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BURNTWOOD - AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL!

This month, Burntwood was one of five Wandsworth schools to welcome to London, teachers from their partner schools in China. The delegation from the Dongli Education Bureau spent six days in the UK to develop further the existing links between schools in China and Wandsworth. Burntwood was delighted to welcome Mrs Wang Xiaoping, a teacher of English at Dabizhuang High School, Burntwood's partner school in Tianjin. Mrs Wang visited lessons and met with students and staff to discuss a new Joint Curriculum Project. This British Council funded 'Connecting Classrooms China' scheme will enable both schools to work on a number of shared activities exploring the theme 'The Motto and Values of the Olympic Movement'.

EXCHANGING VALUES IN MACEDONIA

Ten Year 9 students accompanied by Miss Zafirovska, Ms Heipl and Mr Fyvie visited Macedonia at the beginning of October. The trip, funded by a EU grant, was organised by Wandsworth Council in partnership with Burntwood School and the Municipality of Aerodrom in Skopje, capital of Macedonia, as well as students and teachers from Karlovac, Croatia. The aim of this 'Exchanging Values' project is to enable students to learn more about the cultures and values of other Europeans and to share experiences of school life. The four-day trip included visits to three schools where students delivered presentations and engaged in group work in a range of curriculum areas. There were also visits to some of the historical and cultural sites around Skopje. These included the 10th century 'Fortress Kale', originally dating from the Byzantine period, a ski lift trip to the Vodno Mountain, Mother Theresa's birth place and the River Treska's picturesque canyon. The students thoroughly enjoyed participating in lessons with their Macedonian and Croatian counterparts and were overwhelmed by the warm welcome they were given and the hospitality of the Macedonian people.



THEATRE TRIP

Students from Years 8 and 9 enjoyed a superb performance of 'War Horse' at the New London Theatre. Featuring actors working with magnificent, life-sized puppets, the production explores the futility of war through the experiences of a horse sold into the cavalry at the outbreak of the First World War. Year 9 students begin their study of War Poetry next month and seeing the play helped them to gain an understanding of the context in which the poems were written, the impact on the life of the 'ordinary man at war' and his family, and the emotions that war can create for those involved.



JACK PETCHEY CELEBRATION

Burntwood's Jack Petchey Award Winners were invited to attend a prestigious awards' evening at the Battersea Arts Centre on Monday the 6th October. The Jack Petchey Foundation event was held to celebrate the achievements of students from schools in Wandsworth and Merton. Burntwood's award winners were presented with medals and certificates recognising their success and congratulated by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Jane Cooper. *Meriam Moussa Benammar, Ellie Grainger, Louise Johnson-Jarrett, Mrs Brack (Leader Award), Courtney Goldsmith, Warda Heetun and Ilham Ahmed with Councillor Cooper.*



THRILLS AND CHILLS AT LIBRARY PARTY

Sixty Year 7 students attended the Library's 'Friday Night Fears' party on the 14th of October. The Year 7s thoroughly enjoyed an evening of spooky games, competitions and stories followed by pizza and a movie. As well as getting to know the school and making new friends, they now think of the Library as a great place to visit during the school day. The 'Friday



Night Fears' party, organised and run by Burntwood Librarian, Mrs Siddiqi and Head of English and Media Studies, Ms Latimer-Jones, assisted by teachers and Sixth Form students, helps students new to Burntwood to settle in and show them that there is more to the Library than just shelves of books.

PARKING WHEN ATTENDING EVENTS

Burntwood School is committed to building on its Sustainable School status and working towards a Higher Level School Travel Accreditation Award. To support these initiatives, we would be grateful if visitors to Burntwood could walk, cycle or use public transport when attending school meetings and events. There is no parking available on the school site.

Furthermore, please do not park outside the school if dropping or collecting your daughter. This is extremely dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists and concerns have been raised by members of the public regarding the hazard that these parked cars cause. Parking enforcement officers are patrolling outside the school and will issue tickets to cars parked illegally.

'MY HERITAGE' COMPETITION WINNERS

One of the competitions running during Black History Month was 'My Heritage' which asked students to design posters describing their family and cultural background. The standard of entries was incredibly high but following much deliberation by the judges, the winners are as follows: 1st place and winner of an iPod shuffle Lucy Robinson 7-4, 2nd place Arabi Sivakumaran 9-8 and 3rd place Sarah Uddin 7-4.



Lucy Robinson 7-4



Year 10 Textiles students enjoyed a research trip to the Lyceum Theatre in the West End this month to see a performance of the 'Lion King'.

Students were dazzled by the show's sets and costumes and found the trip provided extremely useful information for the projects they will complete as the coursework element of the Textiles GCSE course.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Twenty eight Burntwood students from Years 7 to 10 competed in this year's Wandsworth Schools' Cross Country competition. Four Burntwood teams were entered in the competition, held on Tooting Bec Common on Wednesday 12th October. All the students gave fantastic performances and completed the 2000m course. Burntwood's top runners were **Natalie Woolny** 9.3 and **Francesca Brown** 9.0 who gained 2nd and 7th places respectively in their category.

