

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr Jeremy Sharpe has been appointed to the post of Acting Deputy Headteacher from September 2009, following the promotion of Mrs Christina Haddrell to the role of Acting Headteacher. Together with Deputy Headteacher Mrs Maureen Sims, they will be the three key members of the St Bart's leadership team.



Mr Jeremy Sharpe, Mrs Christina Haddrell and Mrs Maureen Sims

Mr Sharpe, who joined the teaching staff at St Bart's in 1984, teaches history and politics and has been a member of the leadership team for the last four years. His main responsibilities as Assistant Headteacher have been the use of data within the school; the production of the school timetable; and initial teacher training. He has also worked closely alongside Mrs Haddrell in the area of curriculum development.

Over the two years of transition into the new school buildings and curriculum change he will have a responsibility for ensuring that the high standards of teaching and learning are maintained and further developed to serve the interests of the students who are at the school now and those who will join St Bart's in the future.

GREEN ROOF PROJECT

A group of 20 Year 8 students have been finding out about green roofs and how they will work on the new school buildings by doing some experiments.

An expert in green roofs, Dr Alun Tarr from Blackdown Horticulture in Somerset, came to talk to us. Some Year 7 groups joined us for part of the presentation. Dr Tarr spoke about how environmentally friendly green roofs are and what they need to grow. He also showed us some pictures of different types of green roofs and explained about them.

After the presentation the Year 8s went to Digby Croft garden to view the specially made boxes to be used to create the miniature scales of green roofs. The boxes had been made by the Design and Technology staff.

We spent the afternoon setting up the experiment. One group used pre-grown vegetation mats rolled over the soil whilst the other planted their box with a selection of sedum plug plants.



Overall we really enjoyed ourselves and it was a fun day with lots of laughs. Thank you to Dr Tarr for his expertise and to the science staff who helped us, Mr Pattenden and Mrs Lowe.

Rachel Parry and Amber Furnell 8P1 and Charlotte Summers 8E2



PRIZE COMPETITION

The answer to last week's prize competition was Richard Deal who has replaced Andrew Cooper as Chair of the Parents' Association. Students who answered correctly are listed on page 8.

To be in with a chance of **WINNING** a £10 Starbucks gift card, this half term's prize, answer the question below and place your entry in the boxes at either Wormestall or Luker Reception. One entry per student allowed each week. All correct answers to each competition over the half term will enter the prize draw to be taken at School Council meetings. An entry form is on the back page of this newsletter.

Question

Who was the expert visiting the school to talk to students about green roofs?



HOUSE PLAYS

**Wednesday 11 February
and
Thursday 12 February**

Luker Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday

Patterson – Winnie the Pooh, The Honey Ban
Evers – A Job for Mr Bunnie

Thursday

Davis – Troy
Curnock – Snow White and the Dwarves of
the Black Forest

**Tickets available from the House Heads
£4.00 adults £3 concessions**



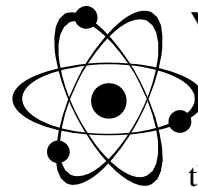
POETRY LIVE

Next Tuesday 10 February 100 Year 11 students will have the opportunity to hear poets reading their work, be able to ask

questions and gain valuable advice from the Principal GCSE English examiner. Full uniform is expected and remember to bring along a packed lunch.

A reminder to Year 11s who have not yet returned medical forms to the English Faculty to do so before the end of this week please. If we do not have the form, you will not be able to attend.

English Faculty



YEAR 10 PHYSICS

Due to AQA's error with the November sitting of the core science physics papers, those Year 10 classes, C/D A* and E/P triple that were affected will be sitting the paper in March.

To help those students with their preparation we have adjusted the science timetable so that all students concerned will get two lessons a week with a member of the physics staff. This starts on Monday 9 February for the C/D A* class and Monday 23 February for the E/P triple class.

The classes concerned were informed of the change to their science timetable last week by their teachers.

