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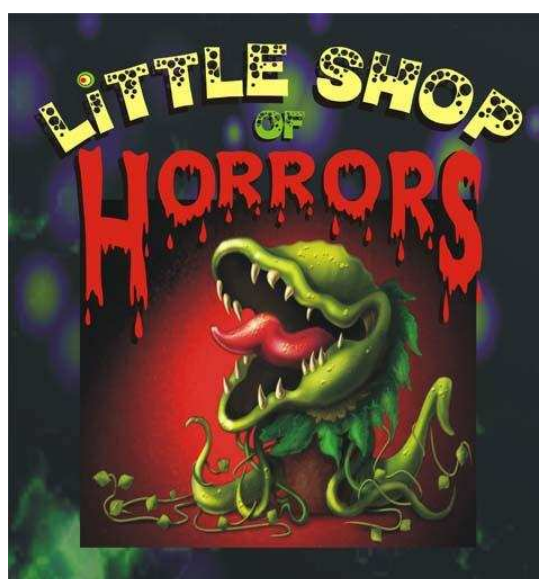


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## SCHOOL PRODUCTION



**Performances at 7.00pm on**  
**Wednesday 4 December**  
**Thursday 5 December**  
**Friday 6 December**

**Tickets on sale outside the**  
**Expressive Arts office**  
**at all break times and**  
**Activity Times Wednesday – Friday**

**£5 Adults    £3 Concessions**

## REPORTS BY EMAIL



You should have received Interim Reports by email on 19 November; Year 7 full reports were emailed on 26 November.

Some parents have reported that they received reports for one child, but not another. We have consulted with our email system provider who has advised us that this is almost certainly caused by the email settings at the receiving end. Some email systems will reject a second email with an attachment from the same email address, if that email address is not identified as a trusted sender.

Please ensure that the email address **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL** [SC8695402a@schoolcomms.com] (the one that sends you BartholoNews), is identified as a trusted sender by your email system.

## FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Wednesday 11 December 2013**  
**7.00pm**  
**at St Nicolas' Church, Newbury**

Come and join us in celebrating the beginning of the Christmas season with a service of traditional Christmas carols and readings with music from the school choir, brass ensemble and the Sixth Form  
*a cappella* choral group





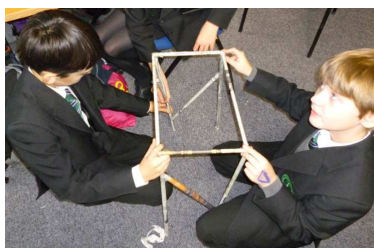
## GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

**18-22 November 2013**

Around the world events have been taking place during the same week to inspire and help people realise what they can achieve through enterprise. Originally known as Enterprise Week UK back in 2004, the week became internationally recognised and by 2008 had expanded to become a worldwide event - Global Entrepreneurship Week. Here at St Bart's we have been running enterprise challenges as part of this week every year for teams of students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Along with other organisations involved in Global Entrepreneurship Week, all of our events have been listed on the GEW website and we are delighted to hear from the official team that they consider ours to have been a **HIGH IMPACT EVENT** as highlighted by the GEW logos we have received from them to help promote our success. "Our high impact criteria are designed to identify events that provide role models, offer practical support, develop enterprise capabilities, reference the wider GEW campaign and evaluate success - all elements that we have identified as being crucial to a successful GEW event" – the GEW team.

Here is an account of what our students got up to this year.

**Year 7** students were keen to sign up for our *Entrepreneurship Day*, so much so, that the day was oversubscribed. On the day 12 teams kicked off the week of activities in the Conference Room with a range of tasks involving enterprising skills of design and production, profit and loss, time management and teamwork amongst others.



Using sheets of newspaper students saw how you could easily turn something which is usually read just once and thrown away into something new which can then be sold to generate an income.



Day 2 saw **Year 8** teams taking on the online *Race Day for Schools* challenge. Working in their teams students looked at aspects of racecourse design, marketing, hospitality and finance during the first part of this half day

event. Similar issues were tackled in the second part of the challenge when teams had to look at the issues relating to race horse ownership.

Excitement rose as they saw their positions on the leader board rise and fall as their racecourse profits were recorded. During both parts of the challenge the teams were able to consider decisions made and see if they could improve upon their results.

**Year 9** students were invited to register for our *Apprentice Challenge*. Either as individuals or in teams, the students had to come up with a viable small business idea and present their proposals to the judges. This year we had some very enterprising ideas ranging from personalised stationery items and signs to hand drawn 'Disney' sketches. Each team will now go on to receive a £50 enterprise loan with which to get their businesses up and running over the following two terms. At the end of this period they will return their loans and we will see how successful they are. We wish them the best of luck!





