

Burford School News

Over the weekend of 19th/20th April, National School Sailing Association (NSSA) sailors competed in RYA J80 Keel boats, hosted by Queen Mary Sailing Club - situated on the largest of London's reservoirs and venue of the 2012



Olympics. The event was an outstanding success - everyone who took part enjoyed the experience of big boat racing in the very competitive J80 Class Keel boat. Burford School student, Sam Goodchild skippered the winning boat with a crew from other Oxfordshire schools.

Burford Team Win every Race!

The racing was close and the event proved to be extremely popular - several entries had to be turned away as the event was over subscribed!

This year the NSSA elected to use J80 match-racing boats to give competitors a real taste of big boat sailing. They were not disappointed and the weather made the racing even more challenging. Racing on Saturday proved to be extremely close. The Burford School Team put in several good performances putting them in pole position for the racing on Sunday.

Sunday got off to a good start with racing much closer on the second day as the teams became more familiar with the boats. The sun even came out for the afternoon session completing the good conditions. In all the Burford team raced in 11 match races and won every race.

All races on the final day were hotly contested and there were several upsets along the way but Burford hung on to their first day form to win the gold fleet.

Slip - Sliding Away

You missed a real treat if you were not in Burford School on Wednesday 23rd April for a joint concert. Burford School welcomed music staff and over 30 music students from St Bede's School, Redhill, Surrey.

The evening's entertainment consisted of a celebration of music from the two schools with combined concert bands performing music from Queen and Stevie Wonder and a mass choir singing three movements from *Adeamus* by Karl Jenkins.

One of the highlights of the evening was *Slide* - St Bede's Jazz orchestra playing modern arrangements of famous tunes. Burford School Rock Band filled the hall with music from works by Cream, Blur and the Chili Peppers. For those who have more classical tastes the Senior string ensemble played *Passadio* and *Movement 1* by Karl Jenkins.

Skulduggery

The West Oxfordshire Book Prize has been won by *Skulduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landy.

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