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WILDFLOWER MEADOW

The wildflower meadow is starting to look great. From humble origins as part of the school field it has taken four years of careful management by the Year 10 and Year 11 Horticulture teams to turn it into a fantastic habitat for a wide range of insect life.



We have spotted several species of beetle, along with grasshoppers and common butterflies.

Dr D Fitter, Deputy Headteacher

MOTH CLUB

Moth Club runs every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.20am-8.35am in the Nature Reserve behind the Evers block. We put the moth trap out overnight and catch moths that are attracted to the light.

Early June is a great time of year to catch hawk moths. This picture shows three different species of hawk moth; elephant hawk, poplar hawk and the privet hawk which is the largest resident moth in Britain.



We were also excited to catch a buff-tip moth which has fantastic camouflage markings that make it resemble a silver birch twig. It has a flattened head and even holds its wings in such a way to fool predators into thinking it is a small twig.



Dr D Fitter, Deputy Headteacher



The Summer Fete

Saturday 8 July : 12.30pm-3.30pm

The PA has been hard at work organising what we hope will be fantastic event. We are aiming to get as many students (and their families) involved as possible to showcase the breadth of activities on offer across the school. Please put the date in your diaries **now** for what promises to be a fun afternoon - hopefully there will be something for everyone! There are more details on the poster on page 6 and please consider printing this out to display wherever you can.

Stalls are coming in thick and fast but we need YOUR help with the following:

CRAFT MARKET

We have a limited number of Craft Stalls available priced at £20 each (just eight still available at the time of going to press). Please **book online at www.stbartspa.co.uk** or email us at stbartspa@gmail.com for further details. Please note that we are looking for local craftspeople only and are unable to take bookings for food stalls.

PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

We have two ads left on the back for the programme – ½ A5 size. If you are interested in advertising your local business - **please email us at stbartspa@gmail.com for more details/prices.**

MOST IMPORTANTLY...

HELP ON THE DAY

We simply cannot run an event of this size without your help. Please visit our website www.stbartspa.co.uk where you can sign up to help - either to set up any time between 8am and 12pm; help on a stall either 12-2 or 2-4pm; or clear up between 3 and 6 pm.

There is a free text box on the form if you would like to help with a particular stall eg book stall or refreshments, or help alongside a friend. Please also let us know if you may be able to apply for matched funding by adding a note in this box. If you have any queries about helping - just email us **at stbartspa@gmail.com.**

Finally, please keep checking BartholoNews and the school Twitter account, as we will shortly also be looking for donations of raffle prizes, books, plants and bric-a-brac.

Very many thanks - we look forward to seeing you on 8 July!

The Parents' Association

WW1 BATTLE SITES TOUR

In half term, along with many other Year 8 students, I was lucky enough to go on the History trip to Belgium and France. This trip was designed to tie in with everything that we had been learning in History lessons about WW1. We visited many historic war memorials, and some of the highlights of the trip included the Thiepval Memorial, the Menin Gate and the museum of Passchendaele. At the museum we experienced the reconstructed trenches, and this gave you an insight into what it was really like for soldiers, many of whom were not much older than we are now.

We also got the chance to see the service at the Menin Gate in Ypres. The service takes place every evening in memory of everyone who died in the war with no known grave. The Last Post was played and the experience was very moving. We also went to other smaller memorials in the area including where the football 'truce' game took place in 1914.



Menin Gate

As well as getting to experience all these amazing historical WW1 sites, we also got to enjoy having a meal out in a Belgian restaurant and went to a real Belgian chocolate shop. We all had a lot of fun at the accommodation and as well as good meals we got to make army biscuits in the evening as well as having free time to explore.

Overall this was a great trip and we all will take away lots of enjoyable memories from it as well as having learnt a lot. We would all like to say thank you to Mr Sharpe and all the other teachers who made the whole trip possible.

Molly Robbins 8C1

SCHOOL OFFICER TRAINING WEEKEND

From 9 - 10 June, the newly appointed team of School Officers went on a weekend away to make plans for the upcoming year and learn how to work better as a team. After some frenzied planning for a Ready Steady Cook competition, we all set off for St Cassian's in Kintbury and managed to get our tents up eventually after battling with the tent poles.

Then we started work; in House groups, we came up with our priorities for the year and shared them with each other – common aims included better lower school links and more varied charity involvement (watch this space for Curnock Drag Race).



Then it was onto Ready Steady Cook. With limited facilities and a £30 budget to cook food for at least eight people, this was quite a challenge, but in the end we all managed to produce something edible, while learning new culinary skills (who knew you could cook onions in a microwave?). Some of the outgoing School Officers came to judge our offerings, with the winners getting a sweet-based prize for a meal of nachos and dips, fajitas and fruit and melted chocolate. There was also a hand-over ceremony where we all got our badges from the outgoing School Officers.



We continued planning for the year ahead, with ideas becoming clearer in our minds about what we wanted to prioritise, then Mr Castel ran a session where we focused on transition from Year 11 to Year 12 and how to make this smoother, after which we were done for the day. After briefly exploring the grounds around St Cassian's and enjoying the gorgeous evening, we all got into our tents to rest before an early 7:30 start (not what any of us were used to on a Saturday morning).

On Saturday we had a quick pastry before doing the traditional treasure hunt around Kintbury organised by Mr King. Each team spent time frantically roaming the village and interrogating the friendly locals for answers, before all making it back to St Cassian's in time for a quick break. Unusually there was a tie-break but eventually a winning team was crowned by Mr King. We did some final planning, reporting our ideas to Mrs Lane and Mr Robbins and assigning roles for the next year, before packing up our tents to return home.