We wish all Year 10s well in their final modules of core science.

Mr C Smith, KS4 Science Coordinator



ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

If your child is absent from school please ring the hotline number
01635 576372

Leave a message with the following details:

- Your child's name and tutor group
- Reason for absence
- Likely date of return
- Contact telephone number



CURNOCK NEWS

Having just had a fantastic **House Evening** Mrs Mounsey and Mrs Kempster are basking in the amazing talent of so many of our Curnock students. The acts themselves were all of an extremely high standard but equally important was the work done backstage to ensure that the show moved through seamlessly; the correct act came on at the right time, the curtains opened or closed as required, sound systems and lights all worked to order and a truly professional performance was given by all. Add to that the generosity of a Curnock audience and you can see why the evening was such a success.

Our sincere thanks to everyone involved.

The **swimming gala** is almost over with just the Year 9 teams left to compete and we look forward to hearing how Curnock has done. We were delighted to hear that all years have put in full teams keeping to Curnock's policy of No Gaps.

Several students have recently been up to the Househeads' Office to ask for sponsorship forms so we look forward to hearing how these charity events are progressing. Things seem to have gone a bit quiet on the **charity** front so those of you working towards your next Award, put your thinking caps on and see what new ideas you can come up with!

You will be pleased to note that this year we are having another **Curnock Barn Dance** with 'Sensible Shoes'. These are always great fun so do think about getting up a group of you to come and join us. Saturday 21 March in Luker Hall. Tickets will be £10 each and will include a light supper. We will be publishing further details nearer the time, but take this opportunity to pencil in your calendar.

Look out for tickets coming on sale for the **House Plays Competition**. Curnock Y12 and Y10 are presenting an interpretation of Snow White and they would welcome your support on Thursday 12 February. Good luck to all of them or should we say 'break a leg'?

Curnock Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Good Work Prizes:

7C1

Robert Peacock
Melinda Sheldon
Harry Gillespie (x2)
Joseph Lukehurst
Rebecca Pawley
Christian Pearce
Yvette Pinder
Kyris Thomas (x2)

7C2

Megan Bone
Phillip Carter
Daniel Cox
Jay Foan
Alexander Murtagh
Max Plester
James Stevens
Katherine Valentine
Adam West
Katie Sainsbury

7C3

Oliver Hicks
Olivia Martin
Callum O'Neill
Jessica Pawley
Frances Thomas
Jessica Watts
Callum Yates

8C1

Ashley Bourke
Zofia Manning
Shannon McDonald
Connor Strong

8C2

William Fearnley

Bronze Awards

Joe Barnes
Maciej Pasierb
Jade Wilkes
Jack Parkins

Silver Awards

Katherine Dowle
William Fearnley
Henry Adams
William Barnes
Nicholas Jenkins
Genevieve
McCallum
Daniel Bestwick

Gold Awards

Lily Chubb
Tom Clifton
Freya Daws
Grace Dollery
Conor O'Neill
Hannah Barker
Harry Clifton

Phoebe Coleman
Holly Collier
Rebecca Craig
Isobel Dawkins-
Stean
Benjamin Dowle
Samantha Farquhar
Charlotte McFadzen

Mrs Mounsey and Mrs Kempster



Business & Enterprise

FAMILY ENTERPRISE AT ST BART'S

Year 7s, don't forget to send in your reply slips to take part in the first **Family Enterprise Experience** on Saturday 7 March in the Lifelong Learning Centre from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Places are limited. The session will be run by Mr Turner and Mrs McDowell and will be a fun and entertaining experience for all. There will be team challenges and prizes to be won.

All enquiries to Mr Turner/ Mrs Gibbs by Monday 9 February or email agibbs@stbarts.co.uk



NEWS ONLINE

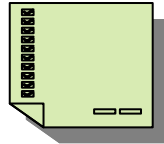
You don't have to wait for Tuesday to find out the school's news. BartholoNews online now features the school's headlines and this is regularly updated. Log onto www.bartholonews.co.uk

This website will also be used to publicise any emergency school announcements.

