

# BartholoNews

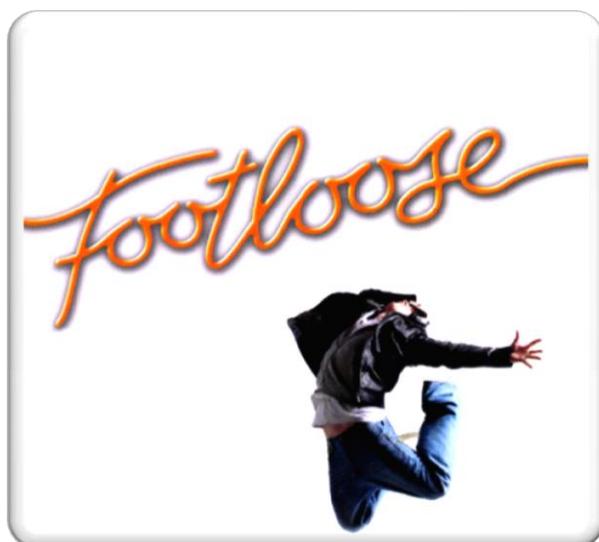


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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL  
presents



3, 4 and 5 December 2014  
In the Hall at 7.00pm  
Tickets £5.00/£3.00 concession  
Available from the  
Expressive Arts Office

## END OF TERM

Term ends at 12.30pm on Friday 19 December. Students are reminded to take all their belongings home.

The spring term begins on Monday 5 January 2015 with registration for all students at 8.40am.



## SIXTH FORM WINTER BALL

Friday 12 December  
8pm-11pm

In true Christmas spirit the evening will be raising money for our link school in Ghana. Dress up and join friends for a night of entertainment, refreshments, prizes and more.

Tickets £10 from Finance/Parent Pay and the Sixth Form Area during Activity Times

### RAFFLE PRIZES

There's a fantastic array of raffle prizes for students, staff and parents. Raffle tickets are for sale at 50p a ticket or £1 a strip from the Sixth Form Area during Activity Times.

Thank you to the following companies for their support and donations.

Raffle prizes include Bill's restaurant vouchers, Hotel Chocolat vouchers, Tea for Two at Cakes by CocoChoux, a Lakeland hamper, a hair care set from Bravo hairdressers, and more!

Thank you also for the support from Spin City, Chroma Notebooks, Hamilton Hodell, Jokers' Masquerade, SUM Clothing and Champions (UK) plc



## FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



**Come and join us in celebrating the beginning of the Christmas season with a service of traditional Christmas Carols and readings with music from the school choir, brass ensemble and string ensemble.**

**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH  
NEWBURY**

**Tuesday 16 December 2014  
At 7.00pm**

### **Please note the date amendment.**

The calendar incorrectly noted 10 December;  
the event is on **Tuesday 16 December**

### **DIARY DATES**



Wed 3 Dec	Footloose, Hall, 7pm
Thurs 4 Dec	Footloose, Hall, 7pm
Fri 5 Dec	Footloose, Hall, 7pm
Tues 9 Dec	Study Focus pm, normal lessons until 2.30pm
Wed 10 Dec	House Christmas Lunch
Tues 16 Dec	Carol Service, St Nicolas' Church, 7pm
Thurs 18 Dec	KS5 Awards Evening, Hall, 7pm
Fri 19 Dec	<b>Term Ends, 12.30pm</b>
Mon 5 Jan	Term begins, registration for all students at 8.40am

## **MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**

On Saturday 22 November a team of Sixth Formers and two GCSE students, led by Toby Chandler and accompanied by Mrs Knott, competed in the regional round of the National Bar Mock Trial Competition. I would encourage anyone, who has the opportunity, to give this a go; it is a great experience which allows you to observe how the legal system works, and the procedures of the courts.

In the trials we had been provided with two cases to prepare, one concerning a violent disorder charge, and the other investigating a complicated stream of events involving Bob Marley Music, criminal friends, strange smelling bedrooms and the discovery of an illegal substance.

The first of these we played through as prosecutor and then as defendants, whilst the second allowed us to prosecute twice. I was given the role of prosecution witness. For this I was called to the stand, sworn in and then asked a variety of questions by our barrister. I was then cross examined by the other team's barrister; being stubborn and argumentative are helpful traits for this.

