



# KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH NEWS AND EVENTS

# AROUND BURNWOOD

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## Burntwood Students Support Children's Unit

Year 8 students have raised an amazing £2409.57 for the Children's Intensive Care Unit at St George's Hospital.

The whole of Year 8, including tutors and Year 8 Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs Mehrotra, raised the money by taking part in a sponsored walk around Burntwood's field. They were inspired to take part in the 'Hold my Hand' appeal, which raises money for the Unit, following a visit from paediatric nurse, Vikki Cameron, and the manager of the St George's Charitable Foundation Appeal Shop, David Haughton. The response from Year 8 was fantastic and in April Dr Jonathan Round, a consultant on the Unit, visited Burntwood to receive the cheque. He explained how the Unit provides high dependency care for both local children and children requiring specialist care from across the South of England. Thanking all those who took part, Dr Round said, "It's great to know that Burntwood students have chosen to support their local hospital and the specialist services it provides."



## Work Experience Awards

Wandsworth Borough Council and BEST, (Business and Education Succeeding Together) hosted a special ceremony in March at the Wandsworth Professional Centre to celebrate outstanding achievement in a work experience placement in 2005.

Burntwood did particularly well with more students receiving awards than any other school. Year 11 students Amy Hyde, Charlotte Mugarra D'Cruze, Nirojah Amirthalingam, Sharnelle Bertram and Nafisa Ali Haji were presented with awards for performing exceptionally well in their Year 10 work experience. Two Year 13 students also received awards: Anu Darani Shanmuganathan for two weeks of

vocational work experience at the Museum of Garden History and Hannah McLaverty-Williamson for work experience via email. Congratulations to all the students involved.

## History comes alive at Imperial War Museum

In May Ms Hoyland, Ms Jones and 23 Year 9s took part in a History Masterclass at the Imperial War Museum. As well as looking at the larger exhibits of war planes and tanks, students had the opportunity to talk to war veterans about their experiences of World War Two. Next they saw the interactive submarine exhibition, squashing onto small bunks, and sniffing pots which were supposed to smell like the sailors after they had been in the submarine for a long time! Students then viewed the Children's War Exhibition where they learned about evacuation and the role of young people in supporting the Second World War effort. The exhibition includes a 1940s school room, and the girls re-enacted a lesson using the chalk board and wooden desks. Rosa Hopkins made a particularly impressive school mistress. Finally, they saw the 1940s house and were surprised by the furniture and bomb shelter in the kitchen. Everyone enjoyed the visit and found it extremely worthwhile.



# On Target for a Mars Landing

Intrepid Year 9 students from Burntwood School and Ernest Bevin College joined forces in an exciting Science and Enterprise event this month. The 'Gifted and Talented' students took part in a 'Target:Mars' adventure, facing a series of challenges to find out if they have got what it takes to colonise the Red Planet.

Using lateral thinking skills and scientific knowledge, the boys and girls worked together in teams to plan a mission to land an astronaut on

Mars. As well as cracking codes and building robots, students had to design and construct a launch tower and landing craft

strong enough to withstand the unforgiving Martian landscape, balancing economic viability with safety and performance. Raw eggs were used as test astronauts to see which teams' constructions were the most effective.

The event was extremely successful and both schools are keen to work together on more science projects in the future.



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## English Masterclasses on Writing

Students from Year 9 and Year 10 have been enjoying a series of English masterclasses. The first focused on creative writing and produced work of an exceptional quality. The second had the theme of poetry. A combination of music, film and, of course, poetry was used to stimulate the imaginations of teachers and students. Then the hard work of writing and editing began and an initial reading of the poetry written on the day suggests that once again the standard of the work produced is extremely high. The third masterclass on 10th June will explore the world of satirical writing.

Following the success of the English and Media department publication 'Red All Over' 5 years ago, the best of the work will be compiled into a new anthology that will be on sale to staff and students in July.

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## Solo Performance

Year 13 student Hannah Taylor performed with the prestigious Sutton Youth Symphony Orchestra as a soloist in March. She gave an excellent performance of the Trombone Concerto Op. 144 by Derek Bourgeois. Hannah is also a member of the London School's Symphony Orchestra and will be attending Trinity College of Music from September.

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## Charity Walk

Former Burntwood student Rosana Cox (1998-2003) will be walking 540 miles for Amnesty International this summer. If you would like to sponsor her, you can make a donation online at [www.justgiving.co.uk/540miles4Amnesty](http://www.justgiving.co.uk/540miles4Amnesty) or email Rosana at [Rosana-cox@btinternet.com](mailto:Rosana-cox@btinternet.com)

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## ING Bank Exhibition

There will be a private view of the exhibition 're: INVENTING' at the ING Bank on 23rd May 6pm-8pm. On show are works by Burntwood Year 10 students who were asked to create their own artworks in response to pieces from the ING Bank's own collection of twentieth century British art. Photos of the event will appear in the next issue.

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## Sporting Success for Burntwood

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Burntwood's Junior and Intermediate teams took part in the Wandsworth Schools Athletics Championships. Despite having only 7 athletes in the Junior team and 5 in the Intermediate, Burntwood students won 19 medals, 11 Gold, 3 Silver, 5 Bronze, and put in some stunning performances.

The following students gained medals in their events:

Jade Phillips*	Year 10	1 <sup>st</sup>	100m Shot and Relay		
Anita Cooper*	Year 10	1 <sup>st</sup>	200m, High Jump and Relay		
Asha Forde Scille*	Year 10	1 <sup>st</sup>	Long Jump and Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>	200m
Robyn St Luce Boyce*	Year 10	1 <sup>st</sup>	80m Hurdles and Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100m

Jade also gained a Personal Best of 12.4 seconds in her 100m which is only 0.1 second outside the national standard for her age group.

The Relay performance given by Jade, Anita, Asha and Robyn brought the stadium to a standstill. Jade who ran 4<sup>th</sup> leg was well down the home straight before the next team had even exchanged batons!

In the Junior events, medals were gained by:

Elizabeth Ibeh*	Year 9	1 <sup>st</sup>	Javelin	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Relay		
Jenelle Shand*	Year 9	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Triple Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Relay
Bridget Rimdap	Year 8	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Relay				
Karret Daley	Year 8	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Relay				

These 6\* athletes have been selected to represent Wandsworth at the London Schools Championships later this month. Look out for the results in the next issue. Congratulations to all those who took part, especially our medal winners.