

# BartholoNews



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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone had a good half term and enjoyed a break from remote learning. Following the announcement from the Government on Monday, we are now pleased to be able to plan for the full

return of all our students during the week commencing 8 March 2021. As you will appreciate, this involves a lot of planning to prepare the school and set up testing for all students three times during the first two weeks so that everyone can return in a safe way. Therefore, please may I ask that you bear with us whilst we make the necessary arrangements and we will write to all parents/carers later this week with our plans for the students to return.



We look forward to welcoming all the students back into school, but in the meantime it is essential that all students continue to engage fully with their remote learning so that they maintain their good progress.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Ms J A Mortimore*  
Headteacher

*Photo by Ms Zajdzik*

## SISTERS RAISE £3000 IN CHARITY MARATHON



Georgina (8C2) and Molly (7P3) decided to raise money for the Izzy Wilson Smile Fund by running a marathon over a week, finishing on Valentine's

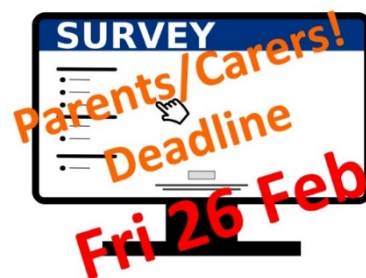
Day in the rain! They completed miles at lunch breaks and after home school. They have raised £3,000 so far for the charity which was inspired by terminally ill, 11 year old Izzy who wished to raise money to make children's stay in hospital as happy an experience as possible. Georgina and Molly's [Just Giving page is here](#). Well done girls!

## BIENNIAL PARENTAL SURVEY

Our biannual parent/carer survey deadline is this

**Friday, 26**

**February**. It provides us with really valuable quantitative feedback, analysed against previous years and other schools. The results are ever more reliable as more parents/carers complete the survey. All answers are anonymous. Parents/carer were sent an email on 10 February with a link and password to complete the survey so we would ask that you please complete this.

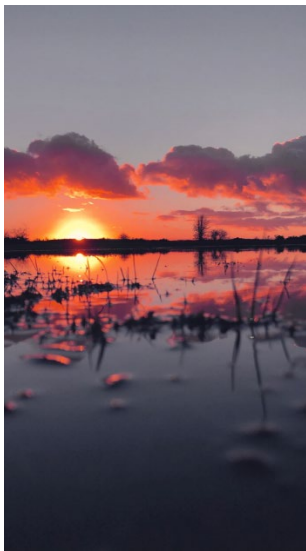


## STUDENTS' SPRING PHOTOS



On Wednesday 10 February, students were encouraged to get away from their desks and take a photograph of 'the first signs of spring'. The response to this was terrific and we have put together [a large online gallery](#) of

these images. It is such a cheering sight that we thought parents would be glad to have access to them.



## EDCLUB MOVEMENT

EDCLUB is a charity, founded by three teenagers to give disadvantaged children a way to learn English and communicate with the world outside the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. An award winning "TED talk" by Prof. Sugata Mitra inspired the EDCLUB initiative. His project empowered kids in low-income areas in India to self-educate, by providing them with computers and Internet access. This opportunity encouraged the kids to explore and learn. This idea has then been adapted for the children in Kenya.

The experience I, and the other Sixth Form students, have had with these children is amazing, they are always ready to learn something

new; especially English, as it helps them later on when wanting to apply for jobs. When speaking in the afternoon, most children do not want to leave, for example Audrey is an amazing young lady, who wants to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. Other children want to become teachers or engineers. All these jobs can be accomplished with improved knowledge of English.



Before the Christmas holiday, I asked the Davis Year 7's to write letters to the children.

Over

Christmas they received them, they were overjoyed, as the letters were all that some children got this Christmas.

I have had videos and more photos of the children with smiling faces, thanks to all your letters, well done Davis Year 7! It really meant the world to them.

### Get Involved!

The next idea for our community is to compile a list of books available in electric formats so



they can download them. What can you do? If any of you have some book ideas please email Mrs Austin-Smith, [SAustin-Smith@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:SAustin-Smith@stbarts.co.uk)

EDCLUB is an amazing opportunity for Sixth Form students to be involved in a community-based project throughout your Sixth Form experience which goes towards your house awards and colours. We have had a very successful first year and want to continue this legacy going forward. Please email Mrs Austin-Smith, [SAustin-Smith@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:SAustin-Smith@stbarts.co.uk) if you would like to get involved.



*Daisy Clarke (13D2)*

## CYBERBULLYING AND ONLINE HARASSMENT

We shared some useful NSPCC guidance around keeping safe online with you in the [13 January 2021 issue of Batholonews](#). To mark 'Safer Internet Day', Thames Valley Police circulated some useful guidance for young people and their parents/carers on 'Cyberbullying and Online Harassment'

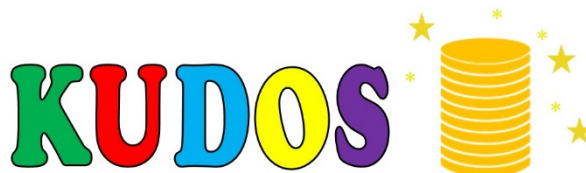
An advice sheet for [parents and carers](#) and another for [students](#) can be found by clicking on the links.



If your child, or anyone they know, is facing cyberbullying or online harassment, please encourage them to seek advice from this guidance or to contact their Tutor or House Office.

## STRETCH AND CHALLENGE RESOURCES

Alongside our remote learning timetable, departments have put together some really [excellent 'Stretch and Challenge' materials here](#). Students should be encouraged to explore and use these at any time. They will remain available after lockdown and will continue to be updated and developed.



