

Young Engineers for Britain

Ben Pauling, from Bloxham School Banbury, walked off with the title of Young Engineer for Britain 2002 and a £6,000 prize, although half does go to his school's technology department! The Celebration of Engineering event held in London brought together the best in UK student technology and engineering innovation at the finals of Young Engineers for Britain, the Young Engineers club awards and the Junior Engineers K'Nex Challenge.

Almost 150 pupils and students from 50 schools and colleges attended the event which saw teams and individuals competing for the £50,000 worth of prizes after winning through the local and regional finals. The primary K'Nex Challenge winners were Stithians School from Truro, and Lawrence Engledow and Glyn Furnival, both 11-year olds, made the long journey back to Cornwall clutching huge K'Nex Electronic Arcade construction kits. Over 42,000 primary pupils took part in the challenge in 1700 schools that was delivered by Science

& Engineering Ambassadors (previously Neighbourhood Engineers).

Ben's unique invention is the "Irreguwrap" device that makes awkward sized bales of hay more manageable and stable for loading and transporting by wrapping them into a large single bale. It is also stand alone and doesn't tie up other expensive farm equipment normally used for baling. Other prize winners included Joanna Jakusz-Gostomski from Cardinal Newman High School, Luton, with her "Burn Buddy" medical aid and Patrick Corbett from St Patrick's College, Co. Londonderry, who devised an automatic lubrication system for a production line at a local company.

The Young Engineers for Britain competition is open to 11-19 year olds with both team and individual classes in each of the three age categories. For a complete list of award winners and details of how to enter the 2003 competition visit www.youngeng.org



Joanna Jakusz-Gostomski of Cardinal Newman School, Luton with her project 'Burn Buddy', winner of the Boots Best Project for Healthcare or Medical Needs.



Ben Pauling, overall winner of Young Engineers for Britain 2002, from Bloxham School, Banbury proudly displays his project 'Irreguwrap.'

The Junior K'Nex Challenge and Young Engineers for Britain

offer a showcase to education and industry of the wealth of innovation and creativity displayed by young people in UK schools and colleges. Sponsored by industry, the competition provides prizes totalling over £50,000 and K'Nex kits for primary schools.

For details of the 2003 competition contact Joanne Phillips on 01428 727825 or via the website

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