



# KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH NEWS AND EVENTS

# AROUND BURNWOOD

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## Burntwood Garden Opens

**Burntwood's Faith Garden was declared officially open on the 10<sup>th</sup> July by Principal, Helen Dorfman.**

Guests attending the opening celebration included representatives from the community and Learning through Landscapes, as well as Burntwood governors, staff and students. The project, funded by the school grounds charity, Learning through Landscapes, and the Heritage Lottery Fund has enabled the development of a disused area of Burntwood's grounds into a space that will benefit all students. The Garden has been transformed into a wonderful teaching and learning environment incorporating a performance space and growing area. Opening the Garden, Mrs Dorfman said "The Burntwood Faith Garden is a charming and important addition to our grounds.

Many students will enjoy its peaceful surroundings and will gain enormously from this resource." She thanked all those who have helped to make the project such a success, including Learning through Landscapes and the Heritage Lottery Fund, Homebase Wimbledon DIY store, EDF Energy's 'Helping Hands' team, Justin Jones Landscape Gardener, Jackie Mwanza Artist in Residence, and Burntwood staff and students.



*Ms Smith, Mr Harper, Amber Sorrell from Learning through Landscapes and artist Jackie Mwanza with students who worked on the project*

## Brilliant Burntwood Ambassadors

**Burntwood students from Year 10**, with students from three other London schools, attended a week long course at the law firm DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary in the City of London. The response when the course was offered to Year 10 was overwhelming so the names of all those interested were put in a hat and six were drawn out. Hidigo Dulane, Jade Anatole, Kris-Ann Lewis, Lydia Brooker, Melvyna Mumunie and Katie McKerchar found the experience both enjoyable and rewarding. When Mr Harper, Deputy Principal, and Mrs Warburn, Year 10 Curriculum Coordinator visited the group on their last day to see them presented with certificates, Mrs Elaine Radford, course organiser, said of the girls "Their presentation skills are astounding and the respect they show to each other and to the rest of the group is remarkable. Your students are a credit to your school!"

**25 Burntwood students from Years 9 and 12** attended an Oxford taster event at Putney High School last month. They took part in an English Literature seminar and acquitted themselves very well, taking a leading role in the discussion of a Keats poem. Georgina Green, the Oxford postgraduate running the seminar, commented that she was 'amazed at how advanced the students' understanding of literature was'. She added that they were 'obviously well taught and were also intelligent, responsive, articulate and creative. Any of them would have held their own at an undergraduate seminar'. Congratulations to the students who took part and to the English team for their excellent teaching which gives Burntwood students the ability and confidence to participate at the highest level.

## Carnegie Event at Burntwood

The Carnegie Medal is an award for the best in children's fiction. Schools around the country 'shadow' the award and read the shortlisted books to see if they agree with the judges. Burntwood, Graveney and Elliott Schools hold a joint 'shadowing' event every year. This year it was at Burntwood. Over 100 students attended to hear talks from three of the authors on this year's longlist; Anne Cassidy, Catherine MacPhail and Graham Joyce. Discussions on the shortlisted books followed and students got a chance to vote for their favourite book. The winner of the student vote was 'Clay' by David Almond. The actual winner announced on the 7th July was 'Tamar' by Mal Peet. The event was an ideal opportunity to talk about books and the shadowing gives students a chance to read books they may never have thought of reading. It was a very enjoyable day for all those who took part.



## Re:INVENTING at the ING Bank

Year 10 Art students enjoyed a private view of their paintings at the ING Bank Gallery, London Wall. Their work was exhibited along side the work of the famous artists that had inspired them, including works by Sir Stanley Spencer and Ivon Hitchens. The exhibiton was a collaboration involving students from Burntwood and Emanuel Schools and Wimbledon School of Art. The remit was to visit either the ING Bank's private collection or the Maritime Museum's collection of paintings and to produce an interpretation or piece inspired by the chosen painting. The resulting work was of an incredibly high standard and highly praised.

Congratulations to all those who took part.

