



St Bartholomew's School Christmas Gift and Craft Fair

**Sunday 15th November
11.15am to 4pm**

Over 60 stalls – Wide selection of
homemade crafts and gifts – All price
ranges, from stocking fillers to that
special gift

Refreshments, Lunches, Teas, Mince Pies

Admission £2.00
(concessions £1, under 16 free)
Buckingham Road, Newbury

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**Friday 13 November
7 – 9 pm Entry £3
St Bart's School Hall**



GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR PLEASE DONATE

St Bart's Gift and Craft Fair is on Sunday 15 November and we would welcome donations of **homemade soup or cakes** to serve throughout the day. This is one of the PA's major fundraisers and your delicious donations are always appreciated, and help us to boost funds. We also need raffle prizes.

Please contact the PA email, stbartspa.craft@gmail.com if you are able to donate and to arrange delivery.

Many thanks for your support.

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BRILLIANT CLUB GRADUATION

A number of our Year 10 and 11s have been working as members of the Brilliant Club over the last couple of months, where they have been completing a science project with the guidance from a PhD researcher. This involved the students working alongside a world-class university researcher, attending seminars and producing an extended written assessment. We congratulate the following students who graduated: Ella Townsend, Sofia Pivaral Booth, Holly Shaw, Michael Repton, Anna Kersley, Charlie Babbage, Eleanor Rollinson, Garren Scapens and Arun Bhandari.

The students graduated last month taking part in a ceremony at Homerton College, University of Cambridge.

CHINESE EXCHANGE 2015

The first leg of this year's Chinese exchange took place just before and during October half term. The students, accompanied by Mrs Tang and myself, spent three days in Beijing followed by a week with our partner school in Qingdao - Qingdao no 2 Middle School. The weather



was clear and sunny for most of our time in China - with temperatures as high as 24 degrees in Qingdao. During our stay in Beijing, we visited the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square and enjoyed an acrobatics show and in Qingdao students had the chance to sit in on lessons with their partners as well as taking part in specially provided sessions on calligraphy, dance and mask painting. In addition, we went out and about sightseeing in and around Qingdao, which is a beautiful coastal city between the sea and the holy mountain of Lao Shan. By the time we returned, students were expert in their use of chopsticks, and many had taken the opportunity to practise their Mandarin and learn new words and phrases whilst with their partners, their friends and families.



Below are some reflections on the trip by students:

"The Chinese Exchange was incredible. I have learned so much about the Chinese culture and how different it is to Britain. The school was completely different to ours - they had many more facilities such as high ropes and even a climbing wall. Also they had mini study bars and a cafe! I think St Bart's should invest in

one. I learnt many useful phrases, the most useful was probably "chi bao le" - this means "I'm full!"

"Whilst I was staying with my host family I ate octopus dumplings. They were slightly chewy and rubbery but they actually tasted alright. The highlight of lessons for my

exchange partner, Han Rong, is the weekly karaoke competition which I witnessed on my first day at the school."

"The Chinese Exchange was amazing! The school was incredible! All of the students work so hard and spend all of their spare time doing homework. Qingdao was such a beautiful place and I'd love to go back there some day!"



"I loved the China Exchange trip. I learned so much about how the Chinese live and met so many friendly people. I loved the cafe on top of the school (something we should get) and the fun-sounding bell which sounded through the school about a million times. I loved staying with my exchange partner and her family and I learned about the Chinese way of ordinary life and I loved trying all their different food traditions."

"We were in Beijing for three days. We saw the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, it was all wonderful. I tried a lot of new food, most of which I liked. The duck was so good I felt like I'd died and gone to heaven."

"China was amazing. First of all we flew to China. It took nine hours! We flew with Air China, 777-300ER - it was massive. The next day we climbed the Great Wall. I wanted to give up, but I didn't because it is a once in a lifetime experience."



"The China Exchange was a great trip and a fun learning opportunity about Chinese culture and daily life in China. Beijing was a way to be introduced to the architecture, madness and culture of China whilst Qingdao gave an insight into daily life and the school day. The food I expected to be one of the highlights of the trip and it was. Overall the trip is extremely valuable and I recommend it."

"My trip to China is an experience that I will never forget. It is so culturally and socially different to England. I really enjoyed my time in both Beijing and Qingdao, but in different ways. I loved how inviting and welcoming all the students were at Qingdao no 2 middle School and my time in Beijing was great with all the famous sightseeing that we did."

