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Calling all actors and techies!

The St Bartholomew's Drama Society is here!

Established in 1905, this historical society gave many students the opportunity to perform in front of audiences. After a long absence we are now proud to announce that it's back.

If you enjoy drama and performance come and join the society! Our aim is to give students the opportunity to improve their skills in drama by taking part in various, exciting productions.

Don't worry if you're not a performer, the society will also offer opportunities to learn the backstage, technical aspects of theatre too! The society will consist of two groups – one for KS3 and the other for KS4 and KS5.

The KS3 group begins this half term and the KS4 and KS5 group in the summer term.

The KS3 group will start on Wednesday 25 February, 12.30-1.15 in P010.



PA DISCO
Years 7/8
Friday 8 March 2013
7pm, Hall

£3 on the door
Refreshments available for sale



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 23 March 2013
7pm in the Hall

Ticket price includes
Fish 'n' Chip Supper
(Sausage or Vegetarian
option available)

Adults: £10.50
School Staff: £9.00
Students/OAPs: £7.00

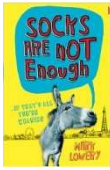
Maximum of 6 per team

Quiz Master – Mr Brennan
Head of Patterson House

Please bring your own
drinks and glasses.

Pre booking essential –
ring Tricia Ray on 01635 45898 or
email tricia@aerobabe.co.uk giving
numbers and food choices





AUTHOR VISIT YEARS 7 AND 8

This year we have invited Mark Lowery to visit St Bart's on Monday 4 March to talk to all Year 7 and Year 8 students. Year 6 pupils from local primary schools will be joining them. After lunch he will be working with some students from English classes. His first book *Socks Are Not Enough* was shortlisted last year for the Roald Dahl Funny Book prize.

Copies of his book will be for sale after each talk at a special price of £6.00 and Mark will be available to sign them. Students may like to bring money to school that day. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to use the £1 World Book Day vouchers, as they can only be used in bookshops.

Meanwhile you can find Mark Lowery's website on

<http://www.marklowery.co.uk/about-mark/>

Mrs Thomas, Librarian

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING Tuesday 5 March 2013

Students have been issued with appointment grids for parents to meet with teachers between 4.30pm and 7.00pm on 5 March. Appointments are for five minutes and students are advised to leave a five minute gap between each consultation. Parents might wish to prioritise appointments for subjects where you still have some questions relating to the Key Stage 4 options choices process. There will also be staff available between 4.30pm and 6.00pm to discuss any questions you might have about the business or health & Social Care courses offered at KS4. No appointments will be necessary for these subjects.

**Mr N Cook, Assistant Headteacher
Years 7 – 11**

DAVIS DIARY

Davis Year 12s did an excellent job recently directing and producing the Year 10s in the House Play Competition with their entry of 'Robin Hood'. Congratulations to all those involved!



Charity fundraising

The following students have raised money for the Davis House charity, The MPS Society Sanfilippo Project: Matthew Smith, Laurie Gale and Joe Greenslade raised £75 by organising a coffee morning.

Harry Murphy raised £15.45 running a 'guess the sweets in a jar' competition.

Good Work Prizes have been awarded to the following students: Sarah McAllen, Khushi Singh, Jacques Wild, Sabrina Rivera, Harry Murphy, Megan Prendiville, Holly Shaw, Amber Cracknell, Lukas Rollett, Michael Repton, William Beith, Isabella Martin, Gemma Street, Abby Pawson, Matthew Forsyth, Brooke Dury, Hannah Perry, Florence Thomas, Charlie Woodfield, Brendan Hillier. Congratulations to you all!

Well done to Rory McNeil who has been awarded his Bronze Award.

Congratulations to Victoria Moxon who has achieved the position of Youth County Standard Bearer for the British Legion.

Many Davis students are preparing for the House Dance competition which will be held on 7 March.

