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## BRILLIANT BUGSY SHOW

BURNWOOD STUDENTS presented their stunning production of the musical 'Bugsy Malone' from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. The show dazzled spectators with magnificent song and dance numbers and impressive solo performances including cameo comic appearances by staff members. The sold-out shows left audiences amazed by the professional and polished performances of both cast and crew.

Head of Drama at Burntwood, Ms Dunn, said of the show, "Doing a musical requires huge amounts of energy and organisation, but we've loved every minute of it. The sentiments of friendship and endeavour in the play are ones that are central to Burntwood too, making it an excellent choice for us to perform." *More images can be seen on the website [www.burntwoodschool.com](http://www.burntwoodschool.com)*

## Burntwood's BBC News Report

Burntwood students found out what it is like working to the tight deadline of a newsroom when they took part in the BBC News School Report Day on the 13th March. Students from Years 8 and 9 put together a 20 minute news programme that was broadcast live to a global audience via the BBC's website. Students,



*Beth Munro, Libby Majumdar and Akos Osei-Kwame with MP Sadiq Khan*

supported by English and Media teachers, Mr Meade and Mr Graham, researched, wrote, filmed and edited a variety of articles for the programme covering both local and national issues. As part of their report, students interviewed Tooting MP Sadiq Khan and Inspector Clive Lett from Wandsworth's School Youth Engagement Team who were asked to give their views on a variety of issues that affect young people.

The project has given students an insight into the news-making process and has certainly encouraged them to take a greater interest in current affairs. View Burntwood's report at [www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport).

## Chamber Choir News

The Chamber Choir enjoyed a memorable 'Traditional Arts' music workshop when Roger Watson, Musa Mboob and Rahi Baines showed students how to combine the traditions of English, West African and Punjabi folk music. The Choir sang in a variety of languages and tried out the instruments associated with the different cultures. The workshop was so successful that the Choir performed one of the pieces learned during the session at the annual Clapham Young Musicians' Festival. Singers and instrumentalists from the Centre for Young Musicians and other local schools joined Burntwood's Chamber Choir at Holy Trinity Church on the 8th March to perform a varied programme of musical entertainment.

## Redesignation Success for Burntwood

**Burntwood School is pleased to announce that it has achieved redesignation as a Science Specialist School.**

This means that over the next three years Burntwood will be able to build on the extensive work already undertaken to support students in their study of Science and Maths.

This well established programme of support aims to raise standards of achievement for all students, and encourages progression into higher education and employment. Redesignation will also allow Burntwood to develop further its strong community links with St George's, University of London and a number of local primary and secondary schools. Burntwood will continue to be an active partner with its local family of schools and the wider community, sharing resources and disseminating good practice.

# National Science and Engineering Week 2008



Burntwood students and staff celebrated National Science and Engineering Week 2008 by taking part in an exciting week of cross curriculum science events and activities. Burntwood started the week with a Science Masterclass on 'Blood, Blood, Glorious Blood'. Other highlights included a

daily brain teasing quiz, maths competitions, and a range of lunchtime events with the theme of 'Food for Thought'. Students were able to make honeycomb, plant seeds in 'Grow Your Own Food' sessions, and take part in a Library 'Do You Know Your Fruit and Veg?' quiz. Experiments Roadshows on Nursing and Prosthetics also ran during the week. Watch Burntwood's BBC News Report to find out more.



## Geography Action Plan

Geography students have been taking part in a variety of activities run by the National Action Plan for Geography at the Royal Geographical Society; Year 13 attended a workshop on Global Climate and Year 12 students attended a two day course during half term which included a fieldtrip that looked at the changing geographical landscape of Docklands. Year 9 enjoyed a Geography Ambassador Visit to Burntwood by Alex Massey from the financial consultancy company Deloitte, who talked about the relevance of Geography in the world today and the geographical skills that employers value in the world of work.

## Students Go Green

Burntwood Sixth Formers attended a 'London Students Go Green' conference at City Hall in February. As well as taking part in a workshop on climate change, students discussed ways of promoting and supporting recycling in school and planned schemes to help students become more eco-friendly.

## Poetry Please

Burntwood's Year 11 students turned their attentions to English when they attended a GCSE Poetry Live! conference at Westminster Central Hall in February. Students heard the poets that they are studying read and talk about their work and also received advice from the Chief Examiner on how to achieve better grades in their GCSE English exams. The day proved both entertaining and informative.

## Cheering for Charity

Members of Burntwood's Cheerleading Squad packed customers' shopping bags at Sainsbury's Vauxhall last month to raise funds to finance their participation in this year's National Cheerleading Championships in July. They also



raised over £250 for the Teenage Cancer Trust. The Squad created a wonderful atmosphere in the supermarket; the girls performed some of their routines and had staff and customers cheering and dancing along with them. They were excellent ambassadors for Burntwood and enthusiastically told customers about the Squad and the School.

## Students' Successful Maths Challenge

On February 7th, the top two Mathematics' sets in Year 10 took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Challenge. The UKMT Challenge has 25 multiple choice questions and is a test of reasoning and mental agility. Students performed brilliantly in the Challenge; Lily Bickerstaffe achieved the best result in the School and gained a Gold Level Certificate. Lucy Cotgrove, Sarah Kidd, Saoirse Brennan, Saraniga Gugathas and Lailah Karanewton achieved Silver Level Certificates and twelve students achieved a Bronze. Congratulations to all who took part.



## Knitting Club

Burntwood's Enrichment Programme for 6th Formers includes a thriving Knitting Club, where students learn this declining art with patient guidance from Mrs Cavanagh and Miss Coe. This term, students are knitting mobile phone covers using a variety of stitches and techniques.