Last half term we relaunched KUDOS points based upon the BARTS values. Each week the names of the top three students from each year were entered into the draw for Amazon vouchers. Names were selected at random and the following were awarded prizes –

**1st Place £30 – Jessica Pautz (D3)**

**2nd Place £20 – Imogen Aldrich-Smith (7C2)**

**3rd Place £10 – Dilan Adil (8C2)**

This half term the competition starts again so start collecting those KUDOS points to have your name entered into the draw.

## POEMS IN A PANDEMIC

Since early January, we have been posting a poem on the internal morning 'briefing'. These poems are in some way relevant or comforting in the circumstances we find ourselves in. Teachers have enjoyed them and I know some tutors have been sharing them every day with tutees. To try to give all students access to them, and also to spread the word more widely, [we have posted them on the site](#) alongside the spring



photos and they are accessible to all. Poetry has been quite prominent this year in school and please also see on the same site all the poems selected to mark [Black History Month](#) in the autumn.

## POETRY COMPETITION

Amanda Gorman's reading of "The Hill We Climb" at Biden's inauguration moved people worldwide. We invite students to write their own "The Hill We Climb" poem. They can win prizes, one for each year group and for an overall winner. **The deadline is 5 March.**

Read more in the last issue of BartholoNews: <https://bit.ly/3rLnvHh>

## VACANCY



### HEALTH & SAFETY AND PREMISES PROJECT MANAGER

**We are searching for a part-time Health & Safety and Premises Project Manager to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis.**

We are looking for someone to lead Health & Safety for the whole school community ensuring compliance and understanding, and to manage the larger school projects and contracts focused on physical space utilisation and infrastructure projects with a particular focus on de-carbonisation.

HOURS: 25 or 30 hours per week. We can be flexible on hours for the right candidate. Please note that this is not a term-time role.

SALARY: £29577.00 - £31346.00 gross pa (£15.33 - £16.25 per hour), pro rata for part-time. Starting salary equates to £19984.46 gross pa for 25 hours pw and £23981.35 gross pa for 30 hours pw.

**Closing date: Sunday 28 February 2021**

**For full details and to apply please visit:**  
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## NEW LIGHTBULB ISSUE

### A Showcase of Work by Y11

The latest issue of Lightbulb, a magazine that seeks to share impressive original writing from KS4 students, focuses on Y11 and some examples of persuasive articles written during December's practice exams.

[You can enjoy it here.](#)



## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FREE DURING LOCKDOWN

Last year [BartholoNews](#) reported how St Bart's MFL faculty helped set up languages lessons online with the Oak National Academy (a government funded learning hub), designing the lesson content, and filming themselves to create online resources. Now we can tell you that many mobile networks have made these, and many other resources, free to access until schools reopen. You can read more about this on the [BBC News website](#).



*Sunrise over St Bart's, by parent, Scott Roots*

## FOLLOW YOUR HOUSE ON INSTAGRAM



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## SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER

The most recent School Nursing Newsletter for secondary schools, providing families and young people with some useful tips from the School Nursing Team for keeping healthy is [now available online](#).

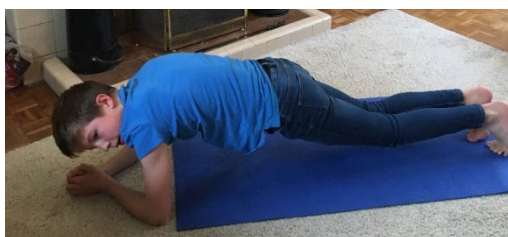
### PE

This week the PE Department have been setting Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a St Bart's challenge as part of their PE menu on SMHW.

Please follow [this link](#) to see the top 3 girls and top 3 boys in each group and the name of the challenge that they were set.



*Carys taking up the challenge*



*Laurence taking part*

Well done to all of the students who took part.

### Around the World Challenge

From Monday 22 February until Friday 26 March we are launching an "Around the World Challenge".

All secondary schools in West Berkshire have been invited to submit a weekly number of miles that their students and staff have managed to walk, run or cycle.

There will be a leader board and we will be able to see how our school has managed in miles to walk, run or cycle! Each week there will be an update with who is the most active school and an opportunity to win some prizes along the way.

Every school will receive a plaque with the total miles they have managed to walk, run, and cycle at the end of the challenge and how far around the world they managed to get to!

It is super easy for you to record your distances using a pedometer, watch or phone. If you do not have any of these, don't worry, just record how long you exercised for and we have a handy chart to convert to miles! Some of the apps you can use are: Apple Watch & Health, Fitbit, Strava, Runkeeper and Under Armour.

If you don't have a device to record distance on then look at the chart below and use that as a guide. There is also a chart to help if using just steps.

Activity	Miles/min	Miles/10 mins
Walking	0.08 miles in a minute	0.78 miles in ten minutes
Jogging	0.11 miles in a minute	1.11 miles in ten minutes
Cycling	0.09 miles in a minute	0.85 miles in ten minutes
USING STEPS		
WALKING	2000 STEPS = 1 MILE	
JOGGING	1800 STEPS = 1 MILE	
CYCLING	605 STEPS = 1 MILE	

The PE Department are also doubling up this West Berkshire School Sports Network event to be a virtual St Bart's House Sport event. Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students have been told about this through a SHMW task post that went live on Monday 22 February. The post on SMHW explains to students how to submit their scores.

If you have any questions, please email Miss Ostinelli– [nostinelli@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:nostinelli@stbarts.co.uk)

## SUPPORT DURING THE SCHOOL CLOSURE

**Don't forget that we have compiled a list of useful services for those in need during this difficult time. [You can view it here](#).**

We're also maintaining an archive of communications. You may find it useful to [refer to these documents here](#) and to [back issues of Bartholonews, here](#).

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