Mrs Hodgkin & Miss Thorne



FINANCE GOVERNOR WANTED

We are looking for someone to replace our current finance governor, who leaves us after having done an excellent job helping ensure we have a robust financial framework in place.

This opportunity is open to anyone who would like to contribute to our school and its community; you do not have to be a parent. Nor do you need to be an accountant; the school has a strong financial management team, though financial experience and understanding, including familiarity with budgets, financial plans and financial risk is required.

You will be part of a team. The Governing Body at St Bart's is committed to providing excellent standards for teaching and learning, a motivating workplace for staff, and the continuing success of the school. We are parents, members of the community and school staff. We are very involved in the development of the school and in school life and we are a close-knit and supportive group, each of us bringing different skills and perspectives to the role. We believe we make a difference: Ofsted has confirmed that, where governance is good, attainment is usually good too.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Helen Sutherland (hsutherland@stbarts.co.uk), the clerk to the governing body, who will put you in touch with one of our team. We will be very happy to talk to you.

Ian Peddie, Chair of Governors



DIARY DATES

Tues 5 Mar Y9 Parents' Evening
Thurs 7 Mar House Dance, 7pm, Hall
Fri 8 Mar Y7/8 PA Disco, 7-9pm



PATTERSON PEOPLE

Good news! Patterson House won the recent **House Play** competition with their highly entertaining performance entitled "The Ineffectual Super-Heroes". This was a fast-moving comedy with an original script written by Elliott Wheatland-Clinch who also did the graphics for the programme and background! Year 10 performed admirably and they were well directed by an excellent group of Year 12s who worked very well together and made a strong team. Well done to everyone concerned.

Excellent **charity fund-raising** continues to take place, in particular Molly Herne who collected £111.76 on a 16 mile bike ride! Excellent effort Molly.

The next big event is **Patterson House Evening** as mentioned in our previous BartholoNews item. The rehearsal day is now confirmed as Sunday 3 March from 1.30 to 5.00pm, first come first seen, and House Evening on Friday 15 March 2013 starting at 6.30pm. Tickets will be for sale from Patterson House office, £5 and £3 concessions. This includes the first drink with refreshments available to buy. See you there.

Mr Brennan, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Humphries



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7 March is World Book Day. All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will automatically receive a voucher entitling them to a £1 discount on any book or audio book worth £2.99 or more, purchased between 25 February and 24 March. Students in Years 11 and above may request a voucher from the library.

NEW FIVES COURTS

Next Wednesday we shall be welcoming a number of visitors to the school for the Official Opening of our new Eton Fives Courts. Guests will include governors, representatives from the ONA and Parents' Association and from the Eton Fives Association. The building of these courts marks what we could call the Phase 3 of our new school building project.

When we moved to the new site in 2010 we brought with us aspects of our heritage; the stained glass and Roll of Honour from the Memorial Hall to the new reception, the photographs which are now displayed in the school Hall and, thanks to the drama department, we shall be reviving the Dramatic Society. We look forward to seeing a selection of old photographs from the former girls' and boys' grammar schools displayed in the future.

But next week we are celebrating the return of the Eton Fives to the school with the opening by the President of the Eton Fives Association, Richard Barber OBE. We shall have an exhibition match and the chance for some of our Sixth Formers to try out the courts. These are students who learned to play Eton Fives in the old courts at Wormestall, when they were in Year 8.

Pictured below are some of the students who will be taking part (left, taken in 2009) as well as students who have now left St Bart's, playing on our old courts in 2006.



Eton Fives is part of St Bart's heritage and is remembered by many members of the Old Newburians' Association (ONA), when, as a grammar school, the boys regularly played on the two courts which were at Wormestall. The courts fell into disrepair, but then in 2006 students were expressing an interest in the game and the old courts were refurbished.

Eton Fives is very similar to squash, but the golf ball sized Fives ball is struck with gloved hands rather than a racket. This court game develops good reactions and is one of very few sports which require equal use of both hands. Girls and boys of all ages at St Bart's can now enjoy the sport.

