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HORTICULTURE PROJECTS

The Horticulture team has planted up nearly 20 trees at the front of the school site, on either side of the entrance. There is a mix of many different trees to provide interest all year round, from evergreen conifers, to spring flowering cherries and rowans, to trees with fabulous bark and those with fantastic autumn leaf colour. The students made a great job of the planting, using skills they developed whilst planting the orchard trees earlier in the year.



Despite the cold weather, the crocus planted by the parent and student volunteers in October look wonderful and it won't be long now

until the daffodils burst into bloom. Once the weather warms up, we aim to get going with the propagation of ornamental plants and get the vegetable crops started for harvesting in the summer months.

The Nature Reserve project is roaring ahead. The Horticulture team, ably assisted by several



members of staff, have laid nearly 1000 edging bricks to delineate the path that winds through the wildflower meadow, and the sixth form graphics students are designing the signage that will go up in the Nature Reserve to guide and inform visitors to some of the treasures that can be found.

Nettle Appeal

If you have a patch of unwanted nettles in your garden, we would be very keen to have them for our Nature Reserve. If you could dig up some nettle plants, with plenty of root and soil, and bring them to school in a plastic bag, we would be really keen to plant them out in the Nature Reserve. They are a very important food plant for the caterpillars of many butterfly species.



If you are able to help, please email Dr Fitter (dfitter@stbarts.co.uk) to coordinate where they can be dropped off in school.

Finally, if you have any old medium to large terracotta garden pots that you no longer use, we would love to get our hands on them.

Many thanks

Dr Fitter and the Horticulture Team





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**

St Bart's Food Festival and Fete

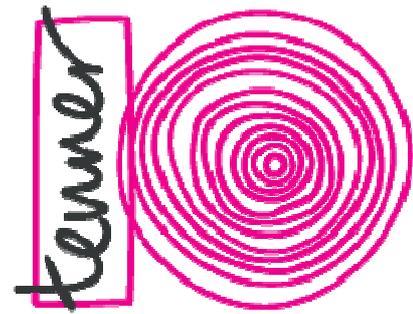
It's Fete time again!

**We are looking for donations of bric-a-
brac, books, plants, toiletries, bottles
and so on.**

**Please leave your donations in the
school reception**

**We are always looking for helpers and
stallholders so please contact me as below**

**Fete organiser: Ginette Higgs
(ginette.higgs@gmail.com)**



Introducing

Year 10

Tenner Challenge

This is a **nationwide competition** run by Young Enterprise which takes place during the **month of May**.

You will receive a **£10 loan** from the Young Enterprise "Tenner Bank" on 1 May with which to get your business off the ground. You will then have the whole month to make as much profit as you can from your tenner whilst also trying to make a difference and give back to society.

There will be weekly competitions you can enter and help will be provided to guide you through each stage of your business's development.

Ultimately you could be a winner and go to the Awards Ceremony in London!

If you would like to take part either as an **individual or as a group** you will need to register now!

**Please see Mr Turner or Mrs Gibbs in E130
or email agibbs@stbarts.co.uk**

**DEADLINE 12 NOON WEDNESDAY
27 MARCH 2013**

**Visit OpenHive – Clubs – Enterprise –
KS4 – Year 10**

POLO : THE NATIONAL SENIOR SCHOOLS SUPA ARENA TOURNAMENT

First Place for St Bart's

The St Bart's polo team were back in action at Rugby School on a snowy Mother's Day, fighting to improve on last year's 3rd place in the upper intermediate category. The team consisted of Sam Boreham, Harry Kitchin and Jazz Elliott who were all raring to do St Bart's proud as they remain the only state school to compete in this elite sport.



Their first chukka was a tough test however, as they looked to repeat the controversial yet emphatic 4-2 victory against big rivals Stowe, a year ago. They got off the mark quickly and took the lead off the lineout as Boreham slotted in following a fortunate break.



However this was short lived, as Stowe came back with two quick goals in the same amount of minutes. The St Bart's team then frustratingly pursued an equaliser but the score remained the same for a large chunk of the game. Just as they started to lose hope, they were awarded a 25 yard defended penalty and Boreham's low drilled shot managed to squeeze its way between the horse's legs despite the defenders best efforts to stop it. At this precise moment, the bell went for 30

seconds remaining and in the dying seconds a lucky deflection off Boreham's long drive gave St Bart's the lead as the umpires whistle blew for full time.