We won all three rounds in the heats, and were then in the final against John Hampden Grammar School. We didn't win, but came a close second. This was a perfect result for us, since the final would have been in Edinburgh in March; a difficult time for A Level students. This was a valuable experience for all those involved; it required thinking on your feet, and being persistent and determined. The skills of speaking confidently in public were developed during the day, and can help us all in the future. For anyone interested in law, politics, ethics or just plain old arguing, I would recommend attending the school debating society, held in C021 every Monday Activity time. For history, politics, sociology and English students there is also the sociology debating society held in W110 every Tuesday Activity Time.

**W Barrett 13D3**

# GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK



Once again November saw the annual **Global Entrepreneurship Week** attracting teams of Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students to sign up for a range of enterprise challenges.

Year 7 teams launched the week with great enthusiasm and the conference room was busy with students working together on designing and constructing a product made from recycled newspapers to attract the attention of a potential “international investor”.



The challenge which followed required teams of Year 8 students to work together

on an online challenge entitled Race Day for Schools. This event generated much excitement as teams battled to design the best racecourse and train the best racehorse to generate the highest results – an exercise which required planning, budgeting and an element of risk management amongst others.



Meanwhile our Year 9 Apprentice Challenge teams, who already started on their path to becoming successful entrepreneurs back in October, continue to develop their mini businesses using their £50 enterprise “start-up” loan. Some you may well have come across them at the recent Christmas Gift and Craft Fair where they did exceptionally well.



Finally Year 10 teams ended the week with a challenge which on the surface might have appeared to be a simple one but actually required them to approach the given task as they may well be expected to do in a work environment i.e. work with others to come up with an answer to a problem in a tight time frame, consider different options, decide on the best solution to meet the brief, construct a model and be prepared to answer questions from “the boss” explaining why it was successful or indeed why it failed and what they proposed to do to improve it.



Global Entrepreneurship Week, originally a national event which started back in 2008, has turned into a truly global campaign to promote entrepreneurship in over 140 countries and here at St Bart’s we have been playing our part from the very beginning. More photos and coverage will appear in our end of term edition of the Enterprise Bulletin.

**Enterprise @ St Bart’s**  
initiative innovation inspiration

**KIDS' LIT QUIZ  
OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE  
REGIONAL HEAT  
24 November 2014**

Two teams of four Year 8 students, who had scored the highest marks in a school-based literary quiz, attended the Kids' Lit Quiz regional heat in Oxford on 24 November. Up against formidable opposition from the 45 other teams taking part, many of whom came from the top independent schools in the Oxford area, it was pleasant to be, as quizmaster Professor Wayne Mills from New Zealand points out, taking part in the sport of reading. As he says each year, "reading is fuel for the brain" and "readers make leaders".

**St Bart's Team 1** scored 59.5 marks.

Joshua Prout won one of the cash spot prizes for being the first person



to answer correctly a question on cross-channel smuggling in the eighteenth century. Harry Greenwood 8E1, Joshua Prout 8C1, Molly Tucker 8E2 and Evangeline Chamings 8P1.



**St Bart's Team 2** scored 72.5 marks and finished in a very creditable 14<sup>th</sup> place out of the 45 teams. Eryn Sharp also won

a spot prize by correctly answering a question on the name for a dress in the eighteenth century.

Keian Ho 8P3, Lorien Carter 8D1, Anna van der Zwaluw 8E1 and Eryn Sharp 8C1.

The winners of the competition were Oxford High School.

**Mrs Thomas, Librarian**

**MAN MADE DANCE**



On 7 November a group of about 25 boys from across Years 7 – 13 participated in a dance show at the

Corn Exchange in Newbury. The idea of it is to raise awareness of male dance throughout schools in Berkshire.

The group running the project was Fuzzy Logic, a professional male dance company. We learnt a somewhat simple, yet fun and imaginative routine which encouraged contact work with a partner. It allowed me, together with the others, to explore new areas of dance and realise just what talent some of the boys truly had. Then after only three rehearsals the group of boys was ready to perform on the night. The performance was a great way to raise awareness and I am really looking forward to doing it again.

On behalf of all the male dancers at St Bart's I'd like to give a huge thank you to Mr Sarkozi, the Corn Exchange staff and Fuzzy Logic for helping to organise this event. Any boys, in any year group, who are interested in dance but feel embarrassed to do it should really think about coming along to the next Man Made and male dance company rehearsals.

