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ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS 2011

Former Burntwood staff and students were among the many visitors who viewed this year's Art and Photography End of Year Shows. The Shows, held on 22nd June, featured A Level and GCSE work of an



incredibly high standard. Visitors were treated to a dazzling display that included painting, photography, sculpture and film on a range of themes. Many of the artists were on hand to talk passionately to visitors about their pieces. An online gallery of students' work will soon be available to view on Burntwood's website www.burntwoodschool.com.



TOWN HALL VISIT FOR STUDENT COUNCIL

This month, Burntwood's Year 7 Student Council representatives visited Wandsworth Town Hall to meet with Mayor of Wandsworth Councillor Jane Cooper. The purpose of visit was for students to learn more about the office and duties of the mayor and to compare these with the work they do on the Student Council. Councillor Cooper talked to the Year 7s about her role over tea. This was followed by a visit to the Council Chamber where the Student Council had the opportunity to ask more questions. They were surprised to discover that the mayor is on duty 365 days a year and attends up to four functions a day.

AMNESTY CLUB AWARENESS DAY

Burntwood School Amnesty Club members organised an awareness and fundraising event on Thursday 9th June. Eight members of the Burntwood Amnesty Club packed bags at Balham Sainsbury's, chatting to members of the public about the work done by the human rights campaigning charity Amnesty International which was 50 years old this year in May. They raised £70.10 in donations for the charity as well as lots of public awareness! Well done to the volunteers.



PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

On Monday 4th July, Burntwood will host and run the inaugural B-MaTH challenge for primary schools. Eight local schools have entered two teams of Year 6 pupils; a Beavers team for enthusiastic mathematicians and an Owls team for able mathematicians. The Maths challenge will take the form of a treasure hunt. Using team work and mathematical knowledge, teams will have to solve a range of practical and engaging mathematical problems to find the elusive treasure!

RIVERSIDE ART AND LITERATURE TRIP

This month, 55 of the students who took part in this year's Carnegie Medal reading group enjoyed a trip to locations near to the River Thames to explore links between literature, poetry and art. The students from Years 7 to 10 first went to one of Waterloo's railway arches to see a series of mosaics celebrating the art and poetry of William Blake. Then they made their way to the Garden Museum to sketch some of the unusual plant species found there. The trip culminated at Tate Britain where students studied a number of Pre-Raphaelite paintings inspired by literature.



CAREERS FOR YEAR 7



As part of the Year 7 PSHE curriculum, students complete a careers module. They research different career opportunities and then invite representatives from various fields of work to come into Burntwood to talk about their professions. This year, visitors included Battersea Dogs and Cats Home volunteer Yvonne, accompanied by one of the dogs adopted by the Home. She talked to students about the work of the Home and the different career options available within the organisation.

BIN IT!

The national campaign 'Bin It!' aims to inform young people aged 11 to 13 about the environmental, cost and social issues surrounding discarded chewing gum. In June, the 'Bin it!' Schools Tour came to Burntwood to deliver a session for Year 7 students.



The presentation was in the form of a short play. Students heard about the daily life of a street-cleaner and the problems caused by gum litter. With humour and audience participation, the session delivered messages on how important it is to dispose of your gum responsibly. The programme, sponsored by Wrigley's, aims to influence and change students' attitude and behaviour towards gum litter to make a long-term positive change.

DEAR is a national initiative to encourage people of all ages to read more. Burntwood students and staff took part in Drop Everything and Read this month. Every Wednesday morning, tutor rooms fell silent as students and staff picked up books, magazines and newspapers and read without interruption for twenty minutes.



GOODBYE TO YEAR 13 Year 13 students celebrated their time at Burntwood Sixth Form with a Leavers' Party. A disco, a candy floss stand and a bouncy castle helped to make the celebration a truly memorable event. Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Warburn, congratulated the students on their outstanding achievements and wished them every success in their exam results and future plans. The party ended with an emotional eco-friendly balloon release around the flag pole.

