

## ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AND HERITAGE GARDEN CELEBRATION

A special event to celebrate the completion of the Enhancement Project and the new Heritage Garden took place on Thursday 8 May.

Work to enhance facilities at St Bart's was completed early this year. It has provided a versatile area to support the curriculum and complements school and community functions; whilst a new garden with landscaping and planting reflecting the school's history has been created at the front of the school. As

part of the celebration a water feature was unveiled in the Heritage Garden by Ms Mortimore, pictured right. This signature piece has been designed and made out of recycled materials by Year 11 Horticultural



students under the expert guidance of Product Design teacher Mr Mark Bosley.

The school is enormously grateful to Mrs Christina Haddrell, who was the driver behind both the enhancement project and the Heritage Garden. The school is already benefiting from the extra space created for independent study, exams and extra-curricular activities; and everyone appreciates the opportunity for a few moments of reflection within the Heritage Garden."

The Heritage Garden has been designed to incorporate elements of the school's history, the legacy of the four Houses and to remind the school community of the lives of former students and staff through a Memorial Rose

Garden planted within the landscaped area. The roses represent the reintroduction of the former Memorial Garden located in the courtyard at Wormestall before the school's move into its new buildings in 2010. Other planting and landscaping include a formal gravelled area with some impact specimen perennials including lavender and iris, four specimen trees, raised beds and planters with flowering plants in school and House colours as well as a shaded area with ferns and Acers. There is also inlaid paving featuring the school's logo and a flag pole.

All the planting has been undertaken by staff and students. Particular thanks go to Dr David Fitter and Mr Mike Hart who have been fully committed to this project putting in hours of planning, digging, weeding and planting. They have maximised the potential of the garden taking into account the constraints of the buildings, the magnificent oak tree and the environmental conditions. The final outcome is a fantastic representation of St Bart's.

The day's event also provided an occasion for the winning Year 11 Show Garden, created by Horticultural students, to be revealed. Eleven students have been involved and they worked hard, despite being hampered by a wet winter, to create and plant their gardens. Each group had a plot size of 2m x 4m with an open brief. They worked in small groups and have created three very different areas comprising a formal garden, a modern garden and a woodland garden. More details about the gardens will be in next week's BartholoNews

During the afternoon the school's Nature Reserve was open for visitors to look around and there was a plant sale. See pages 6 and 7 for photos of the event.

## YEAR 7 FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

In October, soon after the Year 7s had started school and were beginning to learn French or German, they were introduced to the National Foreign Language Spelling Bee competition. The students were given a list of 50 words in English and either French or German which would be introduced to them over the course of the term. The students' first challenge was to learn the alphabet in the foreign language. The aim of the Spelling Bee is for the students to practise and improve their vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation and memory skills in the foreign language.

At the end of the autumn term, each member of the tutor group was tested on the 50 words. Students were given the word in English and had to translate it into the foreign language, then spell it out correctly using the alphabet in the foreign language. Students were given one minute to spell correctly as many words as possible.

The winning tutor groups at the **Class Stage** were:

### French :

1<sup>st</sup> 7D2

2<sup>nd</sup> 7C1

3<sup>rd</sup> 7D3

### German :

1<sup>st</sup> 7E2

2<sup>nd</sup> 7E1

3<sup>rd</sup> 7 P3

The individual winners of the Class Stage were :

French : C1 – Lois Ryan + Eryn Sharp , C2 – Henry Stacey + Megan Lay , D1 – Annabel Roberts+

Maddy Mitton , D2 – Chiara Ricchi + Megan Bowey , D3 – Jamie Miller + Samuel Davis.

German : E1 – Poom Narongpun + Ellen Grace , E2 – Joseph Mc Laughlin + Oliver Paul , P1 – Ellie Starling + Evie Chamings , P2 – Phoebe Cowhig + Anna Allam , P3- Teodora Drangazhov + Lily Philips.

The winners in each tutor group who were able to spell the most words correctly in a minute were given a certificate and chosen to go onto the **whole school stage** and given 50 more words to learn.

The whole school stage competition took place at the end of the spring half term with students being tested on all 100 words.

