

Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

January 2019



Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful break over the holidays and had a lovely time catching up with family and friends. December has been a huge amount of fun for us at Burton Borough School as you will see in this newsletter!

There has been no slowing down as we approach the end of term and our students continue to work incredibly hard, particularly our year 11s who had their mock exams in the weeks leading up to the break. I was so impressed with how they conducted themselves and how they revised to ensure that they were well-prepared. You will find a selection of photos in this newsletter of students who have worked to the best of their ability, proudly showing off their work. We are so happy when students go out of their way to do this and delighted that they feel that sense of achievement and confidence to show us what they have done. Each positive note, reward, platinum tie or certificate is very well-deserved! Well done all!

We continue to focus on extended writing and our English department has been superb in creating opportunities for our students. The newly formed Young Writers' Club is gaining momentum with huge numbers attending each session and our BBS Press Team have already published the second issue of their newsletter! In addition, Mrs Stephens organised for our students to write to their peers at our partner school in Makunga, Western Kenya, and a quarter of the school took up this opportunity! Wow!

Our performing arts team continues to amaze us with three concerts in December – the KS3 Christmas Drama Show, the Christmas Concert and the annual Gnosall and Newport Lions International Club Senior Citizen's Christmas Concert. We are a school that loves working with our community and it has been such a delight to hear Newport residents say how much they enjoy our events. We would like to say thank you very much for coming along and do please watch this space for more community events, including community open days!

Our police liaison officer, PC Walker-Shale has been regularly delivering fantastic assemblies to our students and staff, with topics ranging from the dangers of knife crime to 'sexting'. Keeping our students safe and well-informed of potential dangers is incredibly important to us. After the success of our recent family events such as the family forums and mental health sessions, we are looking to run more events with topics such as internet safety and how to support your children with revision. Where possible, we will organise these after school hours as we understand that it is difficult for parents/carers to take time off work and we would like as many of our families to be able to attend as possible! We will let you know when these sessions are once dates have been confirmed.

I hope you have a wonderful 2019!

Best wishes,

Christine Raymont-Hall (Principal)

(Right) Our fantastic year 11 cohort and our small school teams. The Head Students sit either side of Mrs Raymont-Hall and next to Mr. Morgan.



Tuesday 8th Jan. 2019
First day of term

Weds. 9th Jan. 2019
Year 9
Parents'/Carers' Evening

Monday 14th Jan. 2019
Year 9 KS4 Transition
(Options) Evening

Thursday 24th Jan. 2019
Year 11 Mock Exam
Results Evening

Tuesday 5th Feb. 2019
Year 7
Parents'/Carers' Evening

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Burton Borough School was full of festive cheer during December! We raised huge amounts of money for various charities once again and on the final day, we had a Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children. Everyone was in good spirits throughout the whole month! We especially loved the Christmas dinner in the school restaurant and seeing members of staff dressed up in their Christmas outfits. We had crackers, turkeys, elves, reindeer and more!



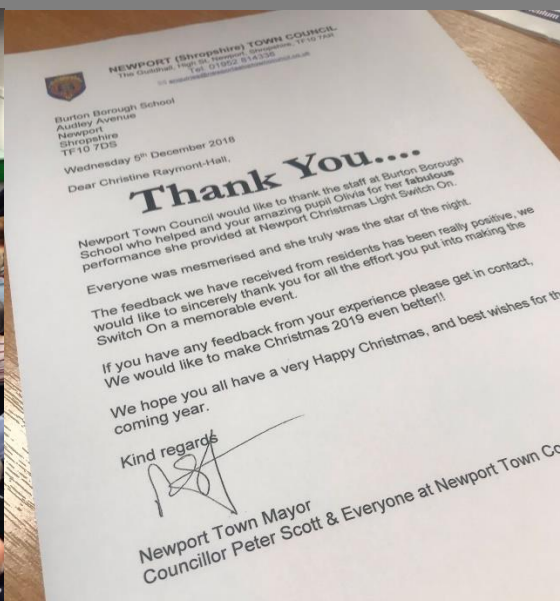
Thank you to all families who donated so generously to Newport Food Bank! We had over 50 bags! Thank you to Ms Wynn and Ms Beddow for organising it!



We love our community!