This good start gave the team hope of getting into the final for 1st and 2nd place, however standing in their way was an experienced Harrow team. They again got off the mark quickly and two close range tap ins for Boreham and a well taken opportunity from Elliott left them 3 nil up, a couple of minutes in. Some fantastic riding off and hooking from Kitchin ensured a clean sheet until the very end when Harrow pulled one back. However after a last ditch clearance from Elliott, there was no more time left on the clock, and a blow of the Umpire's whistle secured a well earned place in the final.

Nerves were high within the team, as a large crowd came together in the clubhouse overlooking the arena, to watch the final match of the day, which saw us take on home side Rugby in a tantalising fixture. Both sides defended well in the opening minutes, and chances and space were hard to find.

However our team proved too strong in the end, and the experience of Kitchin and Boreham shone through. Two quick fire goals from Kitchin including a clever backhand and fantastic neck-shot opened the scoring, before an angled loft from Boreham found the back board and sealed 1st place for the team in an emphatic victory.



However this wasn't the end to the celebrations as captain Boreham was then awarded 'Most promising player' out of the 78 players from all categories. We look forward to more success in the future, and would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the polo team, to speak to Mrs Sims and try and ensure for victories for St Bart's in the future.

We would also like to thank coach Sean Wilson-Smith for his constant support.

Sam Boreham 13C3



PROMOTING GOOD ATTENDANCE

As a school, we are proud of our good attendance rates.

However, in some cases we may issue a penalty notice for unauthorised absence. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child attends school regularly. Missing school seriously affects children's longer-term life opportunities. Statistics show a direct link between attendance and attainment. In some cases, we may issue a penalty notice for unauthorised absence.

What are Penalty Notices?

- Penalty Notices are a Fixed Penalty Fine.
- Penalty Notices are an alternative to prosecution for unauthorised school absence. Parents do not have to attend court.

When can a Penalty Notice be given in West Berkshire?

This can be issued when a pupil has missed 20 half day sessions from school within a 10 school week period and these absences are unauthorised.

Or

When a pupil has missed 10 half day sessions from school within a 10 school week period and the absences are unauthorised and due to holiday.

Penalty Notices

If you receive a Penalty Notice you have two options:

Option 1 Pay within the 28 days shown on the Notice a Fixed Penalty Fine of £60.

Option 2 Pay between days 29 and 42 a Fixed Penalty Fine of £120.

Each fine is **per parent, per child**. All payments must be made to the address given on the Penalty Notice.

Non Payment

If a Penalty Notice is not paid each parent or carer will be summonsed to appear in Court for an offence under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996 for failing to ensure regular school attendance or for an offence under Section 103 Education and Inspections Act 2006 for failing to ensure their child is not in a public place.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher

THE EASTER CONCERT Thursday 21 March 2013

School Hall at 7pm



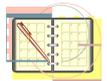
Tickets: Adults £5, Concessions £3
Family Ticket (2 adults and 1 child)
£10

Available on the door



STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNTS Important Notice

Students still using their West Berks email accounts should be aware that due to changes of provider the email could stop working without warning! The changeover is at the end of March. The alternative is your OpenHive email account, accessed using your single OpenHive login. This will allow you to continue using a school email account in safety.



DIARY DATES

Fri 22 Mar	Y7/8 Curnock Charity Disco Hall, 7pm
Sat 23 Mar	PA Quiz Night, Hall, 7pm
Thur 28 Mar	Term Ends at 3.30pm
Mon 15 Apr	Staff Training Day
Tues 16 Apr	Student Term Begins

EASTER EGG PRIZE DRAW

7D1 are running an Easter Egg Prize Draw for Davis House Charity: SanFilippo Syndrome (MPS Society)



£1 for 5 tickets or 50p for 1. Sold during Activity Time and before tutor time in the hub. Draw in House assembly 27 March - just in time for Easter. You have to be in it to win it!



PATTERSON PEOPLE

Great news! Patterson House won the House Dance competition again! This is the sixth time in a row that we have done so and we are extremely pleased and proud of all the students who performed on the night. Also many thanks go to the House Dance captains, Izzy Groves-Way, Scarlett Wroe, Karl Admans, Lizzie Dunmore, Hannah James, Scarlett Langley, Heather Lewis and Nikki Silvester who all worked as a team to direct the younger dancers – great work from them. Also, a particular thank you goes to Alex MacIver in Year 13 who stepped in to give a helping hand. Patterson House can certainly call themselves “Lords of the Dance”! Patterson now has the challenge of winning again next year which will mean that students who danced the first year we won and have competed every year, will have won every year through their time here at St Bart’s. What a wonderful achievement for the current Year 12s if they could win again next year!

Mr Brennan, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Humphries



DAVIS DIARY

We are three quarters of the way through a very busy spring term. Congratulations to all those who represented Davis in the recent House Dance Competition.

