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ST BART'S CELEBRATED ITS 550TH ANNIVERSARY

Founder's Day this year was a significant day, as the school celebrated its 550th anniversary. So many people were involved to make this a very special day and it was truly a memorable occasion.

The school flag was flying as students arrived in the morning, which marked the start of a day of events and activities to include everyone. A special anniversary issue of BartholoNews, written by former history teacher Mrs Val Pollitt, was emailed to the school community and then celebrations began. The annual Founder's Day service at St Nicolas Church was attended by Years 7 and 8, as well as guests closely connected to St Bart's including two former headteachers, Mr Stuart Robinson and Mrs Christina Haddrell and the Mayor of Newbury. We welcomed two retired St Bart's teachers to help with church proceedings; our guest preacher, Rev Laurence Stevens, as well as Mr Clive Grant as guest organist.



The service opened with a fanfare, the original theme composed by Sean Cuss, Aston Douglass and Louis Favede from 7C3. This fanfare was repeated at stages throughout the day.

During the service a group of students took part in a drama presentation giving snap shots of the 550 years of the school's history.

The service concluded with some rousing singing of The School Song.

Returning to school the guests attended a lunch and were treated to a slice of a specially made Lemon and St Bart's Lavender Cake.

The fanfare was played and everyone moved to the Heritage Garden to plant a young yew tree which will grow and mature in years to come.

The afternoon saw all students in Years 7 -10, together with staff, gather on the field to form a giant 500 shape for an aerial photograph.

The day concluded with students taking part in House games and activities.

See inside for more details about the day's events.



The weekly newsletter of St Bartholomew's School.



LEMON AND ST BART'S LAVENDER CAKE

A majestic cake was designed by A Level Food Technology students for the 550th celebrations. The three layers of sponge were symbolic of the trinity between the parents, teachers and governors and the students, right at the centre of school life.

The lavender for the middle layer was picked from the school gardens and aptly reflected the school colour.

The edible printed resources used to create the St Bart's logo were kindly provided by the PA. Chloe Dellar and Amber Smith (pictured) baked and decorated the cake, whilst Maddy Smith helped with the design, but was out of school last week on the biology field trip.



The cake was cut by Dr Paul Millard, Chair of St Bartholomew's School Foundation, Ms Julia Mortimore and Cllr Julian Swift-Hook, Mayor of Newbury.

WINNING FANFARE

The anniversary fanfare was the winning composition from a competition held among Key Stage 3 students. The composition from Louis Favede, Aston Douglass and Sean Cuss in 7C3 was arranged by Year 12 musicians. The boys (pictured below) were each presented with a prize by Mr Ian Peddie, Chair of Governors.



The three winners, accompanied by other musicians and conducted by David Goldberg 12D2, performed at various times during the day.



STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHERS

Particular thanks go to Will Wood 10C3 and Marc Jenner 10C1 who took photographs throughout the day using digital and 360° cameras. Some of their photographs, together with others taken on the day, are on the newly created 550th Anniversary page of our website found as a drop down tab from News page. www.stbarts.co.uk

YEW TREE

Accompanied to a fanfare performance, guests assembled in the Heritage Garden for a tree planting ceremony. A sapling yew was planted by Mr Ian Peddie, Chair of Governors, Ms Julia Mortimore and Head Boy Rory McNeill. They were joined by School Officers who represented each of the school Houses.



550 SHAPE

Mathematical skill was needed to create the giant 550 shape on the field and thanks go to Mr Peter Bell, maths teacher, for his accurate drawing. Closely following the instructions provided, the groundsman and some Year 12 students marked out the area so it was ready to be filled with students.

At 1.30pm students poured out of their tutor rooms to gather for the aerial photograph. They were joined by staff and guests and did not really appreciate the amazing image they had created until the picture, taken by drone operator Mark Conway, arrived (see front page).

Whilst on the field a glider was spotted, but completely unknown to the school at the time, in it was Mrs Brind, a parent. Thank you for this picture taken from the skies.



550 taking shape, pictures taken by Mr Turner



Mark Conway in control of the drone



550th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

To celebrate St Bart's role in the community students, staff and parents have the chance to share their thoughts on the school. Comments will be posted on bricks which will become a part of the school in years to come.

Students contributed to these bricks during the afternoon of 6 July. Visitors at last Friday's PA Summer Celebration also participated.

If you would like the opportunity to add to the bricks please email your 20 words to the school office@stbarts.co.uk

Students were given the following guidance.

In up to 20 words you might want to describe:

- Your most memorable day at St Bart's
- Your proudest moment
- Working together to succeed
- Your last day
- The old school

Remember: What you say will remain for many future students, families, staff and visitors to see.

ANNIVERSARY ISSUE OF BARTHOLONNEWS

Thank you to Mrs Val Pollitt for writing the special 550th anniversary issue of BartholoNews which was emailed to parents and students on 6 July.

