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BURNTWOOD STUDENTS WELCOME CHINESE VICE PREMIER

Year 10 Burntwood students, Eloise Rougeon and Freyja Pakarinen, were invited to attend a reception at the British Museum to welcome the Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang to London. The reception, held on Tuesday 11th January, gave Vice Premier Keqiang the opportunity to meet British students who are studying Chinese. Burntwood students learn Mandarin with the help of a teacher from the Confucius Institute, part of London South Bank University, and the Year 10s were thrilled to be invited by the Institute to attend the event. Freyja and Eloise demonstrated their Mandarin speaking skills by greeting



Vice Premier Keqiang and then reciting a traditional Chinese poem about Spring. Mr Keqiang complimented them on their language ability and then joined them in a traditional Chinese song. Following this success, Burntwood students, together with three students from St Joseph's College, were delighted to be asked by the national TV station of the People's Republic of China, Chinese Central Television, to record a Chinese New Year message in Mandarin to be broadcast across China on the 3rd February. Year 10s, Gabriella Barnes, Phoebe Vowles-Webb and Anastasia Picton, filmed their New Year's greeting against the backdrop of the Houses of Parliament, wishing viewers a very happy Year of the Rabbit.



MAYOR INSPIRES POSITIVE ROLE MODELS

At the end of last term, Burntwood's Year 10 students were invited to take part in a series of workshops celebrating the life and times of former Battersea Mayor, John Archer, who in November 1913 became London's first black mayor. The 'John Archer Role Model Project' created by the Nubian Jak Community Trust and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, gave students the opportunity to explore John Archer's legacy through music, drama and creative writing. The project culminated in the unveiling of a heritage blue plaque at 214 Battersea Park Road, the former home of John Archer. The names of all the students who took part in the project appear on the reverse of the plaque. The students' work will be on display in three of the Borough's libraries and will also be included in a book to be published at the end of February.



Inviting all students from
Years 10-13
to the...



BURNTWOOD CAREERS FAIR

This will take place in the main hall on the 10th of February from
4pm – 6pm

THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Students in Years 10 - 13 are invited to the Burntwood Careers' Fair.

A wide range of organisations and local businesses will be on hand to provide information and advice. Careers featured include: Banking, Medicine, Marketing & Advertising, Defence, Legal, Retail.

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POETRY PLEASE

On Friday 21st January, Burntwood students thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the School by performance poet, Neal Zetter. As well as writing and performing his own poetry, Neal runs workshops across London on how the power of poetry can inspire confidence, self-expression and self-esteem. He performed a selection of poems to students in Years 7 and 8, followed by a question and answer session on his poetry. He also joined a Year 10 class to work with them on how he finds ideas for his poems and how to get started when writing poetry. Students were inspired to try writing poems themselves and will send their finished work to Neal for his comments.



YEAR 10 BUSINESS CHALLENGE

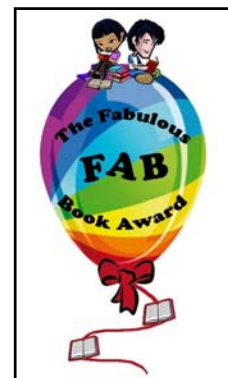


Year 10 students took part in the LionHeart Challenge this month. The workshop gave students the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity, initiative and team-working skills by challenging them to devise a viable business plan for a product or service to promote road safety amongst young people. The judges assessed the students' performance in the categories of concept or idea, marketing, finance, team skills and a final presentation. After lengthy deliberation, they announced the

two teams that will go through to the LionHeart Regional Final. A special award was also presented to Hannah Siaw, who impressed the judges with her outstanding leadership and business skills. She will join one of the winning teams in the Regional Final to be held later this year.

BURNTWOOD'S BEST BOOKS

The 'FAB Book Award' for Wandsworth secondary schools is now in its second year. Burntwood students are reading the five shortlisted books and discussing them in a weekly Reading Club in the Library. In March, they will



vote, together with students from the seven other participating schools, for their favourite book. The winner will be announced at a Finale Event on Tuesday 29th March at the Professional Centre.

'The FAB Book Award' was developed by Wandsworth secondary school librarians so that young people can have more of a say about which books they want to read and see winning awards.

SCIENCE NEWS

Physics in Action Day This month, Year 12 Physics students were wowed by a spectacular laser light show, blown away by the largest Rubens' Tube they had ever seen and were stunned by amazing 3-D images of the sun when they attended a 'Physics in Action Day' at the Institute of Physics. The whole day contributed to the Year 12s' understanding of Physics and left them asking when the Institute's next lecture day was coming up.

Science Masterclass This year's programme of Science masterclasses is well underway. Burntwood students from Years 7, 8 and 9 have been joined by students from Chestnut Grove School and Ernest Bevin College for Saturday morning sessions on 'Fire' and 'Dissection'. In the next masterclass, on Saturday 5th February, students will have the opportunity to carry out a range of experiments exploring the Science behind 'Sound'.

SKIPATHON SUCCESS

'Jump Rope For Heart' is the British Heart Foundation's sponsored skipping challenge which raises money to fight heart disease.

In December, Burntwood's Year 10 Sports' Leaders organised and ran a 'Jump Rope for Heart' event with Year 7 students. The Year 7s enjoyed taking part in the 'skipathon' and the event raised £155 for the British Heart Foundation.

Well done to all those who skipped, especially to top fundraiser Shana-Kay Williams 7.4, who collected a magnificent £90 for the charity.