*Have You Got What It Takes?* This was the question asked of the **Year 10** teams who signed up for the final challenge of the week. Each team was given the same business scenario and an imaginary £2500 business loan. They had to assume

the role of small catering businesses with a prospective customer base of 1000 people working at a new business park which had opened up nearby. Working in their teams they had to decide on the type of catering they were going to offer, the costs involved and the advertising they would require to set themselves up. The end of the event required each team to present to their peers.

**Enterprise @ St Bart's**  
initiative innovation inspiration

## STAFF TRAINING DAY DATE CHANGE

The staff training day date in February 2014 has been changed. Please note that it will be on **Thursday 6 February** not Tuesday 4 February



*Every little helps...*

## EVERS CAROL SINGING

**at TESCO  
PINCHINGTON LANE**

Evers House will be carol singing outside

Tesco Pinchington Lane  
on Wednesday 18 December  
between 5.30pm and 7.00pm  
in aid of West Berkshire MENCAP

*Please support us*  
**Permission forms available from the Evers  
House Office**



## DIARY DATES

Tues 3 Dec Study Focus, normal lessons until 2.30pm  
4, 5 & 6 Dec Little Shop of Horrors, 7pm, Hall  
Mon 9 Dec Study Focus, normal lessons until 2.30pm  
Wed 11 Dec Carol Service at St Nicolas' Church, 7pm  
Mon 16 Dec Y7 Christmas Parties 5-6.30pm  
Thur 19 Dec KS5 Awards Evening (Y13 2011-2012), 7pm Hall  
Fri 20 Dec **Term Ends at 12.30pm**



## CHRISTMAS DODGEBALL

**Wednesday 18 December**  
**Sportshall 12:45 – 1:15**

**£1 entry per person**

**FANCY DRESS PRIZES FOR THE  
TEAM WITH THE MOST POINTS**  
**Open to all years**

## ENHANCEMENT PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

The extension work to the Patterson block is progressing well with an anticipated completion date of early January. There will be enhanced facilities for Sixth Form study, public performances and improved PE changing facilities.



Landscaping is planned for early next year, providing additional seating space and spectator viewing for the Fives courts.

**Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher**

## PA GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR

On Sunday 17 November over 600 people escaped the bustle of the shopping centres and came to visit St Bartholomew's School Christmas Gift and Craft Fair.

Visitors browsed displays from over 70 professional businesses offering a wide selection of home-made crafts and gifts, in search of that special gift, unique craft or small stocking filler for their loved ones. Indeed, the St Bart's Craft Fair offered a wealth of individual, original items; a refreshing alternative to shopping on the high street.

Christina Haddrell, Headteacher commented "The Craft Fair, organised by the Parents' Association, was an enormous success once again this year. It felt like the start to the Christmas season, with so many gift ideas, foods and goods to sample and buy. The variety of crafts was remarkable; there was something for everyone! Whether jewellery, leather or ceramics, the quality was excellent. This annual event has grown, year on year, attracting ever more small businesses, whilst providing opportunities for enterprising students."



In the current recession climate and the mass consumption market, consumers relish authenticity. Craft fairs offer shoppers the opportunity to demonstrate individualism and personalisation through their purchasing choices of original and unique items. Craft fair shoppers also enjoy knowing more about the origin of the object they buy: where it comes from and who made it.

"The first St Bart's Craft fair took place in 1998," remembers Jenny Evans, a Parents' Association Committee member and organiser at the time, "the Parents' Association organised it with about 20 stalls in the old Luker Hall using pupils' desks."

The event has since gone from strength to strength. This year we celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with over 70 professionals selling their crafts but also promoting their business and networking in a very festive atmosphere. Many students joined in the venture holding 15 additional stalls in a creative effort to raise funds for their school "world challenges".

The new St Bart's school offers fantastic facilities to host this increasingly popular Christmas and Gift Craft Fair. The venue provides a large inside heated space for stall holders. This year due to the popular demand, the craft fair was extended into the hub, one of the original features of the modern school architecture. The hub provided much-required additional floor space and although cooler in temperature, it radiated a warm atmosphere and spirit throughout the day.



The Parents' Association team provided a huge logistic effort for this impeccably coordinated day. They also offered refreshments, homemade soups, delicious cakes and mince pies throughout the day. The funds raised by the event will be re-injected into the school to enhance the educational environment.



For more photos visit  
<https://www.facebook.com/stbartspa.craftfair>



## ONA CENTENARY LUNCHEON.

The 100th Annual Luncheon of the Old Newburians' Association (St Bart's alumni) took place at St Bartholomew's

school on Sunday 24 November.