For more details talk to Mr Sarkozi in the dance office.

**Joseph Stevens 10P3**



**SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS**

The Sixth Form Open Evening last week was very informative for Year 11 students choosing their options for next September. The enthusiasm from the Year 13 Subject Reps and School Officers helping at the event was inspiring. Any Year 11 student who was unable to attend can collect a prospectus and course guide from the Sixth Form Office, W131 (first floor of the Wormestall block).

Alternatively, please ring 01635 576368 or email [sixthform@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:sixthform@stbarts.co.uk) to request a copy.

## SWAN RESCUE

Last week a swan landed on the school site. It was a youngish female swan, probably just been chased out of the family by the dominant male, so she was likely to be looking for a new home. She obviously landed here in error - the RSPCA man said that swans often "crash land" mistaking shimmering roads or other objects for water. They can't take off again without a long run up.

The maintenance team took a fence down to get her out of one of the gardens she was initially caught in, and she ended up walking around our field until the science technicians



encouraged her into the nature reserve. She was very happy to have found some water! However it's too shallow and not ideal for a swan, so the RSPCA was called. They put her in a very secure and comfy swan bag, and took her to the canal, next to Newbury library, so she could make a home there with other swans.



It was all very exciting at the time, and there were quite a few comments from students when seeing her in the swan bag being carried by the RSPCA inspector, "that Swan has no legs"! It may put minds at rest to let everyone know she will not only be happy, well, and with other swan friends, but she still has legs.

## BIRD BOXES



Get the best bird boxes for Christmas, made by Year 10 students at £10 each. All the money goes to charity. Orders now being taken and the boxes must be collected by 17 December. Please ring 01635 576313 or email [cjeffery@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:cjeffery@stbarts.co.uk) to place your order.

## OBITUARY

In BartholoNews last year we reported on the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Doreen Humm, who taught PE and games at the girls' school for about 30 years. We have received sad news that Doreen died peacefully at home on Monday 17 November aged 101.

Friends, former colleagues and students are invited to a Service of Thanksgiving for Doreen's long life on Saturday 13 December at 11.30am in St Thomas's Church, Woolton Hill. Donations to RNLI and St Thomas's Church in memory of Doreen will be very welcome.



## PE AWARDS SCHEME

A PE rewards postcard has been sent home to those students in Year 7 who have been nominated by their PE teacher for making good progress during the latest PE module of work. Well done to the following students.

Alex Jordan, Anthony Hennis, Jessica Head, Tolga Jack, Siena Hickmore, Laura Lenartowska, Leo Matthews, Edward Wilkinson, Oscar Harris, Ilona Royston, Charlotte Dobson, Kimberley Rutter.

**Miss Ostinelli**



## STUDY FOCUS SESSIONS

**A reminder for the diary:**

**9 December 2014**

The first Study Focus Session took place on Monday and the second session is on 9 December.

Classes will end at 2:30pm, having followed a normal pattern for the day. Students will be allowed to leave for home or by previous arrangement to work in school. In some circumstances students might study in the school library. The limited number of places can be booked by ringing the school on 01635 521255.

The agenda for the ten minute meeting is to:

- celebrate success,
- monitor progress and development,
- review existing targets,
- agree targets to assure further improvement/progress,
- For parents/students to raise any issues.

The online booking system is still open for appointments on 9 December. Information and login details were sent by email to parents/carers on 18 November. Appointments can also be booked by contacting your child's House office.

Should this be inconvenient you may contact the tutor through the student planner. An alternative time cannot be guaranteed. Tutors will do all they can but no appointments can be made after 6.15pm.

**Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher**

### ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

**For all years, including  
Sixth Form**

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



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Unlike previous years the school Christmas lunch will be held on one day, Wednesday 10 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 provisions for hot food during Activity Time that day. Availability of food at break time remains unchanged.

### Menu

Traditional Roast Turkey

Bacon wrapped chipolata

Pork, sage and onion stuffing

Crispy roast potatoes, carrots, Brussels sprouts and gravy

A Christmas dessert

### Vegetarian Menu

Mushroom and garlic escalope

Crispy roast potatoes, carrots, Brussels sprouts and gravy

A Christmas dessert

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

Tickets on sale now until 5 December from either the Facilities Office (W030) during break or Activity Time and the kitchen before school. Please note that payment will be taken from lunch cards.