"My favourite part was going to Qingdao no 2 Middle School. The students were all so happy to have us there and they made us feel welcome. Living with someone else helped me to understand a different lifestyle and to try

new things. Looking back on the whole thing I would do it all over again. I've made new friends that I will definitely keep in touch with."



"The Beijing-Qingdao Exchange is an eye-opening and unforgettable experience, especially for those who are studying Mandarin. Being immersed in the Chinese culture via a family and Qingdao no 2 High School allows you to become part of the culture and also improve your speaking (in Mandarin)! The conjunction of both understanding real life in China and gaining knowledge of China's wealth of history creates a well-balanced and impressive trip which certainly promotes social acceptance and growth in an individual."

Contributions from Megan Bowey, Anna Kersley, Ffion Godwin, Bethan Davies, Teddy Walker, Callum Edwards, Alex Morrison, Siena Edwards, Davina Emetulu and Emma Lalande.

Mrs M Wood, Head of MFL



ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

From time-to-time we hear news from former students. We are delighted to report the following.

Eleanor Raymond has now qualified as a doctor. She left St Bart's in 2010 and went to study Medicine at Sheffield University. She has now completed the five year course and has been awarded the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree (MBChB). Eleanor is currently working as a F1 doctor at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford.



NON UNIFORM DAY BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

We will again be raising money for BBC Children in Need at this week's non uniform day on Friday 13 November. Last year the school supported the event with tremendous enthusiasm and great success. We look forward to fundraising this week.



ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Please be aware that O2 and the NSPCC will be launching a series of online workshops in January 2016.

The focus is on keeping your children safe on line.

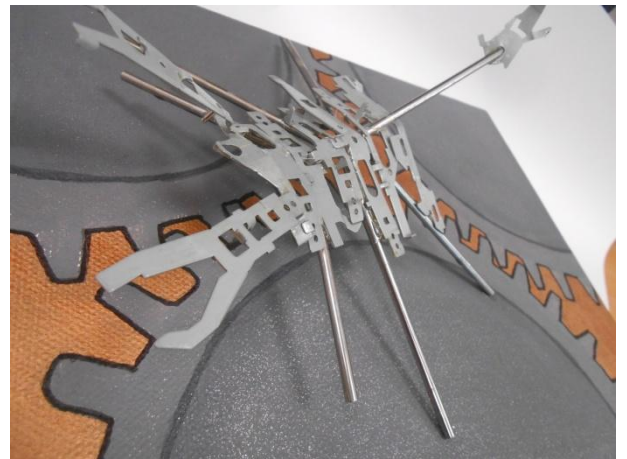
Whilst I am sure that other mobile phone providers have something similar, the link below will take you to the O2 site and a registration process.

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/online-safety-workshop-sign-up/>

Mrs Sims, Deputy Headteacher

ART AWARDS

During the summer term Year 6 students from our local primary feeder schools visited our GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition. They investigated the themes, materials and processes that students used to produce their work. At the end of their workshop sessions the Year 6 students were challenged to produce a piece of art work inspired by what they had experienced during the visit. Entries were produced over the summer break and judged at the end of September. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes have been awarded to our new Year 7 students. Work is currently displayed in the art department. Well done to all students who produced work.



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| 1 st | Thomas Whitehead | 7P1 (pictured) |
| 2 nd | Johan Mascarenhas | 7E2 |
| 3 rd | Alexandra Gould | 7E3 |



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ADVANCED DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

1. Controlling light to create high impact images

On Saturday 28 November

(Applications deadline 3.30pm Wednesday 25 November)

2. Editing photographs using "Photoshop" techniques

On Saturday 12 December

(Applications deadline 3.30pm Wednesday 9 December)

Each workshop runs 10am to 1pm

at St Bartholomew's School

Suitable for older students and adults

£40 per person

For more information and a registration form see Mr Turner in E130 or email pturner@stbarts.co.uk



DIARY DATES

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| Wed 11 Nov | Remembrance Day Service, 11am, Luker Hub |
| Fri 13 Nov | Non Uniform Day Y7/8 PA Disco, Hall, 7-9pm |
| Sun 15 Nov | PA Annual Gift & Craft Fair Hall, 11.15am – 4.00pm |
| Wed 18 Nov | Y8 Parents' Evening, Curnock Block, 4.30pm-7.00pm |
| Fri 20 Nov | Evers House Evening |
| Wed 25 Nov | Y12 Safe Drive Stay Alive, Hexagon, Reading 12 noon - 3.30pm |
| Tues 1 Dec | Y12 Parents' Evening |



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch this year will be held on **Wednesday 9 December**.

