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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and support. It has been a term that has presented many new challenges, but it has been tremendous to see all the



students working so well and making good progress despite the challenges of the current pandemic, and this is something that everyone should be proud of.

It has also been good to continue with a number of our school's traditional events such as Awards Evenings, Remembrance Service and our Carol Service, albeit in different ways, and the acts of kindness undertaken by many of our students to help others in these difficult times has been heart-warming.

Sadly, at the end of term we are saying goodbye to Mr Golden, Teacher of Computing, Mr Meldrum, Teacher of Business & Economics and Mrs Macdonald, Technician in D&T. Mrs Burnett, Teacher of MFL, and formerly a Teaching Assistant in Personalised Learning, is also leaving after 21 years' dedicated service to the school. We thank them all for all they have contributed to St Bart's and wish them well for the future.

Lastly, I hope that you all have a happy and enjoyable Christmas and remain safe. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder of the structure of the day this Friday:

8.40: Registration online with Tutor
8.50: Period 1
9.50: Period 2
10.50-11.10: Break
11.10-12.10: Period 3
12.10-12.30: Tutor & Assembly
12.30: End of school for Christmas

Students will be sent links to all these sessions through Show My Homework in the normal way.

2020 ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The last 9 months have been very demanding within school and we know that our friends in the wider St Bart's community and alumni will also have faced significant challenges during this time. We have put together an Alumni Newsletter, looking back at 2020 that we hope will bring us all some cheer and respite at the year's end. When current restrictions are lifted, we are resolved to find more ways of involving our Alumni in the wider life of the school. For now they can keep in touch by joining our Alumni at our Future First portal: <https://bit.ly/3837fjP>



[You can read our end of 2020 Newsletter here.](https://bit.ly/3837fjP)

Calendar



Student Term Begins Week

Mon 4 Jan

CCF Sunday Walk 2

Sun 10 Jan

View all school events in our online calendar, [click here to go straight there](#)

NEWBURY WEEKLY NEWS OVER 80'S CHRISTMAS PARCELS

On a cold Friday morning, some tired Year 12 students volunteered their time to help the Newbury Weekly News assemble and deliver Christmas care



packages for the elderly. Masks on, we helped the staff to unload a lorry, with bags filled to the brim with treats like shortbread, tea and of course the most recent newspaper. We had a very efficient system, and in no time the stock room was piled high with packages. Then came the most important part- delivering them! Some went on foot, whilst others took the minibus. Although this year we were unable to talk with the recipients, we are sure this year, of all years, the parcels will be much appreciated, and we'd like to thank the school for organising this rewarding experience.

*Edward Barker, Lucy Shrivell,
Joel Douglas & Miako Burton*

The school has received a letter from the NWN with a quote from one of the recipients of the parcels, *"Such an unexpected, delightful surprise ...it cheered my day. Despite the challenges we have faced this year, I have noticed people... are anxious to help if necessary. Reminds me of wartime when we all pulled together... knowing all would come right in the end."*

ST BART'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNERS



The winner of this year's competition is Lewis Owen (13C4) with this atmospheric, chilly design depicting a polar bear. Well done Lewis!

And the 2 runners up, also with impressive entries, are

Kate Lawrence (11P3)

and Holly Lawton (7P2)



SCHOOL NURSE NEWSLETTER

The School Nurse team have published a newsletter for families with secondary school age children, with tips about mental health, dental care and details of their support line.

[You can read the newsletter here.](#)

WORD OF THE YEAR 2020: RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who voted for the word they think should be this year's Word of the Year, since the OED was unable to decide on one. The St Bart's community clearly agrees with Collins (see [this link](#)), as the clear winner,

with 25% of the vote, was “lockdown”. Coming in second was “unprecedented”, gaining 20% of the vote. And in third was “Black Lives Matter”, gathering as it did 18%.

[Continue reading this article on our website](#) to see how searches for “lockdown” in the UK compare with the US.

Mr Randall

BLACK HISTORY MONTH POEMS

Inspired by Black History



Month, the English department displayed specially created posters with extracts from 25 different poets. Writers highlighted included the poet Derek Walcott from St Lucia who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1992 and the British-Trinidadian poet, Roger Robinson, who won the prestigious TS Eliot Prize in 2019.

Students were invited to respond to these poems, choosing to write poems of their own or completing research into the poets or the issues they highlighted. We are very grateful to everyone who took part. Choosing winners was difficult from a really significant entry but the judges decided on the following. We are hoping to add their work to the display.