DIARY DATES



- Thur 5 Feb Y9/10/11
Intermediate Maths Challenge, W Hall, P4&5
- Fri 6 Feb Patterson House Evening, L Hall, 7.30pm
- Sun 8 Feb House Plays Technical Rehearsal, L Hall, 10am-4pm
- Mon 9 Feb House Plays Dress Rehearsals, L Hall, 9am – 4pm
- Tues 10 Feb House Plays Dress Rehearsals, L Hall, 9am – 4pm
- Wed 11 Feb House Plays, L Hall, 7.30pm
- Thurs 12 Feb House Plays, L Hall, 7.30pm
- Half Term – Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February**
- Mon 23 Feb Y9 Deadline for return of KS4 Option Choices



DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Last term Data Collection Sheets were sent home through the post asking parents to check the information held for their child/children. If you have not yet checked, signed and returned this letter, could you please do so as soon as possible. It is extremely important that we hold accurate data for the students and we are grateful for your cooperation with this exercise.

Mrs S Glover, Principal Administrator



FIRST FRAMED

A showcase of exemplary work by young artists from schools throughout the Thames Valley region will be on display at Arlington Arts Centre, Mary Hare, Snelsmore Common from 5 February to 27 March. The exhibition will be open Monday to Friday, 10am – 5pm. Work by students at St Bart's will be included in the display.

Further information www.arlingtonarts.co.uk

CHINA UPDATE

Former student, Will Millard, has sent his first report from China. A pilot project has been launched between St Bart's and Aurora Educational Group, Shanghai which sees Will taking up a six month post in China to teach English.

He arrived in Beijing last week, at the start of



the Chinese New Year. Will met up with an old school friend, Peter Martin, and they visited The Great Wall of China (pictured left) then attended a Buddhist Spring Festival in the mountains outside Beijing. The

highlight of the evening was watching thousands of fireworks go off over the city at midnight from high up in the mountains. Look out for more reports from Will over the coming months.



Business & Enterprise

YEAR 12 EXPERIENCE TEACHING IN PRIMARIES

This term a group of Year 12 students have been visiting John Rankin Primary School as part of the Young Enterprise Primary Programme and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of teaching two classes of Year 4 pupils all about the curriculum subject of 'Our City'. The second phase of this year's programme will take place after half term and participating schools will be St Joseph's, Robert Sandilands and Ashford Hill. A number of Year 12 students have already confirmed their interest in taking part and their first meeting with Jenny Scully from Young Enterprise will take place on Wednesday 4 February at 2pm in Wormestall.

Don't forget to follow all our Enterprising activities on Uniservity!



SCHOOL BANK

The school bank is open every Thursday during Activity Time for Year 7 and 8 students. If you have an account, or you want to start one up, please come to L8 to see the school bank managers.

School Bank Managers



EVERY PURCHASE COUNTS

There are some fantastic online bargains at the St Bart's webshop. Every time you make a purchase a donation will be generated for St Bart's. This is at no extra cost to you.

Webtogs is promoting its winter sale with discounts on popular outdoor brands such as The North Face, Ice Breaker and Lowe Alpine.

Of if you prefer to stay indoors, sign up to LoveFilm and watch your choice of DVDs.

Don't forget you can buy Valentine's Day gifts choosing from a range of retailers who sell flowers and chocolates.

Log onto www.stbarts.co.uk and follow the links or www.buy.at/stbarts



KIDS KARAOKE AT CHICAGO ROCK CAFE

Every Saturday afternoon, from 4pm – 7pm, starting on 7 February, there's Kids Karaoke at Chicago Rock Café in Newbury.

All under 18s are invited and can experience performing on a stage with an audience, flashing lights and a microphone.

A huge range of karaoke songs will be available and there'll be singing competitions.

