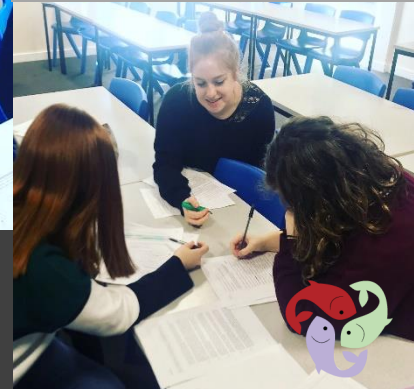
Excellent presentation and very informative! Thank you! - Parent



Students participated in 'Ready, Steady, Recycle!' in DT. It looks like they had a lot of fun creating products out of materials that would have gone to waste



Saturday school is still going well!





Our students competed at the Rotary Club Young Musician's competition. We walked away with two trophies! First place in the vocalist's category and second place in the instrumentalist's category. Well done to all of you and Ms Ruston! Our vocalist then went on to compete in the regional finals.



Our young writer of the month (above) and Spellzone star (left)!



Our girls' indoor football team won the league! WOW!



Our year 9 and 10 cricket team represented our area in the county Chance to Shine finals!

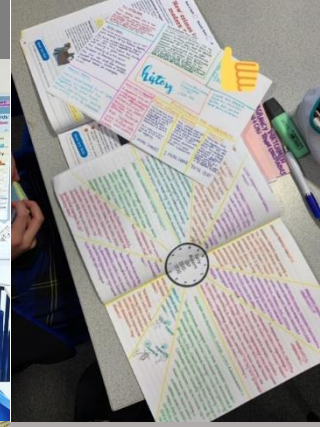


Well done to our years 11s who completed their 6 week intensive Saturday Maths programme at Madeley Academy!





More Spellzone stars!



Beautiful history revision work



Third place in the Netball County Tournament for these wonderful students on the right!



The Science department having fun doing electricity CPD with the wonderful Dr. Whalley from the Institute of Physics



These Year 10 students competed in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition against sixth formers as part of our high potential, Burton Borough University programme. Well done!



Our students are taking part in the Shropshire Star STEM challenge. Here they are at the Magna Cosma Castings factory. Make sure you check back to see how they did!

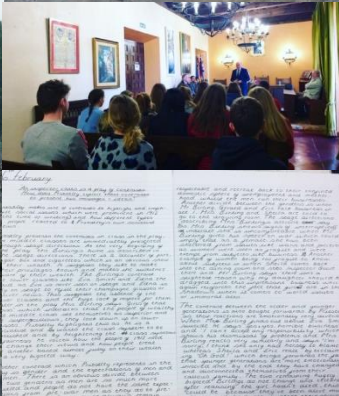
"It was a pleasure to be involved with the competition. Young people get quite a bit at bad press these days and it was nice to see a bunch of enthusiastic, polite and well-mannered teenagers. I am giving Hattie some coaching this week at Harper Adams which will hopefully help her with the next stage. As for the Crement de Bourgogne it is a genuine favourite of mine so very well chosen and thank you". – Mike Hughes, professional chef



“So after meeting the principal of BBS, I’ve come away feeling a tad excited for my daughter to start. The school has come on leaps and bounds since the many years I was there and I was amazed at all the different opportunities the students could have. Anybody who has any worries I would advise you to go and see her, she’s made me feel completely different about the transition”. – Year 6 Parent



“On our trip to Sigüenza in Spain we experienced Spanish life, visited the historical cities and went to Spanish school. The first day, started with us meeting our Spanish families, exploring Sigüenza and playing traditional Spanish card games. Day 2, we spent the whole day with our host families – some of us went hiking, visited nearby towns and others stayed in Sigüenza. Day 3 began with a trip to Madrid – we watched a football match (Real Madrid vs Girona) in the amazing Santiago Bernabeu stadium, had a guided tour and we spent the final hours watching Madrid’s Plaza Mayor light display – celebrating its 400th anniversary. We attended Spanish school in the morning on day 4, we were also greeted by the mayor in the town hall and played games of basketball and netball against local Spanish students. Day 5, we had our second day of school and after, we visited a national park ‘Alto Tajo.’ Day 6, we had a tour around Don Quixote windmills and an afternoon in Toledo where we saw the cathedral. On the final day, we had our last Spanish lessons, ate churros with chocolate during break, completed a treasure hunt around Sigüenza and spent our last evening with our host families. We had a great time, spoke lots of Spanish and I would love to go again next year!” – Leah Atkinson, Year 10



Congratulations to our Young Writers (right). Some of their work will be published shortly! Make sure you read our future newsletters to find out more!



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