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Sport takes over as staff and students raise the bar for charity

The spirit of Sport Relief has been pulsing through the walls at Burlington Danes Academy this week, with staff and students taking part in fundraising activities at any given opportunity.

Monday lunchtime played host to a student-only badminton tournament, which saw competitors pulling out all the stops in pursuit of the coveted title. Well done to Thomas Moran, who managed to fend off the formidable talent of Yasmine Al-Amire to claim the crown.

On Tuesday lunchtime a series of row-offs were held in the playground, challenging students to cover as many metres as possible in two minutes. Well done to Shakira (463m), Reece (469m), Adam (516m) and Redwan (529m) for delivering such impressive performances. Special mention must also be made of Mr Goorah, who managed an astonishing 633m.

Also on Tuesday BDA's basketball aficionados made for the Sports Hall for what proved to be a very close shoot-out. Well done to winners Milos Vukasinovic and Yahye Saed.

Wednesday saw staff and students join forces for a mixed touch rugby tournament, for which players were split into teams representing the countries of the Six Nations. See Mr Thornton's report in the full online edition of the newsletter for more details.



The astroturf on Thursday was the scene of the first half of the KS3 Football World Cup – with students representing Brazil, Argentina, Spain, Holland, Germany and Portugal – which will conclude today. Check next week's newsletter for details.

Also on Thursday staff and students turned out in force for a mixed netball tournament. Despite a strong performance from Ms Butts's Red team, the winners were the Gold team, captained by Ms Carlidge and comprising Ms C. Morris, Sumei, Riannah, Mimi, Yasmine and Rikki.

Well done also to everyone who paid a pound for the right to wear trainers today – you have so far raised £116.44.

The enthusiasm with which the BDA community has gone about raising money for Sport Relief has been great to see. Thanks to everyone who has taken part and donated – it's been a fantastic week for charity!



BDA'S ENTERPRISING ENTREPRENEURS

Four entrepreneurial students from Burlington Danes Academy have been putting their business credentials to the test in recent weeks, taking part in the Premier League Enterprise Challenge.

The BDA Enterprise team, consisting of Year 10s Adam Woodward, Redwan Abdi, Bashir Hassan and Ali Chaudhry, first made a name for themselves at QPR's Loftus Road in February.

For the initial phase of the nationwide competition, which challenges students to tackle real-life business scenarios, the boys had to develop ideas for increasing the club's revenue from the African and US markets. They secured an emphatic victory and with it a place in the semi-finals as regional champions.

For the next stage of the competition, the team travelled to the Hawthorns football ground on March 11th, where Premier League club West Bromwich Albion ply their trade. Despite competing against sixth form students, the boys managed a very impressive second place – just reward for all their hard work.

Head of Enterprise Mr Goorah said: "The boys were in their element, and if marks were given for charm and charisma we would have been run away winners."



YEAR 8 HORSE RIDING LESSONS

Ms Farchy: Year 8 students from L, A and N had their first horse riding lesson down at Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre last week. Gina Ebio is pictured here with her horse Honey. They started off learning how to approach a horse safely, and by the end of the lesson had already had a go at walking it round. Students will be going every week and will be working towards a BHS certificate at the end of the summer. In June they'll be competing in a competition! All very exciting!



BDA'S YOUNG JOURNALISTS

Ms Grainger: On Monday morning 7B's English classroom turned into a press office as journalist and radio producer Victoria Brignell visited BDA. After hearing about Victoria's journey from Cambridge University to becoming a successful BBC producer, 7B produced their own news articles in preparation for BBC School Report next week.

Victoria gave us her professional feedback and was "very impressed" at the level of effort and quality of the finished articles and radio bulletins. She felt sure we have budding young journalists in our midst!

Keep an eye on the website for updates next week as Year 7 bring you the news!