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Sixth Form Interview Exchange	Wednesday 22 November	4.30-6.30pm, Downe House
PA Meeting, All Welcome	Wednesday 22 November	7.00pm, WCC (see below)
KS4 Awards Evening (Y12 students)	Thursday 23 November	7.00pm, Hall
KS4/5 House Chess	Friday 24 November	12.10-12.50pm, C117
Y7-11 Flu Immunisations	Tuesday 28 November	Consent required, see below.

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



Parents' Association Meeting - Wednesday 22 November

We are delighted that Matt Franklin-Wilson has taken over as the Chair and we look forward to working with him and his team over the coming months.

Each meeting has a particular topic for discussion. The first half of this week's meeting will enable parents to raise queries and discuss any issues around Homework. Two members of the Leadership Team, Leanne Devitt and Adam Robbins, will be available to respond to your questions. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place in school for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 students on **Tuesday 28 November 2023**. Please read the [Flu information leaflet](#) and [E-Consent Flu letter](#). Please complete the consent form (link in

letter) as soon as possible, even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated. **This form should be submitted by 9am on Monday 27 November** to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Sector Webinar: Pathways to property ~ TONIGHT!

Wednesday 22 November 2023, 6.00pm to 7.00pm. This webinar is suitable for all year groups and anyone, students, parents/carers and staff, is welcome to join in. If you require any further details, please email: careersguidance@adviza.org.uk. The webinar will be recorded and become available on the Past Webinars page so that it can be viewed again at a later date. Bookings are free and can now be made via the [Events page on the Careers Portal](#).

St Bart's Careers Education Programme is delivered through PSHE lessons, assemblies and a portfolio of careers events. [More information on the programme can be found on our website](#). You will also find on our website a [Careers Opportunities page](#), which features news the school is sent on Apprenticeship Courses and Programmes, University Workshops and Schemes, Industry Webinars, Careers Resources for Parents and Carers and much more. The opportunities on this page are updated weekly. [Please click](#) to view the latest information.

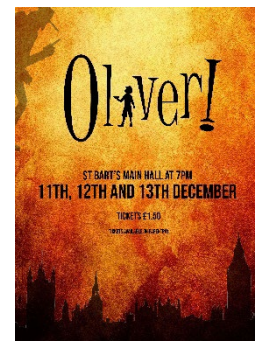
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For the past few weeks after school on Tuesdays, Year 8 and 9 students have been working hard with Miss Richardson, dedicating their own time to make some of the costumes for the school production of Oliver! Students have developed skills in pattern cutting, garment construction and have been using the sewing machines to make handkerchiefs, aprons and cravats from scratch! Students have also spent a lot of time distressing, dying and altering existing garments. We can't wait to see the costumes live in action. Well done and thank you to everyone who has been involved.

Performances of Oliver will take place on Monday 11, Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December. [Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay.](#)



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DIWALI: SIXTH FORMERS SHARE THIS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Diwali is a significant festival that is celebrated by millions of people around the world, particularly those of the Hindu and Sikh faiths.

The festival, which usually falls in October or November each year, is celebrated over a period of five days and is known as the "Festival of Lights".

Earlier this month, Mrs Ndagire and Sixth Formers, Avni, Sid, Sash, Shubham, Ayush, Vipul, Aadi and Ani spoke to our Year 12 and Year 13 about the importance of this festival that celebrates India's diverse cultural heritage. They explained the festival's traditions and the significance of each day during Diwali. You can read Aadi's speech in full [here](#).



The name "Diwali" means "rows of lighted lamps" which are lit during the festival. It is a very important holiday in India, representing new beginnings, the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. It's a time to embrace positive values such as kindness, togetherness, empathy and understanding. Mrs Ndagire spoke of how we can all try to adopt these values in our daily lives and of how small acts of kindness can make a big difference and help us all lead happier and more fulfilling lives.

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HALF PRICE BOOK FAIR VISITS ST BART'S

Yesterday the Scholastic Half Price Book Fair visited St Bart's library. The pop-up mobile shop was filled with a fantastic selection of discounted books. Students were able to browse the titles and create their own wishlist to take home.

If your child was inspired or excited to bring home a Wish List, [parents and carers can purchase titles here](#).

Alternatively, you can find out more about the books available and confirm prices [here](#).



At St Bart's, we're big on reading – in the classroom and for pleasure. All the research shows that children who enjoy reading and read for their own enjoyment do well academically across the board, and not just in English or humanities. Equally as significantly, though, reading benefits students' well-being and their sense of themselves and the world. Books are a great Christmas gift!

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YEAR 8 CHALLENGED TO BECOME NATURE CHAMPIONS

"We are one of the most nature depleted countries in the world, and whilst we may have some amazing wildlife in this country, it's sadly in crisis: more than 40% of UK species' populations have declined since the 1970s and a quarter of British mammals are at risk of extinction." wildlifetrusts.org.