Contact Chicago Rock Café on 01635 523737 or Alfie on 07830378356.

All under 12s must be supervised by an adult.

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In Maths, English and IT



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Your work is tailored to your needs and you can take a qualification up to Level 2 (GCSE equivalent)

To find out more or join a class contact Skills for Life on 01635 845270
www.newbury-college.ac.uk



GIRLS' PE

Netball

Well done to the Year 10 and 11 netball team who both successfully beat Park House last week. The Year 10 team then also went on to play well in the final round of their league fixtures beating Theale Green and coming 5th.

Miss Ostinelli



Lacrosse

The Year 7 team played a home fixture against St Helen's and St Katherine's on 24 January. This was a very close and exciting encounter. The ball was up and down the pitch at a fast pace. Goal keeper Nadia Morris was again brilliant in goal. Our defence worked much harder to make it difficult for the players they were marking to get past them and a special mention to Megan Burns, Tamara Yeung and Tessa Roberts who made some great tackles. Aimee Lister, playing at centre again, gave 100% and had some good runs through to goal. Our goals were scored by captain Hannah Bodin and attack Ciara Seward. Hannah Kirk used her speed well on the wing. Ellie Daly made her debut for the team. We did lose 4-2 but a much stronger team performance that could have gone either way.

Team – Tessa Roberts, Nicole Cockburn, Megan Burns, Ciara Seward, Amy Brown, Hannah Bodin, Yvette Pinder, Louise Mcfadzen, Aimee Lister, Christie Leach, Nadia Morris, Paige Pope, Katie Mclaughlin, Lizzie Harris, Ellie Daly, Hannah Kirk, Tamara Yeung, Charlotte King



CROSS COUNTRY

Area Schools Cross Country Championships 2009

'This is a joke,' muttered an under 20s St Bart's runner looking out at the Downs. He was right, the whole cross country event was a cruel joke: there wasn't a school building in sight, it was cold, foggy and raining, there was no shelter for waiting runners, the track looked bland and difficult and school teams were arriving late, leaving us shivering at the starting line.

Cheerfully, Mr Hart dismissed the obstacles of track and weather and soon had us believing that these were 'good conditions for cross country'. Evidence was to pile up against this claim as the event wore on and the limping, bare footed, muddy, gasping casualties started to be recovered from around the pitch. However, the senior boys were blissfully unaware of the fatalities that were to follow, as we warmed up with the

other schools, bantering with mock-pessimism and giving our various excuses for not having to excel in the race.

But this joke had a punch line. St Bart's did themselves proud. Even our questionable fashion sense couldn't hold us back. Forget our motto, 'Ad Lucem'; 'quality not quantity' would be a more suitable slogan for our team, which, despite being smaller than usual, made its presence felt in the top ten of nearly every race.

Another source of pride was the noise that our school team made. The support was quite something around the spectators' field, and although some of the comments weren't appreciated, like when we complimented that girl's headband or made a big deal about seeing Walker walking in her race, it certainly added to the atmosphere.

And, you might want to sit down for this, I actually enjoyed the race. The track was boring and soggy, the race wasn't full of thrilling overtakes and fallings over, but – and this may be the knowledge that this is my last year running Berkshire areas talking – I enjoyed it. And other runners did to. Okay, so the majority hated every lap of it, but they'll turn up at the same event next year, despite, when having struggled across the finish line, vowing never to run another race ever again. It's that self-destructive streak that separates cross-country runners from the rest of the track world.

So congratulations to all brave or stupid enough to have run last Wednesday.

Many thanks to **Aidan Clifford** for his entertaining summary of the Area Cross Country Championships and we are just waiting for the official confirmation of the final team placing and the individual finishing positions. Runners who particularly excelled and have confirmed placing are **Sean Lintin** 2nd in U20s, **Dan Tuttle** 1st U17s, **Sam Randall** 1st U15s and **Tom Uden** 1st in U13s. I look forward to updating you next week with what I believe will be impressive team results and finishing positions for all the runners. Once again thank you to all those students who had the courage, determination and desire to compete for the school.