There are a limited number of tickets at a cost of £3.95.

Lunch will be served at 12.30pm and there will be no other provision of hot food during activity time that day. Availability of food at break time remains unchanged.

Menu

Cranberry and Sage Stuffed Turkey Breast wrapped in Bacon

Pig in Blanket

Crispy Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy

Christmas Dessert

Vegetarian Menu

Quorn Fillet with Vegetarian Stuffing

Crispy Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy

Christmas Dessert

Crackers, table decorations and a bottle of drink will also be included.

Tickets are on sale now until Wednesday 3 December from either the Facilities Office (W030) break or activity time and the kitchen before school. Please note that payment will be taken from lunch cards.

This event will be ticket only.



ONA LUNCH 2015

The ONA 102nd Annual Lunch will take place on **Sunday 22 November 2015** at St Bartholomew's School arrive 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Take this chance to come back to your school and enjoy lunch with some old friends.

Why not arrange to meet a group from your year to reminisce and enjoy the chance to see the new buildings which replaced Luker and Wormestall?

Tours of the school are available at 12.15pm

Menu

Smoked Salmon, Honey Mustard and Dill Parfait

or

Breaded Camembert

or

Minestrone Soup

Steak au Poivre

(braised steak in a wine and peppercorn sauce)

or

Mediterranean Chicken

(Individual chicken breast served in a tomato and basil sauce with black olives)

or

Mushroom, Cranberry and Brie Wellington

All served with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate & Caramel Tartlet with Clotted Cream

or

Apple and Blackberry Crumble with Custard

Licensed Bar available

Tickets £25

Apply for tickets by 12 November 2015, stating your choice of menu to:

Janet Calloway, 6 Kiln Terrace, Chapel Lane, Curridge, Thatcham RG18 9DY

president@oldnewburians.co.uk

01635 200399

Please let Janet know if you would like a tour of the school.

ORCHESTRA DAY

Last Wednesday more than 100 students participated in the school orchestra's all day rehearsal. We began the day with a quick warm-up and went on to look at the first of our three new pieces called Finale from the Firebird by Stravinsky. This was conducted by Mrs Robertson who encouraged us to imagine that a giant golden bird was swooping around the hall whilst we played.



Next we played Habanera from Carmen by Georges Bizet conducted by Miss Boggett where we learnt that the piece was about attraction and how best to play in order to express that.

Our final piece was Symphony No 10, 2nd Movement by Shostakovich conducted by Mr Maunders. This spread across five pages for many instruments, but the whole symphony is over 45 minutes long. The length and some complicated rhythms definitely kept us on our toes.

After these run-throughs we split into sections and rehearsed until our parts were almost perfect, under the expert guidance of Sixth Form musicians James Murrell, David Goldberg and Tom Carr.

Close to the end of the day we reunited to hear the amazing results of our hard work which we hope to be able to share with you at a future concert.

All the musicians would like to thank the music department and the student leaders for an enjoyable and rewarding day.

Sixth Form Musicians

| SPORT | CURNOCK | DAVIS | EVERS | PATTERSON |
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| Cross Country 2015.16 | | | | |
| Year 7 | 3 rd | 4 th | 2 nd | 1 st |
| Points to carry forward | 6 | 4 | 8 | 10 |
| Year 8 | 2 nd | =3 rd | 1 st | =3 rd |
| Points to carry forward | 8 | 6 | 10 | 6 |
| Year 9 | 1 st | 2 nd | 4 th | 3 rd |
| Points to carry forward | 10 | 8 | 4 | 6 |
| Year 10 | 1 st | 4 th | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| Points to carry forward | 10 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| Year 11 | 4 th | 3 rd | 1 st | 2 nd |
| Points to carry forward | 4 | 6 | 10 | 8 |
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| Total | | | | |
| (Points to carry forward) | 38 | 28 | 40 | 36 |
| To date: | | | | |
| Placing | 2nd | 4th | 1st | 3rd |