Our new courts will give opportunities for more students to learn how to play and to enjoy this sport. We are going to have professional coaching available on Fridays. Students keen to learn will be able to book coaching sessions through Mr Turner and Mrs Gibbs. Our coach will be from the Eton Fives Association. On a Friday afternoon, students in Fitness, Living for Sport and Sports Leaders will have their chance to learn to play the game. After school on Fridays there will be a club run by our coach which students may join, on the same basis as tennis coaching. Mr Turner and Mrs Gibbs will manage the booking of courts for Activity Times Monday to Thursday, when Sixth Form players will take a lead in activities.

As a whole school, students need to be aware that the courts are out of bounds unless involved in a supervised game or training session.

Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher



EVERS NEWS

It's been another busy half-term in Evers House.

Congratulations to our Year 12 and Year 10 students involved in the House Drama production of *Matilda*. Superbly directed by **Sophie Smith** (12E1), **Heidi Hughes**, **Emma Tindall**, **Sam Randall** and **Luke Gregory** (all 12E2), and supported by a large backstage crew, the cast delivered an engaging and exciting interpretation of the well-loved Roald Dahl story. **Valentina Albanese** (10E1) as Matilda, **Will Seath** (10E2) as Mrs Trunchbull and **Anna Prudden** (10E2) as Miss Honey all put in excellent performances and were backed up by a wonderful supporting cast. A special mention of **Nick Canes'** (10E1) electrifying scream, which echoed all around the Hall! Well done to everyone – a production to be proud of!

We wait to hear how **Jacob Aldridge** (8E1) got on over half term when he competed in a national judo competition.

Well done to **Alicia Hobbs** (13E1) for raising over £350 by organising a sponsored dance-a-thon. This has contributed to her Arts Award, and the money goes towards our House charity, West Berkshire Mencap.

Look out for news in the next BartholoNews of Good Work Prizes to be awarded in House Assembly soon.

Upcoming events

Thursday 7 March, 7pm: House Dance Performance.

We are now looking forward to a rewarding and successful half term.

Mr Rose, Ms Evans and Mrs Willcox



CALENDAR AMENDMENTS

Please note the following **amendments** to the calendar:

Thursday 14 March

A Level Dance Internal Assessment All Day

Will now take place on Friday 8 March

Tuesday 19 March

French Exchange arrive (return 26 March)

Will now take place on Tuesday 12 March (return 19 March)

Friday 22 March

GCSE Dance Internal & External Moderation

Will now take place on Tuesday 26 March

Tuesday 26 March

A Level Dance External Moderation

Will now take place on Tuesday 12 March

Please note the following **additions** to the calendar:

Thursday 28 February

A Level PE Practical Coursework

Tuesday 19 March

A Level PE Moderation Day

Friday 22 March

All Year 8 poet visit P1, Hall

All Year 9 poet visit P2, Hall

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



Photography Club Competition

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Spring1 competition **Order or Disorder**.



1st Place

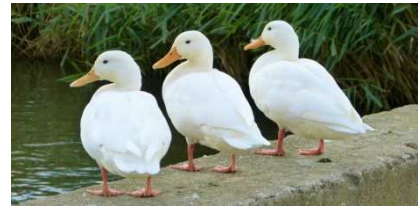
Oliver Craig 8C2 (left)

2nd Place

Sophie Larkins 7C3 (top right)

3rd Place

Ben Salmon 8E2 (bottom right)



Congratulations to our winners and many thanks to all those who entered what is becoming an increasingly popular competition.

To get a better view of our winning photos and judges' comments plus all of the other entries please visit the Photography pages of Clubs on **OpenHive**.

SPRING2 COMPETITION THEME IS

“ SCALE “

Consider landscapes, distance, large things/small things, perspective ...

Deadline is 12 noon Wednesday 13th March 2013

Entries by email to Mrs Gibbs : agibbs@stbarts.co.uk

An ideas page on OpenHive will be set up to give you some inspiration!

