

## S is for success

### *Tottenham youth wins big at global Learn Money Week!*

**A London teen has won an iPod Touch and £1,000 worth of money lessons for his school in a global financial education competition.**

Yunus Emre Gilgil, 14, was the highest ranked UK entrant in the A to Z of Money poster competition, winning with his: *“S is for Saving, a penny saved is a penny earned”* design.

The Woodside High student joined 80,000 young people in 18 countries last month in saving, budgeting and borrowing workshops along with bank visits and debates.

His school will now be ahead of the curve before financial education becomes compulsory in the National Curriculum this September – sessions provided by the charity MyBnk

Nearly 1,000 people entered the competition to create money themes, drawings, mottos and mantras. Judges included Martin Lewis, Money Saving Expert, Lily Lapenna, CEO of MyBnk and Katherine Brown from the World Economic Forum, among others.

Learn Money Week is an awareness campaign led by MyBnk, the Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum in association with Child Youth Finance International.

#### **Quotes:**

*“At all stages of our lives we need to save, and know if you look after the pennies the pounds follow. These entries proudly boast such a mantra. Hopefully the Learn Money Week initiative will mean even more young people start to pick up the habits.”* **Martin Lewis, MSE.**

*“I want to congratulate everyone who took part, choosing the winners was not easy. Yuns stood out for the wisdom in his words and for creating an elaborate and beautiful poster.”* **Lily Lapenna CEO MyBnk.**

*“Managing money and planning budgets are important life skills that help people make informed decisions. Learn Money Week is an excellent opportunity to boost awareness of financial management among young people. Financial education is so important, which is why, for the very first time, the rigorous new maths curriculum will ensure primary and secondary school pupils will be taught about personal finance, such as loan repayments and interest rates. This will provide a major boost to the financial awareness of young people and will ensure they leave school with the budgeting, money management and financial skills needed to succeed.”* **Education Minister Elizabeth Truss.**

## About MyBnk:

MyBnk is the UK's leading designer and deliverer of financial education and enterprise programmes in the UK.

We provide the financial literacy element of the government's [National Citizens Service](#) and the face-to-face side of the [Money Advice Service](#). We also recently won a [Centre for Social Justice Award](#) for Preventing Poverty and were named [The Observer & Nesta's No.1 New Radical Project](#).

MyBnk is [backed](#) by some of the UK's biggest trusts and foundations including JP Morgan, the FT and the Big Lottery Fund.

Since 2007, we have armed 75,000 young Londoners with money skills and set up youth-led saving schemes and enterprises in 500 secondary schools and youth groups.

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