Trevor Coles, retiring ONA President thanked everyone for attending and read from the minutes of the original meeting called on 17 October, 1903 to consider the formation of the Old Boys Society. A resolution was unanimously carried to call it the Old Newburians' Association and that the objectives were to "keep old boys in touch with each other and with the school". Annual subscription was to be 3 shillings (15p) to include a copy of a school magazine called 'The Newburian'. The first President was M.F. Hopson (Camp Hopson department store).

It must be remembered that although references are almost entirely to 'boys', it was because the school had been a boys school since 1466 and for most of the 20th century was a boys grammar school. The first gathering was a 'smoking concert on Easter Eve' in 1904 and the reminiscences of school life were not printed in the Newburian 'lest ideas should be suggested to the schoolboys of the present time which might make the lives of their school masters a burden to them'. In the accounts a sample badge for the ONA blazer (as in the Patterson display case) was listed at 3 shillings.

Remember this was a time without radio, TV and aircraft. Cars had just been invented and steam trains were the main inter town transport. People walked everywhere, houses were draughty and entertainment was singing around a piano.

The original dinner was on December 14 1904 at 'The Dolphin'. At this time there were less than 120 pupils. Two years earlier there were only 43! By 1928 the December dinner at 'The Jack Hotel' (now M&S) reported 241 pupils and a field big enough for '3 rugger pitches had been bought in Fifth Road'.

By 1934 the ONA Annual Dinner was reported by the NWN as 'one of the jolliest social events of the year held in The Chequers

Hotel, with members of the ONA London Branch attending'. Pupil numbers were up to 266 but only 18 were over the age of 16 and all that games masters had to build teams with. Imagine the percentage of young men from St Bart's who died in the First and Second World Wars.

ONA members also travelled to the London Branch dinners which were held at The Ship restaurant, Whitehall. Tickets for the 1936 event were 3 shillings and reserved by phoning Hermitage 81! The Newburian reported that supper broke up with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the Newbury members were given a rousing send off at Paddington by the members of the London Branch".

Back to today! There were breaks during the war years but Sunday, 24 November 2013 was the 100th annual ONA dining occasion. The school kitchen put on a superb three courses followed by coffee and petit fours. Chair of Governors, Ian Peddie, Deputy Head Boy Louis Durrant, Head Girl, Annie Cave and star guest, Christina Haddrell all spoke of the continuing St Bart's success story and the value of the bond with the ONA.

The production of the Newburian was given as a stand out example of the renewed collaboration between the ONA and the school and was noted as one example of the links that Trevor Coles and the Headteacher had championed. The ONA President then offered a heartfelt and sincere eulogy to the Headteacher and presentation of a parting gift. The words from the 1924 ONA Dinner were used, as reported by the Newbury Weekly News on the retirement of Mr Sharwood Smith after 22 years as Head. "The outstanding note at the annual dinner of the ONA held at the Newbury Grammar School was the genuine affection displayed by the Old Boys for Mr Sharwood Smith". The same emotions were fittingly shown for Christina Haddrell, but this time it was from the Old Boys and the Old Girls. The ONA thank you and wish you many very happy days ahead! The occasion was rounded off with the investiture of the new ONA President. Trevor Coles handed over to Janet Calloway and her arrival was given a reception as rousing as the Paddington send off must have been, many years ago.

**Trevor Coles on behalf of the ONA – more photos on page 8**

## KIDS' LIT QUIZ OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE REGIONAL HEAT

### We won the Cup – (and we came 3rd)!

Two teams of four Year 8 students, who had scored the highest marks in a school-based literary quiz, attended the Kids' Lit Quiz regional heat in Oxford on 26 November. Up against formidable opposition from the 42 other teams taking part, many of whom came from the top independent schools in the Oxford area, it was pleasant to be, as quizmaster Professor Wayne Mills from New Zealand pointed out, taking part in the sport of reading. As he says each year, "reading is fuel for the brain" and "readers make leaders". Teams with good general knowledge tend to do extremely well in this quiz.



**St Bart's Team 1** surged ahead from the very beginning and Isaac Fernandes won an unprecedented three of the spot cash prizes on offer, by correctly answering questions before anyone else in the hall. The team achieved the highest score in the round on Horses in literature and received book prizes. They also gained full marks in other rounds, but even so, it was a wonderful surprise to be announced as the overall winners with 82 points, beating Cherwell School by just half a mark.

**St Bart's Team 2** won their book prizes in the first half of the competition, by achieving the highest score in the round on Foxes. At the end we were overwhelmed when it was announced that they were in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with only 1 point less than Cherwell School (who came 2<sup>nd</sup>) and 1 1/2 points less than Team 1.

**Team 1** was awarded a cup by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, £20 in book tokens for each team member, and a certificate for being in first place. They have also qualified for the National Finals to be held at the King's College School, Wimbledon on Friday 6 December.

