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Season's Greetings

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

BURNTWOOD'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT was a triumph with a spectacular mix of seasonal music and readings. The concert featured a variety of beautifully performed solo and ensemble pieces, with readings that celebrated the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible with verses read in Latin and Ancient Greek to complement the English version. One of the evening's many highlights was a dazzling performance of Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus' from 'The Messiah', by the Choir and Orchestra. The dedication and hard work of many members of staff, especially those of Ms Owen and Mrs Clark, ensured the concert's success.



BURNTWOOD AT THE OLYMPICS

Burntwood is delighted to announce that it has been successful in its application to provide a team of seven students to be ball girls at the 2012 Olympic tennis events at Wimbledon.

Following intensive training with Ms Potter and the PE department, Year 11 students Nurhan Abbud, Mia Brown, Violet Chaudoir, Eve Dolman-Bowles, Maya Dolman-Bowles, Kyra Fraser and Maryam Mohamed were thrilled when they heard that they had passed the rigorous audition. Two Burntwood students have also been successfully nominated as torch bearers. Zoe Jones 9-6 and Racquel Robinson 11-6 will carry the torch along part of the London route on the 26th July 2012. Zoe was nominated by the PE Department for her outstanding contribution to Burntwood's successful BSF bid and her charity work for Amnesty International. Racquel was also nominated by the PE Department for her fantastic contribution to Burntwood's Junior Sports Leaders programme, supporting events including the Wandsworth Disability Gala, Jump Rope for Heart and Wandsworth's Primary Sportshall and cross country competitions.



ST GEORGE'S FUNDRAISING

Former Burntwood students, Saraniga Gugathas and Thurkka Raveendranathan, with Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Mr Gibbs, visited the Frederick Hewitt ward at St George's Hospital this month. During their final year at Burntwood, the girls coordinated fundraising for the ward with cake and table top sales and a mufti day. The £1099 raised enabled the purchase of three laptops and a Nintendo DS to be used by children staying



on the ward. Sheila Davitt-Betts, Community Fundraiser at the hospital said, "On behalf of St George's Hospital Charity, we would like to express our huge gratitude for the hard work of Burntwood's students and staff to raise such a fantastic sum to purchase this equipment." Saraniga and Thurkka are now at university studying Medicine.

CHOIR NEWS

Burntwood's Chamber Choir was invited to sing at the Royal Hospital for Neurodisability to celebrate the inauguration of their new Chaplaincy space with its specially commissioned stained glass. Claire Stonier, Head of Recreation at the Hospital, said "Burntwood Chamber Choir was so professional and the perfect choice to launch our special arts installation, particularly with the programme which was so diverse and cultured."

AUTHOR VISITS

Bali Rai visited Burntwood on the 29th November. He talked to Year 8 students about his new book, 'Killing Honour'. He also spoke to Year 7 about his book



'Revenge of number two', a story about bullying in a secondary school. His book '(Un)arranged marriage' is now a GCSE text. **Sophie McKenzie** visited on the 7th December. She spoke to students in the Library at lunchtime followed by a talk to Year 7 about how she got into writing after doing a creative writing course, providing very useful hints on how to start writing. Sophie is an award winning author; 'Girl, Missing' and her 'Medusa Projects' books have won a number of prestigious awards.



Last month, Miss Cheers and Miss Howes took 14 AS Geography students to Swanage in Dorset to research and investigate rural rebranding and



coastal management. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to gain an insight into Geographical Research and see Geography in Action, in preparation for their January exam.

Congratulations to Raye Douglas 12-3 and Sophie Clark 10-8 who are appearing in Wagner's 'Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg' at the Royal Opera House. They are dancers in the 'Maidens' scene and will be performing for the production's entire run.

Year 8 G&T Art students had the opportunity to improve their life drawing skills at a masterclass on Saturday November 26th. Ms Meechan invited portrait artist Kim Vines to lead the class and Trinity Guildhall 3rd Year Dance & Musical theatre student, Alice Chatfield, modelled. This term, the Year 8s have been working on human figure projects and the workshop gave them a chance to extend this work further by drawing Alice on a large scale using charcoal and coloured pastel, referring to the work of Edgar Degas and his pastel drawings of ballet dancers. The students did some fantastic work particularly as for most of them this was their first attempt at life drawing.



FAITHS WORKSHOP

Last month, seven Year 7 students were invited to attend a Borough multifaith workshop at Brandlehow Primary School. The morning included a range of creative, educational and inspirational activities exploring the Christian, Hindu, Muslim and Jewish faiths. These were explained and brought to life by a number of religious leaders. The Year 7s enjoyed the experience and received a certificate for taking part.



A Level Textiles students visited Kensington Palace on 7th December. The Palace has been transformed to host 'Enchanted Palace', an exhibition of work by artists and designers including Vivien Westwood and Stephen Jones. The exhibition was inspirational for the students as they are working on their fairytale themed coursework. The exhibition is dedicated to the seven princesses who have lived at the Palace and includes live performances and exciting optical illusion installations by film makers 'Wild Works'. Students enjoyed the trip so much that some intend to go back before the exhibition closes on 3rd January 2012.