*Dhara Padhiar and Priya Yoganathan exhibiting at the ING Bank*



## End of Year Art Show



*Alexis Carter, Alex Hosking and Lucy Judson with their work*

The Art Department presented yet another stunning End of Year show. Students from GCSE and GCE Art and Photography, together with staff, family and friends, enjoyed an evening to celebrate their achievements. Both external moderators praised highly the work produced by Burntwood students and it is hoped that the excellent standard will be reflected in this summer's results.

## Art and Photography News

Students on the A2/AS Photography course were given a talk by Mischa Haller, photographer and senior lecturer on the MA Photojournalism course at the London College of Communication. A Level Photography students, Holly Gates and Megan Cope emailed Mischa, asking him to visit Burntwood, after viewing his work at the Photographers' Gallery. Students found the talk very motivating and Mischa kindly donated signed copies of his books to the Photography Department.

Photography students took part in a series of workshops with teacher and artist Tansy Spinks in reponse to an exhibition at the Pump House Gallery.

Art students took part in Surface Design, Book Arts and Photography courses at the London College of Communication.



## The Solar Kitchen - the perfect recipe for Year 10

100 Year 10 students took part in a cross curricular enterprise activity, the 'Solar Kitchen' challenge. The challenge was to design and build a solar oven and cook food in it. As well as designing and making the oven, students had to write a business plan to show how the oven could be produced and marketed. The activity incorporated elements of Geography and Citizenship, Science, Design and Technology and English. Concerns about the future of the Planet and finding other sources of energy are global issues. Solar energy provides an alternative both for developed countries looking for greener forms of energy and also for developing countries where other sources of energy are scarce or too expensive. Before designing their oven, students had to research how solar energy can be harnessed and used efficiently. They also wrote a newspaper article promoting the benefits of solar energy. All the teams enjoyed the challenge and succeeded in cooking eggs and baking bread in their oven.

# Sports Day for Year 7 and 8



Sports Day for Years 7 and 8 was very successful even though it had to be moved indoors due to the unpredictable weather. Teams put in some brilliant performances and as usual cheerleading and tutor group banners complemented the events and added to the exuberance of the day. The winning team in Year 8 was 8-6 with 8-4 a close second and 8-9 third. In Year 7, 7-8 were the clear leaders with 7-2 taking second place and 7-4 third. Many thanks to all those who made Sports Day such a success, including the Year 10 JSLA students without whose assistance the day could not have taken place. A great day was had by all.

## Athletics Results

The London Schools' Athletics Competition took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. It was a sweltering day but yet again Burntwood students gave impressive performances. Congratulations to all those who took part, especially to Jade and Briony on reaching the English Schools Standard. The results are as follows:

Jade Phillips Year 10	1st - 100m (12.60 seconds)*	1st - Relay	3rd - Shot
Robyn St Luce Boyce Year 10	1st - Hurdles	1st - Relay	2nd - 100m
Anita Cooper Year 10	1st - High Jump	1st - Relay	
Asha Forde Scille Year 10	1st - Relay	2nd - Long Jump	
Briony Phillips Year 11	1st - Shot (11.08m)*		
Elizabeth Ibeh Year 9	4th - Javelin		

\*English Schools' Standard

## UK Mathematics Trust Junior Challenge

At the end of April, the top Mathematics' sets in Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the UK Junior Mathematics Trust Challenge. The UKMT Challenge has 25 multiple-choice questions and is a test of reasoning and mental agility. The results of all the students who took part are very pleasing. Julia Dunn in Year 7 achieved the best result in the School. She gained a Gold Level Certificate and qualified for the prestigious Junior Mathematical Olympiad. Saoirse Brennan in Year 8 also achieved a Gold Level Certificate. Congratulations to all those who took part in the Challenge.

The following pupils achieved Silver Level Certificates: Naomi Abrams, Safia Didi, Chrysy Kim, Gina Mably, Rachael McLaverty-Williamson, Madalen Mitchell, Clare Morgan, India Roche, Reaghan Walsh, Hannah Young-McHugh, Tianna Bankole-Clarke, Nuriya Benghanem Gharbi, Lily Bickerstaffe, Malaika Carrhaji, Martha Clarke, Kara Coffey, Asante Crichlow, Naaela Giny, Charlotte Graham, Saraniga Gugathas, Rosemary Nasrin, Ujala Nazir, Amnah Rehman, Hana Standing-Tattersall, Natasha Turner-Wray.

