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CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

BURNWOOD SCHOOL is participating in the Jack Petchey Achievement Award scheme which enables secondary schools to recognise the effort, endeavour and achievement of young people in a practical and positive way. Recipients of this award must have contributed to the school or community in a significant way or can be recognised for positive personal developments. Each month one student is selected by the School to receive the Award. The winner receives a framed certificate and £300 to be spent on a school project of the recipient's choice. Winners from January, February and March were presented with their Achievement Awards by Mr Harper, Deputy Principal, during a Whole School Assembly.

The winners are: Georgette Shadbolt, Year 10, for significant improvement in all aspects of her work at school. Isabella Lamptey, Year 11, for keeping up-to-date with all her work and maintaining a positive attitude despite recurrent challenging circumstances. Mercy Dennis-Smith, Year 12, for the exceptional dedication and community involvement shown throughout her Community Sports Leaders' Award course. Congratulations to all three students.



Award winners Georgette Shadbolt and Mercy Dennis-Smith

Borough Award for Cheerleaders

Burntwood's Cheerleading Squad has won the Wandsworth Under-18 Sports Team of the Year 2007 Award.

Burntwood's Cheerleaders were given the award for 'consistently demonstrating commitment, dedication and significant achievement in their sport during 2007'. The Annual Wandsworth Sports Awards evening was held on the 11th March at the Borough's Civic Centre, with awards presented by decathlon athlete Dean Macey. As well as receiving the Award, the Squad performed their new 'Need for Speed' routine.

Burntwood's Cheerleading Squad performed with energy and precision at the BCA Midlands Classic competition on the 23rd March. It was the Squad's first competition in the Senior Intermediate Division. The girls made a great impression with their routine of stunts and tumbling and finished in a commendable 5th place. Their next competition will be BCA Internationals in July, when they will be competing along with the Burntwood Cheer Club Peewee and Junior teams. The Squad will be fundraising next term to finance their participation.

Student's Design Success

Year 13 student, Nosipho Ndaba, was joint winner of last year's Fashion Awareness Direct's Junior Award. Judges praised her 'creativity, market awareness and cultural inspiration', and the fact that her final garment was extremely well made. She has now completed her prize

of a work placement at the Tesco Clothing design studios, and found the experience of working in the industry invaluable. Interest in Nosipho's success continues as she was recently interviewed by the University of the Arts London student magazine on her thoughts about winning the competition and her plans for the future.

Nosipho (left) on the catwalk with her winning design



Inspirational Iceland Trip

Forty Year 10 students travelled to Iceland in March. Students and staff were overwhelmed by the sheer beauty of a wilderness landscape covered in ice and snow under brilliant blue skies. One of the many highlights of the trip was a trek up Kerio volcano and a walk into its crater; students studied the hazard management strategies in place for the overdue eruption of the volcano. They also stood at the boundary of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates which move apart by 2cm every year. The theme of the trip was 'heat in a cold place', so visits were made to a geothermal power station, to geysers and a variety of sites where steam rises from the ground from pools of bubbling water. Students also had the opportunity to see the northern lights dancing across the night sky and to swim in the world-famous Blue Lagoon, a steamy geothermal pool surrounded by snow covered mountains.

National Year of Reading

Burntwood School's Library has been promoting reading with a variety of events throughout March. World Book Day was on the 6th March. Every student received a World Book Day token to use towards the cost of a book or to exchange for one of the books issued exclusively for World Book Day. The Library held a book fair at lunchtimes throughout the week; over 400 students used their tokens either at the fair or in exchange for a World Book Day book and the Library earned 20 free books in commission.

As part of the 2008 National Year of Reading, the Library held Fiction Quiz on the 27th March. Teachers took on students in a tough literary quiz with questions on different genres and classic books. After an exciting tie-break finish, the students triumphed, much to the enjoyment of the enthusiastic audience. The money raised from the 50p entrance fee will go to Barnardos. Other events taking place at Burntwood to celebrate the National Year of Reading include displays of photographs around the School of students and staff with their favourite book.

Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Newly qualified doctors from St George's, University of London joined Burntwood Sixth Formers this month



to debate the best way to increase the number of organs available for transplant. The two sides of the debate proposed that either the current system should remain where people opt into a programme of organ donation or that consent for donation should be presumed unless people opt out. The lively debate concluded with a majority vote for an opt out system for organ donation. The debate was part of the School's Support Programme for Sixth Formers interested in pursuing careers in medicine and healthcare.



Cambridge Calling

44 Year 12 students visited Cambridge University on 13th March to attend an Open Day at Robinson College. The trip gave students the opportunity to find out from tutors how best to prepare for interview and university life after admission from students already at the College. Students found their visit both informative and inspirational.



Students attended lectures on student life at the University of Cambridge

Football Academy Visit

14 students from Years 7 and 8 enjoyed a day at the David Beckham Academy last month. Students spent the morning experiencing various aspects of the game of football, and discovered what physiotherapists, fitness coaches, nutritionists, talent scouts and sports journalists contribute to the sport. The afternoon was dedicated to matches of football. Students were divided into teams and put through their paces on the pitch. They had a fantastic time even though they didn't manage to see David Beckham in person.