Thank you to all our bag packers who helped pack shopping bags in Sainsbury’s on Friday 15 March. An update on how much money we collected will be posted in the next BartholoNews.

Fundraising is going well and we thank **12D3** who collected £60.50, **10D1** for raising £26.30 in a cake sale and **7D2** who delivered cakes and biscuits on Valentine’s Day and raised £67.22. All proceeds will be donated to our House Charity, The MPS Society, San Filippo Project.

Well done to **Rebecca Gill** and **Rory McNeill** who recently performed with the BBC singers at Greyfriar’s Church, Reading for a broadcast on Radio 3. They performed Purcell’s Opea Dido and Aeneas.

Goodwork prizes have been awarded to: **Kim Gosling, Emily Beck, Joseph Wordley, Chloe Leftley, Angel Stone and Emmanuelle Dupas.**

Bronze awards go to **Ashley Midwinter** and **Thomas Lewis.** **Well Done!**

Keep up the hard work

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee

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

MEDIA STUDIES VISIT Year 12 and Year 13

Hogwarts exists. It may not be as big as we all imagined, but it's just as magical!

The Warner Bros Studio Tour was a magnificent day out that brought the Harry Potter sets to life and made you feel like a real life wizard.



Starting with a short film about the Harry Potter world, followed by another short film involving the stars of the films, Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint. After some behind the scenes footage and cheesy smiles the screen rolls up to unveil the magical doors to the great hall. You instantly turn into a little child again and run to the doors, awaiting your entrance into the great hall of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry!



What follows is wonderfully mind blowing. Props and sets from the films including Hagrids hut and the Triwizard Cup. Costumes and facts and thousands of photo opportunities! If you ever wanted to see the Gryffindor common room, you can or stand in Dumbledore's office? Well the chance is yours!

Some favourite moments were walking through Diagon Alley and peering in the shop windows and seeing the model of Hogwarts school. It was a brilliant opportunity to find out more about the films and if you bought a digital guide then you had the one and only Tom Felton guiding you round and telling you secrets about the films.



There is a ton to see and after you can buy souvenirs from the gift shop, including Chocolate Frogs and even Bertie Botts Every Flavour Beans!

The day was, in true Harry Potter style, magical.

Lucy Mugford



CAR PARKING

The school has again received complaints about inconsiderate car parking at the beginning and end of the school day. This is dangerous to drivers and pedestrians.

Drivers are asked not to block neighbouring driveways, only park in the marked disabled bays if entitled to do so and ensure there is a clear thoroughfare through the school driveway to enable other vehicles to enter and exit the site. There are occasions when coaches need access to use the drop off zones at 3.30pm; they are either returning from school trips or departing for PE fixtures and other activities. It is also important to keep the driveway clear should there be a need for emergency access.

Parents dropping off/collecting students are asked to keep road junctions clear, in particular in Bartlemy Road, Buckingham Road, Wendan Road and Fifth Road.

Sixth Form Car Parking

Sixth Formers are reminded they may park on the gravel area adjacent to the Wormestall field, entrance from Fifth Road.

They are not permitted to park in the main school car park and are asked to be considerate to neighbours.

Sixth Form drivers must complete a car driving registration form available from Mrs Tyson in W131.

Mrs C Haddrell, Headteacher

CURNOCK CHARITY DISCO

Friday 22 March
In the Hall, 7-9pm

Open to students in Years 7/8
from all Houses
£3 on the door
Refreshments available for sale

CENTENARY BIRTHDAY

Miss Doreen Humm, long-term (1939 to 1968) PE teacher at Newbury County Girls Grammar School will be 100 years old on 27 March 2013. Miss Humm, who was loved by the girls at the school attended the Reunion held in 2004 to celebrate the 100 years Anniversary of the school and was present at the planting of a tree by Anne Gray to commemorate the event.



Photo courtesy of the ONA

Miss Humm was appointed in September 1939 as games mistress, so arrived exactly at the difficult time when Godolphin and Latymer arrived to share the buildings. The Record that year reports that “each school plays games while the other is having lessons inside and hockey goal posts are again to be seen on the school field, crosswise over the lacrosse pitches.”

Her retirement in the summer term of 1968 was reported in the next Record. In the editorial it says:

Miss Humm, who retired after 30 years service to the School, will be greatly missed not only for her energy and inspiration as Head of the Physical Education Dept. but also for the quiet strength of her personality and insistence on high standards which permeated the school.

NETBALL NEWS

The Year 7 netball team were runners up in the Area Tournament last week, just losing out to Downe House. A very good achievement. Well done to all the girls.