The following pupils achieved Bronze Level Certificates: Maryuma Bader, Sabrina Begum, Tamzin Deramchi, Louise Ebhogiaye, Rebecca Eke, Marcelle Grant, Cynthia Ibobo, Adele James, Genevieve Koomson-Adeyemi, Madeleine Maggs, Zoe McHayle, Nijilan Morris-Jarra, Thao Nguyen, Nancy Potts, Bethany Rielly, Imrana Shaikh, Delilah Warner, Ana Bakht, Zara Bellos, Rose Conman, Lucy Cotgrove, Rose Danford-Phillips, Shahzadi Khan, Warda Muzaffar, Amy Nixon, Faizah Siddiqi, Ruby Stone-Sharp, Emily Thornton.

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## Steel Pans perform at The Fairfield Halls

On the 5<sup>th</sup> July Burntwood's Steel Pans Ensemble took part in the Wandsworth Schools' Music Gala Concert at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon. The Concert was held in the presence of The Worshipful the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Jim Madden, and was hosted by actress Prunella Scales. Students from 20 Wandsworth schools took part, showcasing the excellent musical talent in the Borough. Burntwood students gave a wonderful performance of a traditional "African Song" arranged by the Ensemble's director Ricky de Cairos.

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## Goats for Africa

Burntwood staff and students raised enough money to buy 84 goats for Oxfam's Christmas Appeal. With Gift Aid the total has risen to an amazing 104 goats! Well done to all those who helped with the Appeal.

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## Envision Fashion Show

Burntwood's Envision team are holding a recycled fashion show at the end of term. As well as entertaining students, the sixth formers hope to promote recycling both locally and globally. The clothes for the show have been designed made by students, revamping old and dated clothes into fashion items and entrance to the show is gained with an item that can be recycled. Envision is a government funded, Londonwide organisation that helps 16-19 year olds in schools and colleges to develop their own social and environmental projects.

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## Science Masterclasses

Masterclasses in Science have covered a broad spectrum this term. Students have enjoyed learning about DNA and got to take some of their own home in a bottle. They also took part in Rainforest masterclass and got to handle creatures native to that habitat including snakes, giant snails, spiders and tree frogs. Students from Ernest Bevin College were also invited to take part in these activities.

# Sir Isaac Newton at Burntwood

In June actor David Hall in the guise "Britain's Greatest ever Scientist", Sir Isaac Newton, came to Burntwood School. The show, a Johnny Ball Production, gave students a lesson in science and



maths that was both highly entertaining and scientifically enlightening. With lots of humour and audience participation, the show set out to explain some of Newton's greatest theories and discoveries, as well as giving details of Newton's life and influences. The performance showed how Newton's discoveries impact on our lives today. David Hall gave two shows, one to Burntwood's Year 7 and the other to Year 5 and 6 pupils from Burntwood's Partner Primary Schools. Both audiences thoroughly enjoyed the show.

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## Primary Schools visit Burntwood

Burntwood Science Department has been busy this term introducing pupils from Burntwood's Partner Primary Schools to Science with a variety of laboratory sessions. The sessions have been extremely successful and the Year 6 pupils can't wait to do 'real' Science at secondary school. Beatrix Potter Primary School's Year 6 pupils joined a Burntwood Year 7 class to take part in a transition event run by students from St George's University of London. The 'Crash Roadshow' showed the participants how easily infections are spread and also looked at coping with visual impairment.

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## University Calling!

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July saw Burntwood's Year 12 community travel, en masse, to Kensington Olympia to see what the UCAS listed universities had to offer for the 2007 academic year. Everyone used the morning wisely, gathering prospectuses and other freebies before heading home with questions answered and a clearer idea of what the future held for them.

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## Charity Run for Breast Cancer

Ms Brookes and students from the AS level Religious Studies group took part in the Race for Life Breast Cancer event in Regent's Park on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. The students were motivated to join in this fundraising event as one of their teachers is presently undergoing treatment for this illness. The fastest time was recorded by Rukshanara Parvin who completed the 5 km course in 33 minutes. Needless to say Ms Brookes brought up the rear in 62! All students gained medals and goody bags including a welcome drink and a snack, and some Persil to wash the sports kit in!