This event is by ticket only.

**Mrs T Smart, Facilities Office**

## **BADMINTON**

A KS3 girls' badminton tournament took place with Skushi Singh, Maddy Mitton, Nat Long and Ella Townsend participating. They played fantastically well beating teams from Park House, The Downs and Trinity. Finishing top of the group they played against Kennet in the finals and narrowly lost placing them 2<sup>nd</sup> out of eight teams and qualifying for the county tournament after Christmas.



The boys' KS3 West Berkshire Badminton Championships saw Josh Philip, Olly Hill, Sammy Hart and Keian Ho qualify for the county championships.

## **GIRLS' PE**

### **Netball**

#### **St Bart's v Kennet Year 7**

On 25 November the Year 7 A and B teams played netball against Kennet.

The A v A match was very close in the first quarter, 3-3- with Kennet good at dodging and St Bart's gaining the ball by intercepting their passes. The final score was a win to St Bart's 9-5 with Lola Callaghan player of the match.

A v B saw some very good attacking by St Bart's and excellent shooting with the result 11-0 to St Bart's and player of the match Jess Harrison.

#### **Lola Callaghan**

The B team found the wet weather challenging and lost to Kennet's A team 2-5. Player of the match Freya Owens. The team overcame this loss in the B v B match and won their game 6-1.

#### **Romany Lindsay**

## **Netball v Theale**

### **Thursday 20 November**

**Year 8** – Izzy Sutton, Emily Mayo, Sophie Stancombe, Emma James, Lorna Bird, Ellen Grace and Otilie Sanderson.

The Year 8 girls dominated the game from the first whistle and never looked back. Fantastic passing from all of the team to work the ball into attack, gave shooters Ellen Grace and Lorna Bird many opportunities to score. At half time they led 11-0 and the second half saw much more of the same quick and accurate passing with the defence turning the ball over most of the time. The final score finished 22-1 with Emma James being nominated as player of the match.

**Year 9** – Alex Earle, Emily Carr, Lauren Bell, Beth Pinfold, Niamh Watson, Izzy Lainsbury and Alice Points.

St Bart's Year 9 netball team continued to show impressive form with a 31-4 win over Theale in the league. The defensive unit of Alex Earle and Emily Carr were rarely tested, whilst the team made sure the ball was swiftly moved into the shooting circle. With both GA Lauren Bell and GS Izzy Lainsbury on form a high score line was always on the cards. Player of the match nomination went to Izzy Lainsbury.

## Lacrosse News

The senior teams both beat Wellington last week.

Scores and players of the match were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	won 12-2	Tamera Yeung
2 <sup>nd</sup>	won 14-3	Saskia Spencer

First team – Nadia Morris, Tamara Yeung, Cicely Colthurst, Ciara Seward, Christie Leach, Yvette Pinder, Anna Prudden, Millie Calkin, Yasmin Ryder, Ellie Bingham, Annie Taylor, Jo Kirk, Sophie Steele-Child, Saffron Langley, Ruby Hornsby and Katie Clements.

St Bart's dominated the game from the first draw and were 1-0 up after thirty seconds thanks to a goal from team captain Cicely Colthurst. A further five goals followed in quick succession before the team had to play under set conditions. The team worked hard transitioning from defence into attack and were able to run their set plays resulting in several more goals. The second half saw the team swap around and pass the ball more accurately with attack Yasmin Ryder being influential across the pitch. The final score of 12-2 was respectable but could have been a lot higher. The player of the match nomination went to Tamara Yeung.

Second team – Nadia Morris, Hannah Bodin, LouLou McFadzen, Amy Brown, Tor Tallis, Elin Landhed, Alex Maughan, Annie Wheatland-Clinch, Isla Harrison, Katie Clements, Georgie Bradford, Charlotte Fane, Amy Bowen, Maia Brown, Cait Prendergast, Harriet Denton, Suzie Winsor, Saskia Spencer and Lauren Manton.

The second team, having witnessed the first team's performance, came out to prove themselves and were ahead by five goals in five minutes. Centre Saskia Spencer took numerous opportunities in front of goal and it wasn't long before the team were being move around to play in different positions. The final score of 14-3 was a credit to the St Bart's side and they look forward to Saturday's match against a strong Godolphin side. The player of the match was awarded to Saskia Spencer.