Mr D McGall

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL

Required for September 2009

Teacher of Design & Technology (Construction)

11-18 Mixed Comprehensive
(NOR 1650, Sixth Form 350)

St Bart's is a highly successful school, as confirmed by the OFSTED inspection, May 2007. The Faculty is "outstanding". We are committed to further advancement and development for the whole school community, including staff.

Applications are invited from qualified teachers including NQT's to join our well resourced and supportive team. There is an opportunity to teach the full age and ability range, including A-level.

The school offers a generous relocation allowance (up to £8,000).

For further details and an application form please visit our website www.stbarts.co.uk or e-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

Closing date: 10am Monday 9 February 2009

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL

Site Supervisor

Join our facilities team who are ensuring the day to day smooth functioning of the school's working environment, under the leadership of the Facilities Manager

You will be involved in actively carrying out repairs, modifications and redecoration, to maintain a safe school environment for our students and staff.

We are looking for a flexible team member who is a good communicator and well organised.

Salary APT&C point 14-17.
(42 hours per week)
£15,524 - £16,614 per annum.

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CORRECT COMPETITION ENTRIES FROM 27 JANUARY ISSUE

The following names will be entered into the half termly prize draw.

Olly Sopp, Harry Clifton, Jessica Warr, Laura Prail, Ammye Franks, Elizabeth Barnes, Lauren Price-Richards, Freja Daws, Lilly Chubb, Jessica Sawyer, Jonny Orwin, James Cullen, Henry Milsom, Louis Spencer, Alana Herrington, Evie Davies, Beth Hutchins, Rhianna Yates, Abigail Keel, David Marques, Rianna Crook, Harriet Filtness, Hannah Kenison, Alice Calloway, Claire McGann, Fran Hartley, Lucy Firth, Sarah McIntosh, Daniel Gladwell, Joe Canniffe, James Davies, Janet Gough, Alison Doidge, Brett Harmse, Stuart Reddick, Jordan Traveller, Helen Swallow, Ulla Pritchard, Kelly McDonagh, Iaman Sheperia, Jade Harmse, David Lovelock, Jessica Mills, Mark Stafford, Helen Stafford, Maria Giulia Albanese, Callum Zamani, Bella Davies, Magdalena Zolynia, Pip Barker, Amy Major, Paige Macfarlane, Hollie McDevitt, Luke Gregory, Jade Wickes, Elizabeth Gough, Ciara Douglas, Amy Boliter, Samm Milligan, Rob Jones, Ben Hutchins, Fleur Hudson, Zander Oldring, Edward Cave, Sarah Maleski, Lauren Patterson, Adele Finch, Lottie Goodman, Chante Batson, Amber Furnell, Hasan Miah, Tommaso Patrone, David Dewey, Giulia Restivo, Annie Cave, Russell Bartlett, Charlie de Fraine, Becky Cox, Daisy Guille, Jodie Rose, Will Fearnley, Becky Spencer, Jess Lockwood, Josh Wallin, Belinda Church, Kimberly Peppitt, Oliver Attwood, Hope Dooley



BARTHOLONEWS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

3 February 2009

Question

Who was the expert visiting the school to talk to students about green roofs?

Answer

Name

Tutor Group

- Place your entry in one of the boxes at Luker or Wormestall Reception by **9.00am on Thursday 5 February**
- One entry per student each week

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**SUBJECT HOTLINE
01635 576358**

Email: subjecthotline@stbarts.co.uk
If you want to enquire about your child's work in a specific subject, contact the Subject Hotline.

Leave a brief message with the following details:

- Your child's name and tutor group
- The subject about which you are enquiring
- The name of the teacher
- Your name
- Your contact details including daytime and home telephone numbers

The teacher will contact you within the following five working days.