At the whole school stage the two winners for French were : 7C2 – Megan Lay + 7D2 – Chiara Ricchi and the two winners for German were : 7E1- Poom Narongpun + 7E2 – Joseph Mc Laughlin



These four students, pictured above, were then given 50 more words to learn and travelled to Brighton on Friday 25 April to take part in the regional final, where they competed against 31 other schools from the South East region. They all performed exceptionally well under pressure in front of an audience of other competitors and their teachers.

### **Success in Regional Finals**

Particular congratulations go to **Poom Narongpun and Joseph Mc Laughlin** who gained joint 1<sup>st</sup> and joint 2<sup>nd</sup> position in German and were awarded with certificates and medals. They have earned a place in the National Final which will take place on Friday 4 July in Cambridge. We wish them luck as they revise their 200 words for the competition in July.

Thank you to our French and German language assistants, Asvinie Ponnoussamy and Franzi Terbeck who helped prepare the students for the whole school and regional finals and to Mrs Hendrickx for accompanying the students on the day.



## DAVIS DIARY

At our last Davis assembly we said farewell to our Year 11 students. Good luck to everyone sitting external exams this summer.

### Davis Charity News

#### Prostate Cancer UK

**Annabel Bowey** 9D2 has donated her 'Excess World Challenge money' to our Davis House Charity, a total of £46.94. Annabel raised money through a quiz night, Christmas crafts sale, cake sale and selling old toys.

**Cicely Colthurst** 12D3 raised a fantastic £515 bravely doing a sky dive, pictured below.



#### Wateraid

**12D1** are well on the way to raising their £50 towards Wateraid by holding a Football Raffle and raised £44. The winner **Ryan Mitchell** 9C1 won two tickets to watch the Reading v Burnley match at the Madejski Stadium on Saturday 3 May.

Keep up the excellent work with all your fundraising efforts.

**Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee**

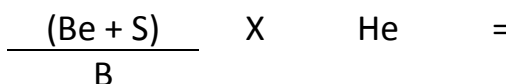
## IMPORTANT CALENDAR AMENDMENT FOR YEAR 12

A substantial number of students are involved in exams on Monday 9 June and Tuesday 10 of June. In the light of this, the Leadership Team has agreed that all Y12 students will not return to school on Monday 9 June as indicated in the calendar. Y12 students will now return to school on **Wednesday 11 June**.

## THE ST BART'S SUPER QUIZ

Another in the series of questions from the St Bart's Super Quiz. Answer on page 5

Solve this 'atomic' equation



## PRIMARY SCHOOLS MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL

### Friday 2 May

Congratulations to the Year 11 Sports Leaders who, during their last session of this course, delivered an excellent multi skills afternoon to 70 Year 6 pupils from St Nics and John Rankin.



The leaders plotted, planned and led an afternoon of multi skills activities which included football, rugby, netball, lacrosse, athletics and fitness stations which the primary pupils thoroughly enjoyed. The teams were mixed, which gave the pupils a great opportunity to 'do a little bonding' before arriving at St Bart's in September. They rotated around ten stations and certainly looked exhausted by the end!



Well done and thank you to all the sports leaders.

**Mrs L Leach**

## **BERKSHIRE SCHOOL GAMES**

On the 1 and 2 of April we went to the Berkshire school games at Bradfield College to take part in a training academy and help run the school games. We were there for two days and stayed residentially overnight, we learnt many new skills which we are able to take away with us and apply to the clubs we have in our own school. The first of the two days was a training day to set us up for the second day, which was the school games competition itself.

When we arrived we were warmly welcomed by all the staff and leaders that were going to be helping us through the next two days. Once everybody had arrived we were briefed on the upcoming day, and were spoken to by upcoming British shooter Amber Hill. She told us about her story and helped build an inspirational atmosphere for all of the young leaders that were attending. Promptly after the speeches we were moved into the sports hall for some 'ice breakers', this enabled us to make new friends and feel comfortable with all of the other leaders that were there with us. From the word go we were constantly being inspired and learning new skills that would help us, not just during the games, but also back in our own school.

To develop our leading skills, three workshops operated on the first day, consisting of; communication and customer service, disability and safeguarding. These workshops enabled us to develop skills we already had but also learn something completely new, such as the disability workshop. This has now given us an introduction to what we should do when we are working with people with a disability. In the communication workshop, we learnt the three parts to successful communication - song, words, dance. It was interesting to see that words only make up a small proportion of effective communication. We can now apply these skills to our leadership at St Bart's.