Y7 Winners: Rishik Kar, Holly McClellan, Evie Murphy, Favour Oke, Annabelle Prowse

Y7 Commendations: Sara Griffin, Florence Hatton, Leon Lawrence, Harvey Robinson, Poppy Sanders, Bethany Maclean

Y8 Winners: Eish Mahajan, Annalise Prout

Y8 Commendations: Meg Archibald, Shivam Raj Mathur, Alex Yarde

Y9 Winners: Clem Barry, Pippa Faithfull

Y9 Commendations: Henry Clark, Mia Harding, Alexander Pessuto

Below is Rishik Kar’s poem (continuing 'I Sing of Change' by the Nigerian poet, Niyi Osundare (1949-). We will publish the other winners’ poems in future editions of BartholoNews [or you can read them now on our website.](#)

Of the colourful society
Biasing no colour
Mixing culture
Erasing all the lines
From within the mind

Of the one world
Beauteous flower bouquet
Of different flowers, different colours
Bringing joy and happiness
A melody of different notes
Singing all together hand in hand

I sing of a world reshaped.

WHOLE SCHOOL QUIZ 2020-21

1. What type of microorganism causes COVID19?

- a) bacterium
- b) virus
- c) fungus
- d) insect

2. What is the penultimate letter of the English alphabet?

- a) B
- b) O
- c) Z
- d) Y

3. Which sport uses a puck?

- a) badminton
- b) croquet
- c) ice hockey
- d) ski jumping

4. What is a plectrum?

- a) a small, flat tool used to pluck a stringed instrument
- b) a condition that is not limited to a specific set of values
- c) the soft tissue within the thorax (i.e. lungs, heart etc)
- d) a communal meeting place

5. A novel has 220 pages. It is made up of 11 chapters which each have the same number of pages. If you read at 1 page per 120 seconds, how long would it take to read one chapter in one sitting?

- a) 12 minutes
- b) 24 minutes
- c) 40 minutes
- d) 44 minutes

6. How is 49 represented in Roman numerals?

- a) XCVIII
- b) XLIX
- c) LXXVII
- d) LIX

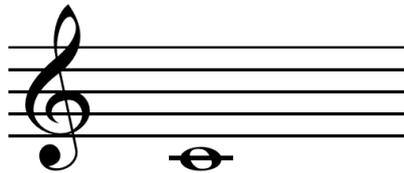
7. Which phrase is used to describe being faced with two difficult choices?

- a) caught between a rock and a hard place
- b) barking up the wrong tree
- c) curiosity killed the cat
- d) back to the drawing board

8. What is the study of the origin of words and how their meanings have changed through history known as?

- a) entomology
- b) etymology
- c) epidemiology
- d) etiology

9. Name this note.



- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D

10. In which country would you find the only capital city which begins with the letter 'Z'?

- a) Costa Rica
- b) Syria
- c) Fiji
- d) Croatia

11. Where in the body is your cochlea?

- a) ear
- b) heart
- c) knees
- d) spleen

12. In Shakespeare's Macbeth, which character ultimately kills Macbeth?

- a) Lady Macbeth
- b) Macduff
- c) Banquo
- d) Malcolm

13. What is an epiphany?

- a) a paper cut
- b) a very long walk
- c) a sudden or striking realisation
- d) a plant that grows on another plant

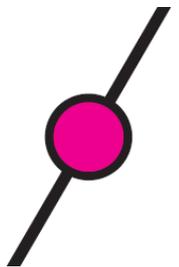
14. Complete the famous proverb: 'People in glass houses,

.....'

- a) can see for miles
- b) have high heating bills
- c) should not throw stones
- d) love gardening

15. On an Ordnance Survey map what does this symbol represent?

- a) train station
- b) bus station
- c) phone mast with spire
- d) church



16. Who painted this masterpiece?

- a) Monet
- b) van Gogh
- c) Rembrandt
- d) Vermeer



17. What is a syllabub?

- a) a disturbing and sustained noise
- b) a place of worship
- c) a sweet, cream-based dessert
- d) the different sounds that make up a word

18. If you are on the Autobahn, what are you likely to be doing?

- a) sleeping
- b) flying
- c) driving
- d) acting

19. 2020 represents which major anniversary of the births of author William Wordsworth and composer Ludwig van Beethoven?

- a) 50 years
- b) 150 years
- c) 250 years
- d) 300 years

20. What type of instrument is a euphonium?

- a) string
- b) brass
- c) woodwind
- d) medical

21. Name this British animal?



- a) Otter
- b) Stoat
- c) Wildcat
- d) Beaver

22. Who replaced Mrs White in the board game Cluedo in 2016?

- a) Dr Orchid
- b) Mrs Lavender
- c) Lady Rose
- d) Miss Tulip

23. 'The quiz was rather soporific'. Which of the following best describes how this critic felt about the quiz?

