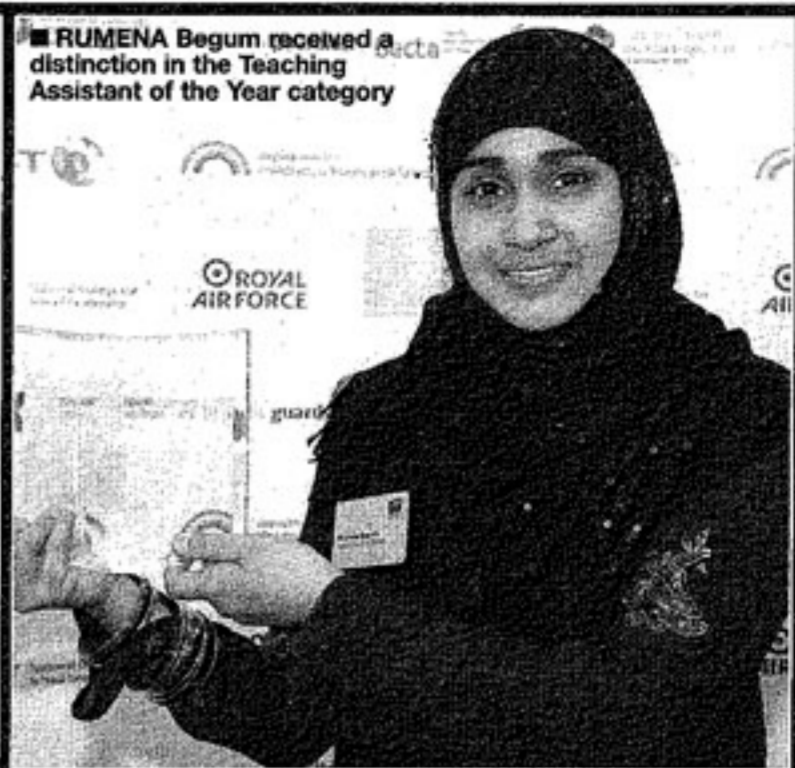




■ **HEADTEACHER Mogg Hercules** with her lifetime achievement award



■ **TEACHING Assistant of the Year Sandra Conduit** (right) with Dame Shirley Williams



■ **RUMENA Begum** received a distinction in the Teaching Assistant of the Year category

# TOP CLASS TEACHERS!

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**INSPIRATIONAL** teachers from across Islington have had their hard work rewarded at a prestigious awards ceremony.

Staff from four Islington schools were singled out from almost 8,000 nominations to receive commendations at the glitzy London Teaching Awards 2009 last week.

Mogg Hercules, headteacher of Dallington School, in Dallington Street, Clerkenwell, topped the bill with a lifetime achievement award after more than 30 years service to the independent school she founded in 1978.

Ms Hercules said: "What a privilege it has been to have played a small part in the lives of so many young people. Let us all continue to value childhood and celebrate our children's achievements."

"I have accepted this prestigious award on behalf of all the dedicated staff at Dallington and all the children who have included us in their rites of passage."

Sandra Conduit, of Rotherfield Primary School, in Rotherfield Street,



■ **GRAFTON Primary School** was named as one of the greenest schools in London

Islington, was named Teaching Assistant of the Year with colleagues and judges describing her as "a busy bee" and "Wonder Woman".

Rumena Begum, of Richard Cloudestley School, in Golden Lane, Finsbury, received a distinction in the same category.

Carolyn Wagstaff was awarded a distinction in the Governor of the Year category for her work at Rotherfield Primary while Grafton Primary School, in Eburne Road, Holloway, was named as one of the greenest schools in the capital.

Caroline Evans, chief executive of the Teaching Awards, said: "I am

delighted to congratulate all of our award winners who deserve every bit of praise. They are real heroes among their colleagues, pupils and parents – and now the wider world knows what a difference they make."

The awards were presented by politician Dame Shirley Williams.

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## BIKE LOCK GIVEAWAY

MOPED owners are to be issued with free locks after a rise of scooter thefts across Islington in the last 12 months.

More than 10 scooters are now stolen every week in Islington, accounting for three quarters of all vehicle thefts. Between April 2008 and March of this year, 578 scooters were stolen in the borough. Now Islington police are to give away 400 free locks to moped riders at a cost of £5,000 to tackle the problem.

Detective Chief Inspector Simon Laurence said: "We've done a good deal with a supplier and we're going to be giving free bike locks away."

It is hoped the scheme will be launched later this month.

## Cadets ring up charity cash

THE borough's squadron of air cadets took up positions on the tills of a supermarket to raise charity cash.

Cadets from 9F Islington Squadron, based in Parkhurst Road, Holloway, manned the tills at Morrisons, in Chalk Farm Road, Camden Town, to raise money for the autumn Duke of Edinburgh Awards expeditions.

The cadets raised £790. Cadet Glen Allan, 14, said: "It's all about collecting more

money than our Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader Dave Hall. He set us the job of raising £500 towards the new rucksacks we need for our autumn expeditions and I was out to smash that target."

By the end of a shift, the group raised £790.

Squadron Leader Hall said: "I'm gobsmacked. These guys and girls never cease to amaze me. This amount will be what we need to get the 20 rucksacks we're after."

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