Overall we had a great weekend coming up with loads of ideas for our time as School Officers and getting to know each other and work together as a team better. We'd all like to say a massive thank you to Mr Robbins, Mrs Lane and Mr Castel for running the weekend and putting up with us all – we feel much more ready to start as School Officers and are all very excited for the year to come!

See page 4 for the appointed School Officers 2017-2018.

Emily Beck, Head Girl

SCHOOL OFFICERS 2017-2018

Head Girl	Emily Beck	12D3
Head Boy	Michael Seath	12E2
Deputy Head Girl	Louisa Mattinson	12P1
Deputy Head Boy	Tom Webster	12E1
Curnock House Captains	Rhian Bevan Dan West	12C2 12C1
Deputies	Jess Kerry Molly Pearce Eleanor Waters	12C1 12C1 12C1
Davis House Captains	Freya Eva Archie Perks	12D1 12D2
Deputies	James Dalton Amy Quesada-Getgood Frankie Twyford	12D1 12D1 12D1
Evers House Captains	Abby Graham Izzy Sanderson	12E2 12E2
Deputies	Anna Linehan Jake Mavis Alissa Thiel	12E2 12E3 12E2
Patterson House Captains	Joe Seward Rebecca Shaw	12P3 12P1
Deputies	Jemima Small Oliver Smithson Eleanor Rollinson	12P3 12P3 12P1

DIARY DATES

Thurs 22 June Y10 Practice Exam
Period Begins (ends 29 June)
Fri 30 June Sports Day : Track Events
Final date to return school
Property
Mon 3 July Y6 Induction Day
Thurs 6 July Sixth Form Induction Day
Sat 8 July Summer Fete, 12.30-3.30pm

CALENDAR AMENDMENT

Please note the Y12 Business Studies trip on Wednesday 5 July will now take place on Wednesday 12 July.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Each half term there is a photography competition to enter.

There are categories for staff, Y7-9 and Y10-11 and Y12+

The theme this half term is...

LIGHT

Deadline: Wednesday 12 July
Email entries to pturner@stbarts.co.uk with your name, your tutor group and a brief description

CHINA CHALLENGE CAN YOU HOST STUDENTS FROM SHANGHAI, JULY 2017?

We are looking to find families who would be interested in hosting two students for a week from the Aurora Foreign Language Middle School in Shanghai. A contribution will be paid to help cover costs.

The Year 7 and 8 students will be part of a group of 12 who will be visiting us later this term. They will be arriving on the evening of Saturday 1 July and leaving on the morning of Saturday 15 July.

If you are able to help accommodate them for a week during this time we would love to hear from you. Handover between families can be arranged at a suitable time over the middle weekend of 8 or 9 July.

Please let us know if you have a preferred week or if you would like to do both weeks.

Although not obligatory, if your son/daughter would like to act as Host on the days when their guests are in school that would be a great help.

Please email to express your interest and for further information at: aharman@stbarts.co.uk

Ms Harman



The PA Summer Fete Photography Competition:

'a shot that best captures the spirit of
the day'



There will be three categories:
up to Y7, Y7-11 and Y12-adult

Deadline: Wednesday 12 July 2017

Email entries to pturner@stbarts.co.uk
with your name and
your tutor group if applicable



Digital Photography Workshops

Want to know how to use
your camera more
creatively?

Why not sign up for this course of
four digital photography workshops
Monday evenings 6.00pm-7.15 pm
starting **26 June** at a cost of £50 per
person

Open to adults and students alike

**Get more information from
Mr Turner in E130
or email pturner@stbarts.co.uk**



EMOTIONAL WELLBEING GROUP

Tuesday 26 June

5pm-6pm for six weeks

At the Waterside Youth and
Community Centre

The group aims to support secondary age
students between 11 and 13 to improve their
Mental Health, through learning strategies to
manage common emotional health difficulties.
The issues covered will be anger management,
body image, anxiety, friendships, self-esteem
and more. More details

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ST BART'S ROAD TO WIMBLEDON TOURNAMENT



Charlie Shakespeare 8D2 has
won the St Bart's Road To Wimbledon
tournament, defeating James MacAllan in the
final. Charlie will now advance through to the
Berkshire County Finals event in the hope of
then reaching the finals being held on the
famous Wimbledon grass courts.

A huge well done to all the Year 7, 8 and 9 boys
who took part.

ROUNDERS

The Year 7 team
played a great
game of rounders
against local
rivals park House
on a very sunny
Wednesday

14 June. St Bart's
batted first and

ended with a score of 10. Alice Rawlins and
Poppy Muckleston, players of the match,
scoring some impressive rounders and Lucy
Colston, Gemma Moon and Anna Colston
gaining many halves. There were also some
excellent fielding moments with catches from
Georgia Humphreys and fielding from all to
Poppy with very safe hands on second base. A
win to St Bart's 10 – 3 ½.





AD LUCEM

St Bartholomew's School

Summer Fete

Saturday 8th July
12.30pm – 3.30pm

Grand opening by
Cllr DAVID FENN, Mayor of Newbury

Charity Fun Run

for Year 5 and 6 students to take place at 2pm.

Further race for all-comers to take place at 2.45 pm.

How many times can you run round the track in 30 minutes?

£1 entry donation for run – all proceeds to The Rosemary Appeal, West
Berkshire Community Hospital

Lots of other attractions including:

BBQ • Pimms and real ale tent • Live music and entertainment
Raffle, tombola and traditional games • Crafts, books and plants stalls
Paintball range • Art exhibition • Homemade cream teas and cakes •
Ready Steady Cook! Competition • Nearly new uniform shop

Fete entrance £1 to include lucky programme draw (children and students free)