1 photo per person. Please keep entries no larger than 1.5 MB. You may use Photoshop to adjust brightness, contrast or colour of the image but NOT to add or remove parts of the image.

FAMILY ENTERPRISE: ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Now in its fifth year the Saturday Family Enterprise Experience for Year 7 students and a parent has again proved to be a big hit. With take up exceeding expectations an extra session was laid on to avoid turning anyone away; the third and final event will be coming up on Saturday 2 March.



Designed to give participants a taste of enterprise, this fun session is designed for parent and child to work together as a team. Run by Mr Turner (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs McDowell (Maths) teams received an assortment of limited materials and were set the task of turning them into something useful.



Elements of finance, time management, presentation, ingenuity were amongst some of the skills involved and feedback from parents and students was extremely positive. A full report will appear in the next edition of the Enterprise Bulletin at the end of term. Alternatively take a look at the Enterprise pages in OpenHive. More photos are shown on page 8 of this BartholoNews and in OpenHive.

GIRLS' PE

Netball v Portsmouth Grammar School Thursday 7 February

The Year 11 team, led by captain and player of the match **Ciara Seward**, faced a tough encounter against a very strong PGS side. From the first whistle the girls fought to minimise the shooting opportunities of PGS with strong defensive work from both **Hollie Coghlan** and **Yvette Pinder**. With the fast pace of the game St Bart's shooters took their chances well but were unable to cope with the movement up the court. The final score of 28-10 to PGS showed the determination of the St Bart's side to never give up.

Kelly Blake, Christie Leach, Hannah Kirk, Ciara Seward, Tor Tallis, Yvette Pinder and Hollie Coghlan.

The Year 10 team got off to a slow start to be losing 2-0 at the end of the first quarter. Outstanding play by the defensive unit of **Elin Landhed, Lottie Woodley** and **Colette Bell** allowed the PGS attack very little shooting opportunities. With the game tied 3-3 at half time the St Bart's side started the second half very strongly to race into an 8-3 lead of which was enough to secure them a final victorious score of 10-5. Player of the match went to **Lottie Woodley**.

Colette Bell, Lottie Woodley, Elin Landhed, Anna Prudden, Charlotte Fane and Tilly Woodfield

Netball League Fixtures

Year 7 beat Park House 17-3 and The Downs 21-3 last week. Lauren Bell was awarded player of the games.

Year 8 beat The Downs 27-1 and Tosin Sonubi was awarded player of the match.

Year 9 won against The Downs 14-1 with Jo Kirk awarded player of the match.

BOYS' PE

Round 2 County Cup Match

St Bart's Y11 v St Bernard's (Slough)

Year 11's second game of the season proved to be a somewhat epic affair finally ending in a 6-4 losing scoreline.

St Bernard's proved to be a very well drilled, good passing side and during the first fifteen minutes of the match St Bart's early season nerves showed through as we found it difficult to get hold of the ball. It didn't help our cause when we lost Frankie Hudson and Alfie Davis-Ellard to injury during this period. However after going 2-0 down the team showed great character to get back in the game ending the first half 3-2 with a goal from Ollie Cooper and an excellently dispatched penalty from Callum Parr after Ollie was brought down in the area.

The boys kept up the pressure against the St Bernard's defence in the second half with Joe Brace finishing a good move to bring the scores all level at 3-3 within the first ten minutes the season and St Bernard's managed to immediately score again from the restart. St Bart's refused to let their heads drop and manage to once again equalise through an excellent finish from Jack Hayman making it 4-4. Unfortunately we once again failed to keep our concentrate after scoring and St Bernard's quickly restored their advantage. As time was running out we decided to go to three at the back and push another striker up front however the game became very stretched as we chased our third equaliser and St Bart's conceded two more goals finishing 6-4.

All the boys played with a great spirit and determination and I have no doubt that a first victory of the season is just round the corner. Joe Brace was named the St Bart's man of the match.

MORE PHOTOS FROM FAMILY ENTERPRISE