Mrs Pollitt is well known to the school; she taught history here for many years before her retirement and was also a pupil at Newbury County Girls' School. On the move into the school's new buildings in 2010, a book was published – Ad Lucem, A History of St Bartholomew's School. The author was Mrs Pollitt.



550th HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Rounding off the day of celebrations all students in Years 7 – 10 took part in 550th anniversary House activities and games. Reports and photographs will be in next week's issue of BartholoNews (19 July).

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CHINESE LESSONS

I am now recruiting students for next year's Chinese classes. If you are interested in learning Mandarin Chinese, lessons are open to

all year groups and take place after school on Thursdays.

Please collect a letter from the MFL office or email mwood@stbarts.co.uk

Mrs M Wood

HOUSE CHESS

KS3 House Chess for Years 7 to 9 ran this half term, with each House putting forward a team of six players. The matches were fiercely contested between all four Houses. The standard of competition was very close, as you can see below, with the Championship only decided in the final week's matches.

Particular congratulations go to these players who won all of their matches: James Oakes, Samuel Potter, Alex Somerville, Theo Loxton and Finn Dallimore.

	Game Wins	Championship Points
Patterson	9.5	10
Curnock	9	8
Evers	9	8
Davis	8.5	4

This means that Patterson have regained the Junior House Chess title, becoming the first House to win both the Junior and Senior competitions in the same year. Many thanks to all of the players for their consistent effort and Mr Bell for running the competition.

MOROCCO WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP

4.00 am Sunday 29 May, all three teams were ready, bright and early and began to say final goodbyes to their families as the bus arrived. We got to Hotel Ali, Marrakesh late that afternoon. First impressions were interesting, but when we walked up the first flight of stairs, it was beautiful; the wall work in Morocco was amazing – very intricate. Time for our pre-planned roles to be put into action: accommodation had to sort out rooms; food people had to find a place to eat. The Suiks were extremely busy and there were many people trying to get money off us tourists – some had monkeys, there were also snake charmers and many people selling very tasty orange juice. Team 1 had traditional Moroccan food in the Suiks on the first night, before returning back for well deserved early night.



7.00am wake up the next morning. We were all going to different destinations therefore none of the teams were going to see each other for the next five days. Once getting off the bus, we had to walk for about an hour but it wasn't too difficult. Whilst walking, we saw workers, children and the first mule of the trip. We arrived at the gite and all loved it! It was a cute place for all of us to bond because we were the only ones there. That night the whole team sat outside in a circle, star gazing – the stars in Morocco are exceptionally good. The next day it was another 7.00am wake with good old porridge and hot chocolate for brekkie. Our first day walking in the mountains consisted of a short day's walk up to a waterfall. We had a water fight at the waterfall before heading back to the village, where our guide Mohammed showed some of us around the small streets.

The next day we began our trek to the Toubkal refuge where we would camp for two nights. A 5:30am wake up was followed by a long hot walk with over 1000m ascent and some of the best views in the world! Were a bit stinky by the end of it. However we did make a friend, as we were walking - a dog, who we called Rabies. After reaching camp, we set up our tents, had lunch and were briefed about the incredibly early start for our summit day (3.00am!). The time came around and the zombies awoke and got ready to leave for the summit, still in the pitch black. Unfortunately, due to health issues, two members of the team were unable to join us, instead staying back at camp for a well earned rest day. It was a long, tough day of walking, but the views from 4167m were out of this world (literally). After descending the mountain and re-uniting with the other teams back in Marrakesh, we enjoyed a final chilled evening before flying home the next day. Thanks to our teachers and world challenge leaders for an amazing trip!



Report by Emma James 9C2

TERM ENDS

**Wednesday 20 July 2016
At 12.30pm**

DIARY DATES



Wed 13 July Options at 18, Hall, 7pm
Thurs 14 July Curriculum Day
Tues 19 July Curriculum Day
Wed 20 July Term Ends, 12.30pm
Thurs 18 Aug AS/A2 Results
Thurs 25 Aug GCSE Results
Mon 5 Sept Staff Training Day
Tues 6 Sept Student Term Begins for
Years 7 -12
New Y12 report to Sixth Form
Area 11.00am
Y7 report to Hall 11.15am
Y8-12 report to Tutor
Rooms 12.00pm
Wed 7 Sept Y13 Term Begins, report to
Tutor Rooms 8.30am
Tues 13 Sept Y12 Information Evening for
Parents, Hall, 7pm



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ROUNDERS NEWS

Last week the girls played against Kennet in league rounders matches.

Results and players of the match were

Y7, Kennet did not field a team so St Bart's will get the points.

Y8 won 14-10 Maya Landhed fielder and Esme Layton batter

Y9 lost 23-18 Emily Mayo and Hannah Grey

Y10 won 15-8 ½ Katherine Wadge-Berrospi and Emma Street.

Rounders League Winners

Well done to our Year 7 and 10 rounders teams who are league winners.

Year 7 beat Park House in the semi final and then Kennet in the final to be overall winners.

Year 10 didn't have a semi final but beat Kennet in the final to be overall winners.

Well done to all.