In the afternoon of day 1 we went our separate ways and were put into our categories of where we would be helping the next day. I (Joe) went into sport specific group for football and I (Georgina) went into team manager.

In my time training as a team manager I took part in more activities to help with communication. We discussed what it was like to be a good team manager and came up with a pyramid of what was most effective and why. This helped me see other people's opinions and help share my own. In turn, everyone in the group led a small session to the rest of the group, which was then evaluated so that it benefited everyone as we could all see each other's improvements. Conditions were also set on how we should lead the session, an example was picking out all of the good things someone does before giving an improvement, this helps provide a more positive feel for the person you are coaching.

On the first day we all got assigned a role for the games. I was given football as a sports specific role. Through the rest of the day, my group put up advertisement of the games at the football pitches.

The second day arrived very quickly and it was non-stop from 7 o'clock in the morning. Again we were briefed on what would be going on during the day and how things would be running. We moved into the old gym where the schools were registered and then taken down to the opening ceremony. The opening ceremony was a spectacular event where many schools around Berkshire performed in front of all of the teams competing that day and each of the areas of Berkshire were introduced. A recital of the school games code was also read out which helped set the scene for all of the athletes and helpers for the rest of the day.

Again, we were put in different groups to do what we had been trained to do in the previous day. I (Georgina) went to meet my team that I was leading. I had been allocated in the para sports hall athletics and was allocated a specific school. This was a great experience for me as I had never worked with people who had a disability, so this enabled me to develop new skills and help improve the ones I already had. During my time with the team I supported their school staff and encouraged them during all of their events so that they felt more comfortable while they were competing in all of the events.



After the competition was over, I went up to the cultural village where there were activities for children who did not have a competition at that time so they could have some fun. I assisted an agility run in the village, which enabled me to support the children and show some leadership.

On the second day, we were up at the football courts first thing to get everything ready for the games. We were referees for the Year 3 and 4 football competition. It was very enjoyable and quite surprising to see some of the talent that was present there.

The overall experience was very worthwhile and we have both come away with skills that we can apply to other situations whether that is at school in school clubs or in other situations that require our leadership. We both enjoyed our time at the school games and would really like to do something similar in the future.

**Georgina Bradford and Joe Hobbs 11E1**

## **PA DISCO Years 7/8**

**Friday 20 June  
7.00 – 9.00pm**

**£3 entry on the door  
Refreshments available for sale**

Comment from a Year 7 student –  
“Don’t miss out on our last disco of this year. I love putting on too much make up, getting ready with my friends and chatting about what we are doing. The discos are great and .... what on earth is HE doing wearing a Onesie?  
The last dance is a must see for a final laugh. Music is OK too!”

### **Answer to Super Quiz**

Elements sum (need mass number) – Three Hg  
– Five Ca etc 8

## **GIRLS’ PE**

### **Rounders**

**Year 11** won their area tournament last week. They won all their group games and beat Kennet in the final. Well done to all who played.



**Year 11 and Sixth Form rounders teams** recently played friendly fixtures against Park House and Kennet. Both teams managed one win.

The **Sixth Form rounders team** played in their area tournament last week. Only three schools took part. St Bart’s beat both Kennet and The Downs to be overall winners. Nancy Morgan was awarded player of the tournament.

### **Girls’ Football**

Well done to the U14 girls’ football team winning the final of the county cup. They beat Newlands School 9-3 in an exciting match at Thatcham



Football Club. Goals were scored by Lauren Bell, Talulla Dove and Victoria Bullock, but every single girl in the squad played extremely well.

Squad – Victoria Osborn, Alice Points, Emily McDonagh, Anna Kersley, Katherine Wadge-Berrespi, Lauren Bell, Talulla Dove, Emily Harrison, Anna Yule, Victoria Bullock, Steph Noble, Sky Harkness, Rhian Stanton, Eleanor Rollinson.

## ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AND HERITAGE GARDEN CELEBRATION PICTURE GALLERY



The new water feature

Visitors looking around the  
Heritage Garden







The water feature under construction



The Heritage Garden taking shape

Viewing the Year 11 Show Gardens. More details about these gardens and the winning group in next week's BartholoNews.

