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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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DANCE SHOW GOES 'BACK TO THE FUTURE' **Fundraising for Spinal Injuries**

BURNTWOOD'S 2008 DANCE SHOW, 'Back to the Future', was a huge success. Over two hundred students from all years took part and delighted audiences over two nights with their exciting performances. Technology, the Environment and Space provided the inspiration for the Show, interpreted with a variety of modern and classical dance routines. The students' enthusiasm and dedication, together with the support of the Physical and Arts Cluster, ensured that the Show delivered an evening of effervescent entertainment.



This term, Burntwood has been supporting a charity that conducts research into spinal injuries. In November, James Taylor gave an inspirational talk at a whole school assembly. He explained how an accident three years ago left him paralysed from the chest down. He has rebuilt his life and described how he has managed to cope with this life-changing event in a positive way. The talk had a profound effect on Burntwood students so the money raised on mufti day at the end of term will also be donated to the charity.

New Science and Engineering Club

Burntwood School has made a successful bid to the DCSF to fund a Science and Engineering after-school club. The Government is supporting the programme of clubs to address the shortage of young people opting to study science and mathematics at A level and beyond. Burntwood will receive £17,000 over three years to run a club that will offer a programme of stretching activities to inspire and engage students in science and engineering. Burntwood's club, led by Science teacher Miss Gosmore and Design and Technology teacher Mr Haynes, is now up and running for Year 7 students. Topics covered so far this term include aerodynamics and friction in vehicle design and making balloon-powered cars. Students have also investigated how to measure and display time and have made fizzy bath bombs. Next term, students will design space station merchandise, study indoor explosions, make batteries from pennies and work with and against gravity.



Fundraising Update

Tutor group 8.0 has now raised £121.56 for 'Children in Need'.

**Burntwood
Christmas
Concert**

Tuesday 16th December

7pm

Adults £5.00

Concessions £3.00

Burntwood's Ambassadors for Change

Year 8 students were invited to attend a 'Waste Watch' conference on recycling and sustainability this month. 'Waste Watch' is a charity dedicated to changing the way people use the world's natural resources. The 'Ambassadors for Change' conference was held at the 'Roots and Shoots' Eco-Centre in Kennington and gave students the opportunity to take part in a range of environmental workshops and activities. The girls enjoyed the conference and were thrilled to win the 'waste free' lunch competition. Burntwood School is working towards becoming an Eco School and students came away with several good ideas to implement at Burntwood.



French Exchange Trip

The Languages Department organised a very successful exchange trip to France in November for students in Years 10, 12 and 13. The exchange was with students from the Lycee Fernand Darchicourt in Henin-Beaumont, near Lille. As well as spending time with their host families, students

Library Debate

Burntwood students from all years enjoy reading the books of Stephenie Meyer, author of the international bestseller, 'Twilight'. The author has attracted criticism in the Media and Burntwood's Library staff felt it would be interesting to hold a debate on her books. 51 students took part in the debate that was very capably chaired by Year 12 student Suzan Aydin. A final vote showed that 96% of those present still love Stephenie Meyer's books.

Gifted and Talented Art

Year 8 students took part in an all-day Gifted and Talented art workshop in November, creating responses to the theme of identity and whether your outward appearance reflects who you actually are. They used a range of materials and techniques to achieve some very successful results. The workshop gave students the opportunity to work independently to develop and produce an extended piece.



enjoyed a range of museum visits and activities that gave them the opportunity to practise their

French speaking. They also went sightseeing in Paris and Bruges and rounded off the trip with souvenir shopping at the Val d'Europe in Calais. Students are looking forward to welcoming their exchange partners to Burntwood in March.

Gap Year Speaker

Anissa Ladjemi from the organisation, WorldWide Volunteering visited Burntwood School this month to talk to 6th Formers about the benefits of volunteering and how to find a suitable project. WorldWide Volunteering provides free advice and information on how to choose a volunteering project in this country and abroad. Students found the talk both helpful and informative.

TABLE TENNIS TRIUMPH

The first of four table tennis meetings for the Wandsworth League Championships took place on the 3rd December. Year 11 students Laura Higham and Rosie Byrne and Year 9 students Jennifer Higham and Lucy Lou competed with great success, beating Graveney 8-0 and Elliott 6-2. The team is looking forward to the next round, hoping for success in the individual and the team leagues with the only all-girl squad in the competition!



BSF Questionnaires

The School is eager to receive parents' views and comments on the proposed BSF plans for Burntwood School.

PLEASE return your completed BSF questionnaire by the end of term. A meeting for families on Thursday 15th January 2009 at 6.30pm will be an opportunity for the School to provide an update on the progress made so far and also for families to raise any queries they may have in regard to the plans and their implementation.

Uniform Shop New Opening Times

From January 2009, the Uniform Shop will open at the following times:

Mondays 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Wednesdays 8am - 8.30am

1st Saturday of the month during term time 9am - 11 am

Daily for students only in the Tuck Shop 12.45pm - 1pm

CHEERLEADING NEWS

Burntwood's Cheervision took part in the Future Cheer Winter Wonderland competition in Brentwood on 29th November. The Pee Wee and Junior teams performed with enthusiasm and determination and gained 4th and 5th places respectively in their divisions. Burntwood's Cheervision Club was also awarded the 'One Heartbeat Award', recognising the great teamwork and team spirit shown by the Squad during the competition.

NETBALL SUCCESS

Burntwood's netball teams have enjoyed a very successful few weeks competing in the Wandsworth Borough tournaments for Years 7 and 8 which were held under floodlight on the newly



renovated netball courts at Burntwood. Burntwood entered two teams in each division; Year 8's Red Team (above) finished as tournament champions and the Grey Team finished third. Burntwood's Year 7 Grey Team took second place in their division. Congratulations to all who took part.