- a) super
- b) sleep-inducing
- c) profound
- d) lengthy

24. The death of George Floyd at the hands of police in May 2020, sparked global outrage and thrust the BLM movement into the spotlight. But when did BLM start?

- a) 1963
- b) 1990
- c) 2013
- d) 2020

25. Which mathematical expression would not be solved by replacing y with the number 9?

- a) $2 + y = 11$
- b) $23 - y = 14$
- c) $27 \div y = 2$
- d) $4 \times y = 36$

26. In the English Civil War, the Royalists were known as Cavaliers. What were the Parliamentarians known as?

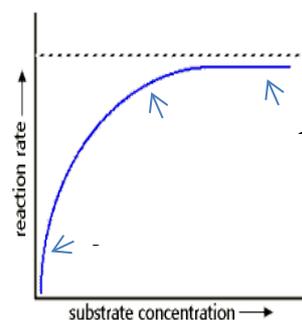
- a) Arrowheads
- b) Squareheads
- c) Dunderheads
- d) Roundheads

27. Which canal runs through the centre of Newbury?

- a) Newbury canal
- b) Berkshire canal
- c) Kennet and Avon canal
- d) Grand Union canal

28. Which of these statements is true about this graph?

- a) the rate of reaction is fastest at M
- b) the rate of reaction is slowing down at N
- c) the rate of reaction is fastest at O
- d) substrate concentration is limiting the rate at O



29. In our solar system, which is the 3rd planet from the Sun?

- a) Earth
- b) Mars
- c) Jupiter
- d) Venus

30. In a dramatic play, what is a prologue?

- a) a heavy weight to bring the final curtain down
- b) an introductory speech to set the context
- c) shadow punching to simulate a fight
- d) the interval

FORMER STUDENT READS POEMS ON BBC RADIO

Former student, Josie Embleton, who left school in 2020 and is now studying at the University of Edinburgh, has read some of her own poems on BBC Radio Scotland's 'The Afternoon Show' firstly on 16 November and they invited her back on 7 December.

Hear clips of the readings here:

 [Dream.m4a](#) and

 [Through the Living Room Window.m4a](#)

MFL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

A huge well done to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who entered the MFL Christmas Card Competition. We had lovely entries from all year groups and some of the many Christmas cards are photographed below. Students had clearly completed considerable research into

the Christmas celebrations and customs in their country of study. Thank you to all students who entered and we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

The winners are listed in the table below.

		Spanish	German	French
Yr 7	Winner	<i>Students do not study Spanish in y7</i>	Sara Griffin 7C1	Mia Martin – Floren 7P2
	Runner up		Beatrice Cratchley 7D1	Logan Wakefield 7P1
Yr 8	Winner	Sophia Warner 8C1	Scarlett John 8C3	Milena Mazur 8E1
	Runner up	Meg Archibald 8C3	Meg Archibald 8C3	Martha Fitch 8P1
Yr 9	Winner	Jada Stephen 9C2	Sid Karra 9P3	Milla Brereton 9P1
	Runner up	Thomas Potts 9P3	Holly Conway 8D1*	N/A

*A Year 8 entry was counted as the Year 9 runner up given the impressive effort made!



A small selection of entries

THANK YOU FROM TIME TO TALK

Following your generosity on Christmas Jumper Day we were able to split donations between Save the Children and a local charity. Time to Talk have sent us a letter thanking us for £540 (£1569 with double match funding) to support their youth counselling service which is used by St Bart’s students.

“We are so pleased that you chose to support us. The money that you have raised will go to helping young people just like yourselves, who are having a difficult time or struggling with a particular part of their lives.”

If anyone would like to continue to work with the charity they have a Young Ambassador Team and are always looking for people who feel passionate about mental health to join them! You can call them on 01635 760331 or visit www.t2twb.org.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to all the local businesses who took part in our virtual Christmas Fair. A huge thank



you also to all the parents, friends and family who shopped local this Christmas as well as supported the school by purchasing Raffle tickets. We are really happy to tell you that together, we raised an amazing £2,366!! We are truly grateful for your support. Have a wonderful Christmas and look out for more PA news in the New Year!!

St Bart’s PA

WHOLE SCHOOL QUIZ - ANSWERS 2020-21

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|----|---|----|---|----|---|
| 1 | b | 11 | a | 21 | b |
| 2 | d | 12 | d | 22 | a |
| 3 | c | 13 | c | 23 | b |
| 4 | a | 14 | c | 24 | c |
| 5 | c | 15 | a | 25 | d |
| 6 | b | 16 | b | 26 | d |
| 7 | a | 17 | c | 27 | c |
| 8 | b | 18 | c | 28 | c |
| 9 | c | 19 | c | 29 | a |
| 10 | d | 20 | b | 30 | b |

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