**Team 2** were awarded certificates by the Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.



*Team 1 – photo courtesy of K T Bruce Photography*

**Team 1:** Isaac Fernandes 8C2, Molly Dummett 8C1, Libby Davis 8C1 and Daniel Rees 8E2.

**Team 2:** Anna Kersley 8E1, Matthew Forsyth 8D1, Holly Shaw 8D2 and Emily Carr 8E2.

**Reserves:** Annie Tuff 8C2 and Alice Points 8P2.

**Mrs Thomas, Librarian**

## YEAR 11 PRACTICE EXAMS

**Thursday 5 December to  
Tuesday 10 December.**

Parents of Year 11 students have been emailed this information.



## POPPY APPEAL

The school collected £201.50 to support the Poppy Appeal. This money contributes towards vital welfare and benevolent work.



## GERMAN EXCHANGE

A 14 year old boy, Nicolas from Dresden, is looking to exchange with someone from St Bart's. If interested please see Mrs M Howes in Personalised Learning.



## **EVERS HOUSE NEWS**

This year's Evers House Evening, on Friday 15 November, was a fantastic success!

Students (and staff!) embraced the 1980s theme for the night, and guests enjoyed a nostalgic evening of music, fashion and comedy. From haunting piano solos, to energetic dance routines, student-written sketches and beautiful singing, we enjoyed the wide variety of talents within the House.

We were pleased to welcome representatives from West Berkshire Mencap to the Evening, to receive a cheque for £2856.30 from Evers House for fundraising completed last year.

Many students worked really hard to put on the show, and we would like to thank them all for their efforts. In particular, we recognise the House Captain team (Georgie Williams-Moss, Emma Tindall, Amy Hodgson and Luke Gregory) for their superb hosting of the night!

And thank you to the many parents and guests who came along and enjoyed the entertainment. See you next year!

Congratulations to Renee Pryce-Jones (11E1) on being awarded her House Colours recently – a reflection of the commitment she has shown to the House. Well done!

### **Dates for the diary in December:**

Wed 4 – Fri 6: Little Shop of Horrors – come along to support the many Evers students involved in this excellent production!

Mon 16: Y7 Christmas party

Wed 18 Evers House charity carol singing, Tescos (Pinchington Lane).

**Mr Rose, Ms Evans and Mrs Willcox**

## **GIRLS' PE**

### **Netball**

Well done to the year 7A netball team beating Park House 9-6 in their latest league fixture. Ellen Grace was player of the match.

Also well done to the Sixth Form netball team beating Park House in a friendly match 23-3, Ciara Seward was player of the match.

Year 9 beat The Clere 23-0 and Georgie Sanderson was player of the match.

Year 8 beat Willink 25-3 and Lauren Bell was player of the match.

### **Netball Area Tournament**

The Year 7 team played in their Area Netball Tournament last week and did well to get to the semi finals where they narrowly lost to Park House.

### **Badminton**

The girls' badminton team took part in the Area Key Stage 4 Tournament last week. Iona Samaraweera, Amy Bowen, Alex Jarman and Sam Jarman tried really hard and enjoyed the experience.

### **Lacrosse**

#### **Y8 v Godolphin – 16 November**

Despite some excellent play, the Year 8 lacrosse team narrowly lost to Godolphin, the final score being 10-7. The defence were hard pressed but still played well with Davina making some great saves in goal. The attack shot some well worked goals throughout the game and the two teams were closely matched, regardless of the final score. Goal scorers were Sophie, Millie, Lauren, Izzy and Alex. A special well done to player of the match, Millie Pope.

Team Davina Emetulu, Alice Points – captain, Harriet Atherton, Izzy Lainsbury – vice captain, Lucy James, Katherine W-B, Courtney Renouf, Hannie Makant, Millie Pope, Sophie Harrop, Molly Dummett, Finola Mangan, Thea Manton, Alex Earl, Lilia Norman.

### **Girls' Football.**

Year 7 played three matches in the Area Indoor Girls' Football Tournament. They lost to John O'Gaunt and Kennet and won against Trinity 2-1 and Sasha Howgate scored both our goals. Overall St Bart's finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of four teams. Player of the tournament to Sasha Howgate.

Squad – Rachel Newark, Hannah Grey, Daisy Theyer, Nicola Connorton, Sasha Howgate, Natalie Long.

**PICTURE GALLERY**  
**ONA CENTENARY LUNCHEON 2013**



Louis Durrant (Deputy Head Boy), Annie Cave (Head Girl), Gillian Coles, Trevor Coles, Christina Haddrell, Mike Haddrell, Janet Calloway, Ian Peddie and Caroline Peddie



ONA blazer badge