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# Around Burntwood

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**EXCELLENT  
OFSTED  
OUTCOME**  
**FULL REPORT  
ON SCHOOL  
WEBSITE**

**GROUND  
BREAKING  
CEREMONY  
FOR  
BURNTWOOD'S  
BUILDING  
PROJECT**



A groundbreaking ceremony took place at Burntwood on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May to mark the official launch of the school's rebuilding project. Following a fanfare by Burntwood's brass ensemble, Wandsworth councillor, Kathy Tracey and Nick Sacley from the building company Lend Lease joined Mrs Dorfman in turning the sod on the site of the new sports hall. Mrs Dorfman said "I am delighted to be marking the start of our building project. The new buildings will provide an exciting learning environment fully equipped to enable us to continue to deliver an excellent education to our students and the wider community." The event was also attended by Burntwood staff, governors, student council representatives from Years 7 and 8 and members of the Lend Lease Consortium.

## **SIXTH FORMERS INVITED TO HEAR PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SPEECH**

Burntwood students Emily Cunningham, Year 13, and Priscilla Mensah, Year 12, both winners of the 'Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship' debating competition were invited by the US Embassy to attend President Obama's address to Members of both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. On arrival, they were thrilled to discover they were seated on the stage next to Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson. Emily and Priscilla found the event both overwhelming and inspiring, however, no sooner had the President finished his speech than they were rushed to a quiet alcove in the Palace of Westminster where they took part in a live radio interview, broadcast on the BBC World Service, on their reaction to the speech. To hear the interview, visit the 'News' section of the Burntwood School website [www.burntwoodschool.com](http://www.burntwoodschool.com).



## **1000 GIRLS 1000 SCHOOLS LAUNCH**

Burntwood Year 8 students were invited by Baroness Flather to attend a reception at the Palace of Westminster on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The event launched the '1000 Girls 1000 Schools' initiative and included a showing of the film made by Burntwood students to highlight the plight of girls across the Commonwealth who, for financial reasons, are unable to continue with their education. Baroness Flather and former speaker of the House of Commons, Baroness Betty Boothroyd spoke passionately about how the initiative can change lives and communities in the developing world. Deputy Principal, Charles Harper, also spoke at the event about Burntwood's involvement in and commitment to the project.

## CYCLE TRAINING

Cycle training courses are available, free of charge, to children and adults who live, work, or go to school or college in Wandsworth. If you would like information on the courses running in Wandsworth, please contact the Road Safety Team on 020 8871 6670. If you are interested in attending a cycle training course at Burntwood, please email Sarah Brack at [press@burntwood.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:press@burntwood.wandsworth.sch.uk)

## TRANSITION PROJECT

Students from Years 7 and 8 worked on an enjoyable reading project with Beatrix Potter School's Year 6 pupils. Using picture books on this year's Kate Greenaway Medal shortlist, they explored together how best to read to a younger audience and then read to pupils in Year 1. The project boosted the Year 7s confidence and Year 6s had the opportunity to find out from the older students about life at secondary school.

## BABY BIRDS AT BURNTWOOD

This month, Burntwood took part in a 'Living Eggs Chicken Hatching Programme'. 10 eggs and an incubator were delivered to the Science Department and 48 hours later, 10 tiny chicks pecked their way out of their shells. Students and staff across the school eagerly monitored the chicks' development and were keen to help with their care. Ella Washington, Year 10, said, "Having the chicks here at Burntwood was really interesting. It was very exciting to see the eggs hatch and then to hold the chicks." During their two week stay at Burntwood, the chicks made visits to classes across the curriculum and also to two local primary schools. The chicks have now retired to a farm in Surrey.



## SPANISH EXCHANGE

Eighteen students from Years 10 and 12 took part in this year's Spanish exchange to Santander in Northern Spain. Students spent time with their host families, immersing themselves in Spanish culture and practising their Spanish speaking. The week-long exchange also included trips to some of the picturesque towns and ports of the Basque Country as well as visits to the Soplao caves and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. Students had a brilliant time and found the exchange really helped to boost their language skills.



## SPORTS DAY 2011

*Sports Day was a fantastic success. With sunny if somewhat windy weather, staff and students had a very enjoyable and competitive day. There were some excellent results with lots of record breaking scores. A huge thank you to all students and staff who were involved in Sports Day.*



### Tutor Team Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	82 points	8:9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	76 points	8:6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	69 points	8:0

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Competition: 8:1  
Cheerleading  
Competition: 8:0

1 <sup>st</sup>	77 points	7:2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	75 points	7:7
3 <sup>rd</sup>	68 points	7:5

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