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DAZZLING DANCE SHOW

This year's spectacular Dance Show took 'The Movies' as its theme. It featured a dynamic display of dance



styles ranging from traditional ballet, bhangra and flamenco to contemporary hip hop, jazz and street dance. Students gave superb performances

that were professional, polished and full of energy. One of the Show's many highlights was a piece entitled 'Digital Bounce'. This was developed through a Dance workshop for Years 10 and 11 with Eugene Drummond, choreographer of the Peridot Dance Group, a street dance troupe that was a semi-finalist in this year's Britain's Got Talent and has also recently performed at the MOBO Awards.



BURNTWOOD'S BRUSH BRIGADE

Burntwood's male students and staff are sporting a new and very stylish look this month. They are taking part in 'Movember', a month-long charity event which raises funds and awareness for men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer. The Burntwood Brush Brigade began the month clean shaven and then took on the challenge of



growing a moustache for the entire month of November and attracting sponsorship for their 'Mo' growing efforts. Students



are supporting the Brigade in a variety of ways. As well as sponsoring their favourite 'brush', they have raised extra funds by wearing shades of mauve for a day and donning fake moustaches of their own.

With sponsorship and donations, the Burntwood Brush Brigade has already raised a magnificent £1,500! The money raised through Movember's UK campaign will be donated to The Prostate Cancer Charity.

If you would like to sponsor the Burntwood Brush Brigade, please visit the school website www.burntwoodschool.com and follow the instructions under 'News'.

WOMEN UNLIMITED

BURNTWOOD'S YEAR 10 students were invited to work with students from Ernest Bevin College on an exciting project that explored the rights and roles of women from a boy's perspective. The collaboration, 'Women Unlimited', used a variety of media to show that young men have a responsibility to support women and celebrate their place in society. The culmination of the project was a moving and thought-provoking presentation and exhibition that also raised funds for DEOMA, a charity that supports a school for disadvantaged children in Uganda.



TAKEOVER DAY

As part of Takeover Day 2010, students from Years 9 and 10 were invited to work alongside inspectors from Wandsworth's Play and Extended Services Department. Students carried out a number of playground and equipment inspections and fed back to the Department on their findings. Takeover Day is a national event that gives young people the chance to work alongside adults and take part in decision-making in a wide range of organisations.

MARS MISSION

Sixty students from Ernest Bevin College joined Burntwood's Year 9 in a Science and Engineering event this month. 'Target Mars' challenged students to use team work, critical thinking and problem solving skills to design and build equipment to enable the hypothetical colonisation of the Red Planet.

BERLIN TRIP

As part of their History studies, thirty students from Years 11 and 13 travelled to Berlin in October. Highlights of the trip included a guided walking tour of the city and a visit to the Jewish Museum to hear some personal stories of those who had survived the concentration camps. Students also visited Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, a training camp for SS

officers. They were deeply moved by the awful conditions that ordinary people had to endure and couldn't imagine how prisoners coped with the harsh conditions. The trip also included lighter moments such as a night cruise along the Spree River to see Berlin's breathtaking 'Festival of Lights'. The trip proved both extremely informative and enjoyable.



Karen McCombie, author of the very popular 'Ally's World' and 'Stella Etc' series of books, visited Burntwood last month.

She talked to students in Years 7 and 8 about her writing and about her change of career from journalist and magazine editor to full time author.

SPECIALISM CELEBRATION

Burntwood teachers competed against staff from St George's, University of London, in the St George Burntwood Challenge. The annual quiz was held to mark the anniversary of Burntwood's Science Specialist status and to raise money for charity. Burntwood succeeded in retaining the Cup and the quiz also raised £95 for the Frederick Hewitt Ward at St George's Hospital.

This ward looks after children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses who often spend much of their childhood in hospital.

UNIVERSITY VISIT FOR YEAR 13

Year 13 students studying for an Extended Project Qualification attended a seminar at University College, London. The visit included an exclusive tour of the University's Petrie Museum and a research methods workshop with Dr Marco Angelini, UCL's Outreach & Transition

Manager who provided a wealth of useful information to help students develop ideas for their projects.



ART MASTERCLASS

On the 13th November, artist Kim Vines and art teacher Mrs Meechan ran a Saturday morning workshop for Year 8 Gifted & Talented students. They worked on a mixed media piece using acrylic washes, water soluble pencils and wax crayons combined with experimental techniques of applying the paint using rags and small twigs. All the students produced fantastic outcomes which are on display in the Art Department.