



# KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND BURNWOOD

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## Award for Burntwood Report

BURNWOOD STUDENTS were presented with an award for their BBC News Report on Friday 16th May at BBC Television Centre. Over 250 schools took part in School Report 2008 and the award recognised Burntwood's TV News programme as one of the top twenty in the country and celebrated the news-making skills demonstrated by School Reporters in March. The Awards were presented by BBC 'Newsround' presenter Adam Fleming and the day included a guided tour of Television Centre. The students from Years 8 and 9 who were involved in the project found it a fascinating insight into how TV news is made. English and Media teachers, Mr Graham and Mr Meade are already planning Burntwood's School Report 2009.

**BURNWOOD'S SPRING CONCERT** provided an entertaining programme of classical, world and popular music and featured a host of accomplished solo and ensemble performances.



Highlights included a delightful performance by the Choir and Orchestra of 'Do-Re-Mi' from the musical, The Sound of Music. The hard work and dedication of many members of staff, especially Ms Owen and Mrs Clark, ensured the Concert's success.

## Burntwood Jumps Rope for Heart

Burntwood's Year 10 Junior Sports Leaders and Year 7 students have just completed a very successful 'skipathon'. As part of their course, the Sports Leaders must organise a sporting activity and as Burntwood students are always keen to participate in fundraising events, a 'skipathon' provided an excellent opportunity to do both. The



Imogen Sykes with JSLA students Frances Boxall and Laura Higham

British Heart Foundation trained the Sports Leaders in skipping skills and they in turn passed this knowledge on to Year 7 students in a Skipping Club. After several weeks of practice, Year 7 students took part in a sponsored 'Jump Rope' event to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

The event, planned and organised entirely by the Sports Leaders, raised an amazing £748.86 for the charity. An assembly celebrated the achievement of all those involved; certificates and prizes were awarded to the many outstanding contributors to this event, including Imogen Sykes of 7:3 who raised £86 and to Tutor Group 7:4 who raised £302.35. It is hoped that Jump Rope might now become an annual fundraising event at Burntwood.

*This month's Jack Petchey Award winner is Year 9 student Maya Bailey.*

*She was nominated for the Award by Ms Stoianov for being an exemplary student in PE despite challenging personal circumstances.*





## Successful Spanish Trip

Students from Years 10 and 12 enjoyed an exchange trip to Santander in Northern Spain at the end of March. Students, although at first apprehensive, quickly embraced the Spanish way of life and settled happily with their exchange families.

The week-long trip included a number of wonderful excursions including a private guided tour of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and a cable car ride up the Picos de Europa. Students also enjoyed a flamenco dancing lesson and several shopping excursions, and of course, the trip gave students the chance to practice their Spanish speaking skills. After the Spring Break, the Spanish exchange students came to stay with their Burntwood partners and had an equally rewarding and worthwhile trip.

## Students Contribute to Book Research

Burntwood was delighted to welcome a very distinguished visitor in April, Dr Nahid Kabir from Edith Cowan University in Perth, Australia. Dr Kabir is writing a book about the experiences of growing up as a Muslim in

Britain, and as part of her research, she interviewed 30 Burntwood students from Years 11, 12 and 13. She said of her visit, "The first time I came to your school, I was interested to see the presence of all colours and ethnic groups. I am impressed by how Burntwood is truly multicultural and accepting of all people." As well as interviewing members of the Muslim Council of Britain, Dr Kabir was keen to speak to Tooting MP Sadiq Khan and Mrs Brookes, Deputy Principal, helped Dr Kabir to arrange an interview with Mr Khan at Parliament. Burntwood will receive a copy of the book upon publication.

## Burntwood Collects for the DEC

Burntwood staff and students, moved by the recent tragic events in Burma and China, responded swiftly by organising a Whole School Assembly on the theme of Global Citizenship. Burntwood has links through staff and families with both countries and the Assembly highlighted the plight of those affected by the devastation with reflective music, song and poetry. The Burmese and Chinese flags were flown and a collection raised £397.36 for the Disasters Emergency Committee.

## Media Talk for 6th Formers

A level Media students enjoyed a visit to Burntwood by JJ Connolly, author and scriptwriter of the hit film 'Layer Cake'. Following a screening of the film, students quizzed JJ Connolly on how he researched his novel and then adapted it for the screen. The discussion provided a useful insight into the film making process; he described his experiences of working with the director and the actors on the film and also explained how the film's funding, editing and distribution influenced the final cut. The visit was very informative and also particularly relevant to the students' studies.



### Uniform Shop New Opening Times

From 21st May 2008

The School Uniform Shop will open during term time on:

Wednesday 8:00am - 8:30am

Friday 2:30pm - 3:45pm

1st Saturday of the month

9:00am - 11:00am

Daily for **students only** in the

Tuck Shop 12:45pm - 1:00pm

### Communication with Families

All parents and carers are welcome to attend a meeting to discuss how the School might improve communication with families.

The meeting takes place on Monday 9th June at 5.30pm in the Middle Teaching Block. For more details contact Jo Davies, Parent Governor at [info@burntwood.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:info@burntwood.wandsworth.sch.uk)

### Linking with China

Mr Harper, Deputy Principal, recently joined a group of Wandsworth teachers on a study trip to China. The visit, funded by the British Council, was to develop links for staff and students with schools in Tianjin. The trip was extremely successful; Burntwood will be working on a number of exciting projects with Dabizhuang High School. Developments will be reported in future editions of Around Burntwood.