



Phoenix Break-dance Battle!

On Monday 12th December, Phoenix's 12 strong break-dance crew headed off on the tube to **Acland Burghley School in Tuffnel Park** for their first every BBoy (and BGirl) battle, as part of the Step in2 Battle event run by the Royal Academy

of Dance and Jack Petchey Award. In this event the crews compete to see who has the Freshest Flavour or the "Sickest" Skill and who is the King or Queen of Swagga and the Best Overall Performer. We warmed up with the other breakers to get the blood (and adrenaline pumping) and then headed over to the hall so the battle could begin. The presenter outlined the rules of how each battle would work, the DJ started up the music and then it all began. We watched a number of other crews compete, and then we were called up to Battle against an all boys crew from Langley Park. It was incredible. Every Bboy and girl from Phoenix brought something to the battle and got loads of whoops and cheers from the judges, audience and even the other crew! All their hard work training previously really paid off and despite the fact that they didn't make it to the final battle; they were undoubtedly one of the best crews there! A special mention must



go to Joan (12ZAD) who got the prize for the 'Queen of Swagga', after her incredible moves and outrageous style on the dance floor. I was incredibly proud of the whole crew (including the 'team mascot' and supporting students) and I think that after some more

training these Phoenix break-dancers could be the next big thing!

By Miss Simpson