It wasn't only BBS who were feeling festive! Mrs Raymont-Hall and Mrs Recio-Garcia were invited for Christmas lunch at our neighbour's, Newport Junior School. It was great meeting future Burton Borough students and catching up with Newport Mayor, Peter Scott and our police liaison officer, PC Walker-Shale who had also been invited. A huge thank you to Mrs Moody and everybody at NJS for such a lovely party!



Our very own Olivia in year 11 sang at the Newport Christmas Light Switch On. Thank you to Newport Mayor Peter Scott for this lovely letter!

The Gnosall and Newport Lions Club hosted their annual Senior Citizen's Party at Burton Borough School. It was so lovely to hear members of the community say how much they enjoyed the event and listening to our wind bands in particular! Thank you for coming!

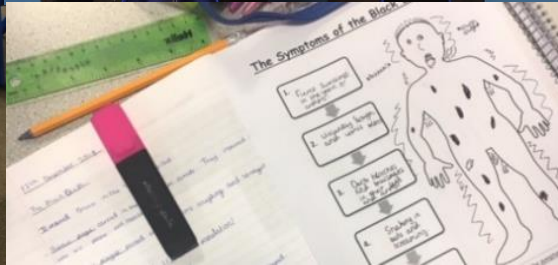
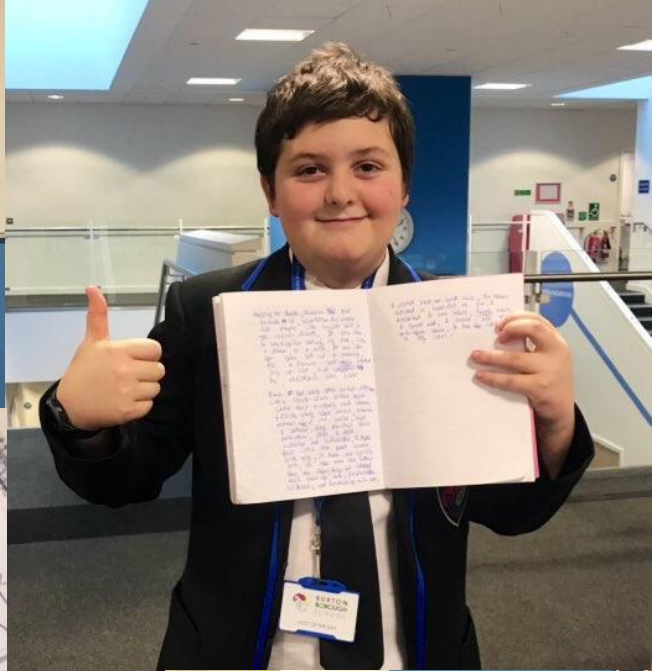


Dear Christine
On behalf of Gnosall & Newport Lions Club I am writing to thank you for the help and assistance afforded to us in respect of our school on Friday. The service we received from all of the musicians in the school and the Burton Borough Big Band, the Technicians on Ruston and the Burton Borough Big Band, the Technicians would be proud of every one of them, they were wonderful.
Regarding the Big Band I personally had never heard of their existence and reputation, but pardon the expression, if talented musicians you have in your midst, I am sure you manage to unearth new talent year on year is a credit to your ethos. .
At the concert I spoke to Alison about the pupils and how it could benefit the pupils. With effect August very important

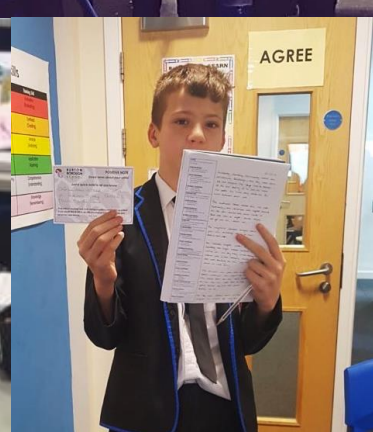
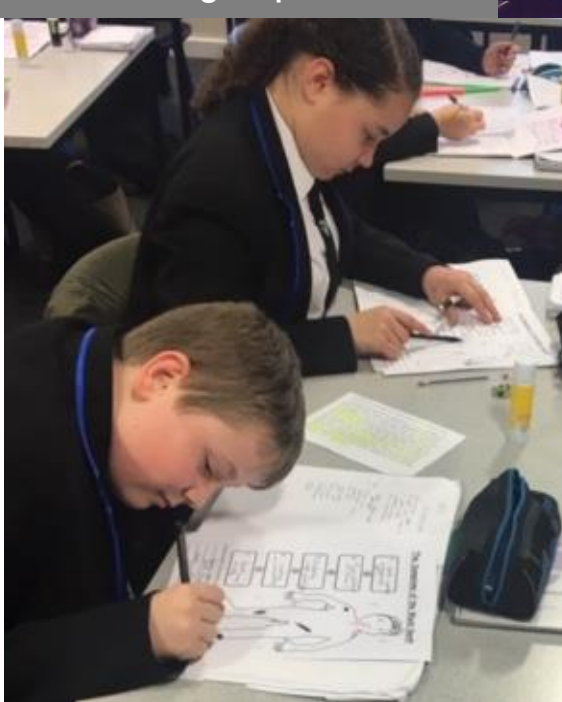


