



# Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

May 2019

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely break over Easter and enjoyed the sun! Unbelievably, although school was shut for two weeks in April, there has been more news than ever. Our fantastic PE department took our students on a sports tour to Venice and looking at the photos made me feel very jealous. It looked absolutely brilliant! Thank you to all parents/carers who left lovely comments about the trip – I hope you enjoyed listening to all the stories your children had when they returned. I certainly did when I saw them back at school this week.

There is absolutely no stopping our wind bands as they go from strength to strength. During Easter, they competed at the National Concert Band Festival. Our Concert Band achieved the Gold award and our Big Band achieved the Platinum award! Not only that, our Big Band also won the Outstanding Consistency award for achieving this status 3 years in a row! Well done to Ms Ruston and the rest of our performing arts team for this amazing success. As you can imagine, it takes hours of practice to get to this incredible standard so bravo to our students and staff but also to the Friends of Burton Borough Bands for all of their fundraising efforts and help!

Our wellbeing mentors have been working hard again with their refresher training and it was a pleasure to see new members joining the team. The mentors also recorded some podcasts on their work and how you can look after yourself. There will be more information to come when these are uploaded to our website. We also have some extremely exciting news about the work we have been doing around mental health and wellbeing and will reveal all in the next newsletter! I can hardly contain my excitement!

April saw our three Small School Celebration Evenings and it fills me with pride to see such a number of students work so incredibly hard and be rewarded for their efforts. The evening was full of smiles and I would like to say thank you to families who attended and to those who stopped to speak to me to let me know how your children are growing into fantastic young adults because of the work staff at Burton Borough School are doing for them. We couldn't do what we do without you! More photos and information will be available in the next edition of the Small School newsletter.

Finally, I heard that one of our students, Amara Otero-Salgado did something that was truly incredible. Earlier this year, she competed in the West Midlands Regional Schools Gymnastics competition where she won a medal. All of the pairs competed with each other although they were all at different levels – something that she felt was unfair. So, when Amara was presented with her medal, she took it and placed it around the neck of one of the gymnasts who had done very well but wasn't awarded a medal! What an amazing, kind and selfless thing to do! It makes me so proud to hear stories like this so we have set up a new email address for any good news stories you have that you think should be featured in our newsletters. The email is:

[newsletter.bbs@taw.org.uk](mailto:newsletter.bbs@taw.org.uk)

I hope you enjoyed the bank holiday!  
Yours sincerely,

**Christine Raymont-Hall (Principal)**



## Upcoming events

**9th May 2019**  
Year 8 Parents Evening

**24th May 2019**  
Big Think Deadline

**24th May 2019**  
Last Day of half term

**3rd June 2019**  
Return to school after half term

**25th June 2019**  
KS4 Drama Performance Evening

**28th June 2019**  
Year 11 Prom

**5th July 2019**  
Art Exhibition

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Our Litter Heroes did a fantastic job this month, picking up litter on the school site and getting into all those nooks and crannies! Thank you for making school look so clean and tidy!



Our students are signing up for the National Citizenship Service summer programme! Here they are, collecting their t-shirts (left). We can't wait to hear what they do!

Well done to Concert Band for achieving GOLD at the National Concert Band Festival and Big Band for achieving PLATINUM and the Outstanding Consistency Award!



Concert Band



Our wellbeing mentors had training in April and we are delighted to have new members on the team!



The team from Burton Borough collecting for Marie Curie's Daffodil Appeal

Well done to the students of Hawkstone school who raised a huge £634 for Marie Curie! Here they are in the Newport Advertiser for their efforts.



Our wellbeing mentors recorded podcasts with great advice for others. More information to follow!





# Venice Sports Tour 2019



Our wonderful PE department organised a sports tour to Venice. Students competed in football and netball and had a wonderful time sightseeing, having fun in the water park and on the beach! Everyone back at home were very jealous!

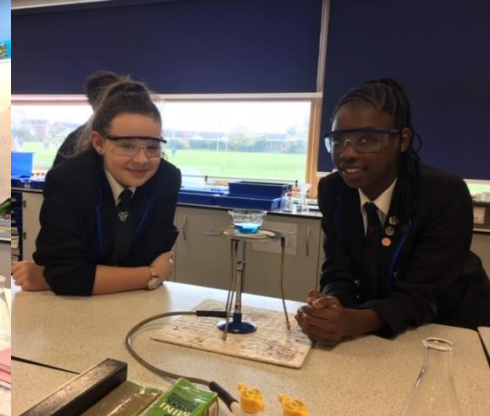


"Thank you, thank you and thank you again for all of you giving up your time and for all the effort that went into Venice. My son had the best time and has memories to last forever" – Lauren Paul, Parent

"A huge thank you to all of the staff for giving up their time to take 50 kids on an amazing trip to Italy. My daughter had a fantastic time and is full of stories" - Parent







Our Year 10 football team played against Madeley Academy

Salt Crystal Challenge in Science!



Students made planes in DT and tested them to see how far they could fly!

The MFL department organised a Spanish spelling bee. Here are our winners below!



PC Walker-Shale has been back, this time delivering assemblies on County Lines and Child Sexual Exploitation. Not sure what this is? PC Walker-Shale's presentations are in the 'news' section of our website.



More photos and information about our celebration evenings to come in our Small School newsletter!



The year 7 badminton team did brilliantly at the area competition. Well done all!



April was a month of celebration, with award assemblies and celebration evenings for each small school. Well done to everyone who received an award! You have all worked incredibly hard and those certificates and trophies are VERY well-deserved!







**A lovely Philosopher's Tea Party session with Mrs Raymont-Hall and the Big Think windsers this month. The topic of discussion was 'Should Healthcare be free?'**



# Broadway beckons former Burton Borough student

By Nathan Rowden



It was very exciting seeing ex-BBS student, James Sutton in the newspaper! He has done fantastically well with his acting career!

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These two wonderful students competed at the West Midlands Regional Acrogymanstic qualifiers and won gold! They will now move on to compete in the nationals. WOW!



There was a successful decorating session at the Rainbow Room. Want to join? Every Tuesday after school!



**We say goodbye to Sue, one of our canteen staff members this month, who will be retiring after 30 years at Burton Borough! We will miss you Sue!**



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