



# Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

November 2018



Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed the half term break and you managed to have an extra hour in bed on the day the clocks went back! We have had another exciting month at Burton Borough School which I am sure your children will have told you about. Some of the highlights for me range from our fabulous Open Day and mornings where we met with huge numbers of prospective families, a visit from Raj Mehta, Mayor of Telford and Wrekin, the incredible science experiments I had the opportunity to be part of (I had flames coming from my hands!) and the gorgeous animals who came to visit us as part of our Enrichment and Extended Learning (EEL) day. I particularly had a soft spot for Alan the owl (pictured on the right) and the pesky tenrec (African hedgehog) that crawled into my blazer jacket and down my back! Mr. Price managed to capture this special moment on film and you will find a photo of me feeling rather ticklish and worried later in this newsletter!



The good news continues for Burton Borough School with great achievements from our students. We were at the regional finals in the girls' tennis, our year 9 Sapphire netball teams have been winning matches and came 6<sup>th</sup> in the whole county! Not only that but our year 7 football team won their first game and the year 7 girls' football team had an incredible 10-0 win against another school. A special mention goes to Cameron-Ellie Mander who came first for the third time in the Telford and Wrekin Cross Country and to Cameron-Ellie and Dylan Lane-Craddock who jointly won all of their races! In addition, just before half term, the Department for Education released the school performance tables and we can now proudly say that with 70% of our students achieving grades 9 to 4 in both English and Mathematics and 43% achieving grades 9 to 5 in both subjects, Burton Borough School is the highest achieving comprehensive school in Telford and Wrekin and within a 10 mile radius of Newport with these measures!\* Our progress is also now in line with the national average but we will not stop there – we will continue to work incredibly hard to be well above average as our aim is to be recognised nationally (and internationally!) for being a school with excellent practice. With the fantastic staff group we have here at the moment, this is definitely something that we can hope to achieve – it is such a pleasure to work with them every day and seeing the hard work and dedication they put in.

In other news, over the next academic year, I will be running nationally recognised teacher training programmes, the NPQML and NPQSL. We recently had our first sessions and it was such a privilege seeing colleagues from primary and secondary schools in Telford and Wrekin and of course, our neighbouring secondary and primary schools working together collaboratively and buzzing with ideas of projects that they will lead in their schools.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. I'm already looking forward to the next one!

Yours sincerely,

**Christine Raymont-Hall (Principal)**

\*Schools with entrance exams are not included



## Upcoming events

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018  
Parents' Forum Progress Reports and Data

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018  
Parent Forum Pastoral Care

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2018  
Post 16 Careers Evening

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018  
PD Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018  
Work Experience Awards Year 11

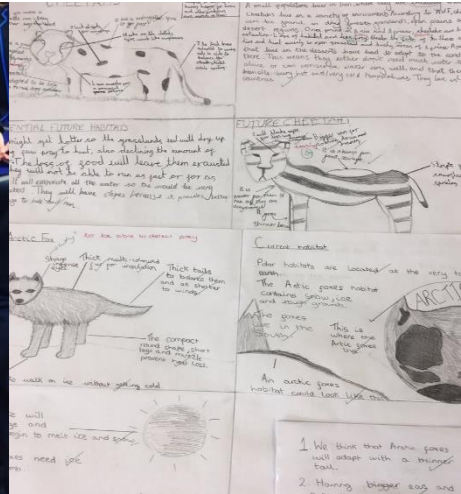
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2018  
Year 8 & 9 Meet the Tutor

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018  
Christmas Concert

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2018  
Last day of term



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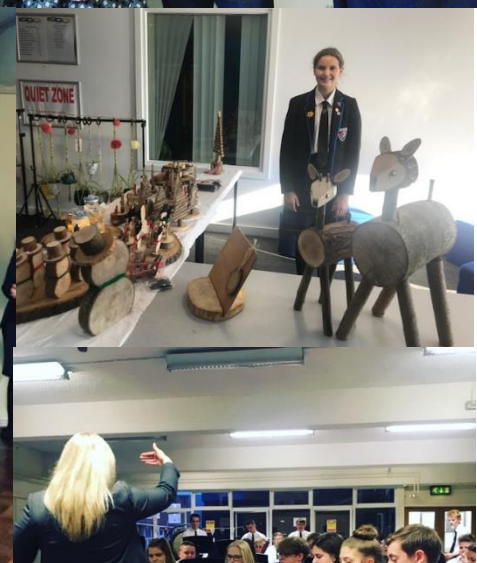


Fabulous EEL day fun! A day of very different lessons!

Year 11s had the 'Your Futures' Conference, working with local and national employers on careers. Some of our governors were on the interview panel for the mock interviews (below). Everyone mentioned how impressed they were with our students and how well-prepared they were! Some even discussed PhD opportunities!



Year 10s recently went to Newport Juniors to teach them some Spanish. The children can't wait to join BBS! The group also tried some traditional Spanish food that Ms Recio Garcia made.



Raj Mehta, Mayor of Telford and Wrekin, came to visit us this month! He had a tour of the school and was very impressed with what he saw. We are delighted that he will be speaking at our careers awards evening in November!

Our Open Evening and Open Days were a huge success! There were so many prospective families!





Difference

Be the Difference

A huge thank you to all our students and staff for their hard work on Open Evening! Well done!



Lots of successes in sport once again this month! Our girls' tennis team went to the regional finals and won! Year 9 netball team came 6<sup>th</sup> in the whole county, our year 7 football team won their first game! We are doing brilliantly so far!



Our year 7 girl's football team won 10-0 against Charlton School (photo on next page). We also did very well with Cross-Country, with one of our students winning for the third time in a row (photo above)!





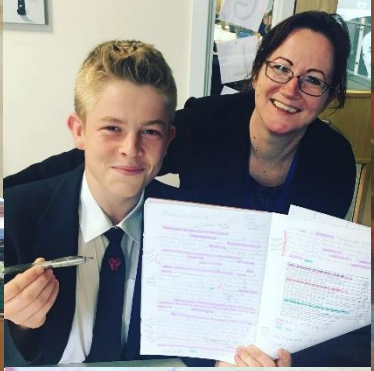
Did you know... some of our sports teams have both girls and boys?



We had a GCSE PE Climbing trip and inter-small school sporting competitions as well!



We've had some really spectacular science experiments this month!



Students have worked incredibly hard this month. Here are some photos of them showing off their lovely pieces of work and some great photography from Photography club. Some students also participated in a Duke of Edinburgh trip!



Year 10s went on a Geography Fieldtrip to Carding Mill Valley.



Mrs Raymont-Hall was invited to be the guest speaker at the Lions Club 11<sup>th</sup> Charter Presentation Event. Here she is with the Lions Club President, Rick Talbot



Thank you to all families for your support and excellent attendance at our events! We look forward to seeing you soon! This is only a small selection of photos and news so make sure you follow us on Twitter and Instagram @BurtonBorough for daily updates, more photos and videos!

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