The BBS Christmas Concert saw the new Ukulele group perform for the first time as well as our Junior Band, Big Band, Concert Band, Choir, small ensembles and soloists. There was even audience participation for the 12 Days of Christmas! It was so much fun!





So many rewards and prizes given out to our hard-working, amazing students this month. Our students love to show everyone pieces of work that they are particularly proud of as well. Here is a selection of our Burton Borough super stars!



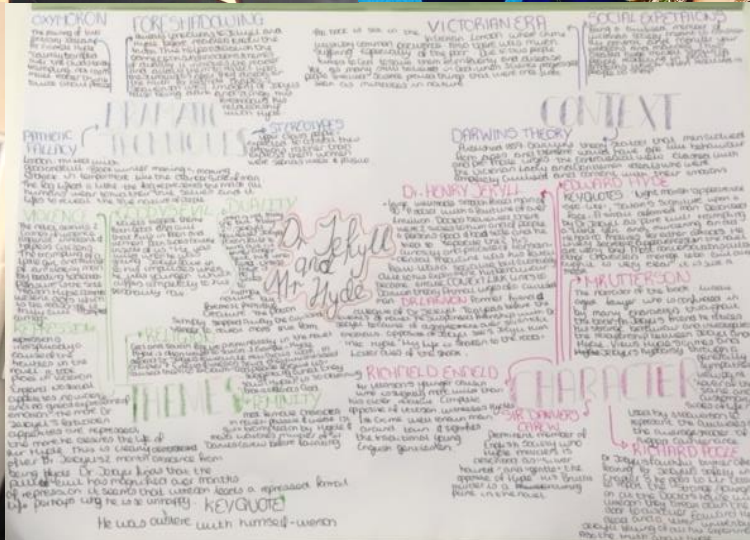
We are so proud of our students!

So many of our students have joined the Young Writers' Club!





Mrs Raymont-Hall had another fantastic Philosopher's Tea Party session in December with the Big Think competition winners. The topic of discussion this time was 'Do Humans Need Religion?' It was extremely interesting and touched upon what Christmas actually means in the 21st century and whether it has lost its true meaning.



Our Young High Street Challenge winners are getting to work, creating their tiles for Wellington Market at the Jackfield Tile Museum. A superb day had by all. We can't wait to see the final product! A big thank you to Mrs Kane for organising this as well!



Hannah Simmons – H7



Ella Fletcher H12



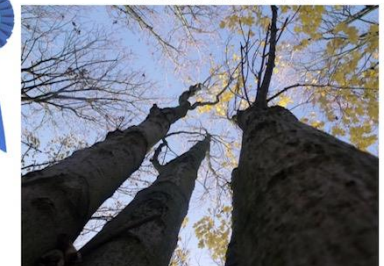
William Arnold - A5



This image represents the theme 'My Changing World' as it is the different ways of playing music. In the picture it shows a record player which has changed to a radio and then to a CD and finally to an iPod and a speaker. I chose this subject because I really enjoy listening to music and my entire family use different ways of playing music.



My photograph represents the battle between nature and plastic. It shows how much plastic is polluting nature and our animals habitat. We shouldn't do this because lots of different species of animals will become extinct. I also believe we are destroying all of our beautiful surroundings.



It shows the changing of the seasons for the my changing world theme. The picture shows the sun but then the trees changing from the autumn to the winter. Its almost like having three seasons in one picture.

Here are the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of our Photography competition. Well done!



Well done to our year 9&10 Boys' Cricket Team who came second in the Telford Areas and has qualified for the indoor cricket finals and our Year 7 Boys' Football Team who qualify for the next round of the County Cup!



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