At St Bart's we are keen to take action to support and celebrate our amazing wildlife and to encourage students



to take more notice of their own environment and the actions they can take to improve biodiversity. Spending time in our outside spaces improves mental and physical wellbeing, as well as improving students' abilities to effect change for good in their community, both inside and outside the school.

This week, Mrs Wall launched a competition with our Year 8 to 'Make a Home for Wildlife' and challenged them to create a space in their own gardens to encourage wildlife. The addition can be whacky, weird, cute and entirely original – as long as it is an effective space for nature. Each entry will be added to the BBC Countryfile Wild Britain national map and our local map in school,

and entries will have a chance to win a prize. Students can use the information on the Wild Britain website as inspiration - whether that's making a bog garden to feeding the birds, creating hedgehog homes or mini beast hotels - we can't wait to see what they come up with and to celebrate the winner in BartholoNews.

The competition deadline is 1 February 2024.

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PA GIFT & CRAFT FAIR SUCCESS – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Fair at the weekend, made cakes and soup, bought raffle tickets and came along to shop. The Hall, Hub and Patterson breakout space were bustling with Christmas shoppers getting a head start on the present lists. Lots of stalls were manned by students from across the year groups raising money for House charities and other good causes. It was a great success and we couldn't have done it without your support.

Many thanks also to those who very kindly donated raffle prizes:

Amelia Rose
Bedlam Paintball
The Bowlers Arms
Cakery Bakery
Castle Windows
Chego's

The Entertainer
Imagine Photography
Lord and Lady Lloyd Webber
Lui Yeung Acupuncture
Newbury
Newbury Racecourse

Peter Palio Training
Razzamataz
Reading Football Club
Sandford Springs Golfcourse
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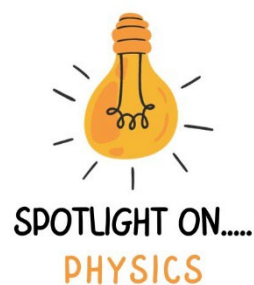
Thanks too to our many of our generous stallholders, including: AR creations, Lasting Impressions, Nick Card, Lovely Happy Things, Lisa Hutton Jewellery, Islander Bali, Little Goat Bakery, Dream Berries, Shannon's Scromptious Soaps, Jodi Osborne Illustration, Valentine London. Please forgive us if we've missed you from the list.

All prize winners have been informed, and the list of winners can be found in on the [St Bart's PA Facebook Page](#).

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SPOTLIGHT ON PHYSICS

As part of a new 'Spotlight' series in BartholoNews, we take look at Physics and ways in which you can enrich students' learning and understanding of subjects outside school.



Year 10 Astrophysics Taster Morning - online

Date: Saturday 2 December 2023 (registration open now, closes 24 November)

Venue: Online

Audience: Students in Year 10

If you are in Year 10 (or equivalent) and you are considering studying physics or astrophysics at university and would like to know more about your options and what this might look like, then this event is for you! We're going to be showcasing some of our favourite bits of the subject through interactive workshops, and talking about what it's like to study physics at university. There'll be a chance to put all your questions to a panel of current students too. Come and join us!

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to register for this event](#) (booking is open and will close at 5pm on 24 November)

Oppenheimer - making history through physics – online and in person

Date: Sat 9 December, 2 – 5pm

Venue: Online and Oxford Physics Department

Audience: Age 14+

This event will discuss the different aspects of the life of Oppenheimer and how he made history through physics. There will be a reception with mince pies and drinks and the event will conclude with a fantastic panel discussion where the speakers and other senior academics will welcome questions from the audience.

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to register for this event](#)

PROJECTS AND COMPETITIONS

Galactic Explorers Challenge

Dates: Challenge week is 4 – 8 December 2023

Audience: Year 7

We are excited to launch the Galactic Explorers Challenge. We are inviting 7-12-year-olds from across the UK to become astrophysicists for the week, classifying galaxies from real space telescope images and creating their very own mini-science communication project! The competition is easy to join and all the materials are ready to go - no prep required! More information on the [Oxford Physics](#) website.

Physics in Advent

Audience: All

An advent calendar with a difference: a physics advent calendar. The University of Göttingen presents 24 small, simple experiments and physics mysteries. Each day from 1 to 24 December there is a video clip of an experiment which you can do yourself afterwards. More information on the [Physics in Advent](#) website.

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ST BART'S STUDENTS HAVE THEIR SAY

Greenham Trust are a grant giving body that support local charities and organisations for the benefit of the people in West Berkshire and North Hampshire. They've supported over 5000 local good causes and distributed over £71 Million since the Trust's inception in 1997. The Trust's Grant committees meet regularly throughout the year, including the Youth Distribution Committee.

The Youth Distribution Committee consists of young people from local secondary schools, such as St Bart's, and youth organisations, such as Berkshire Youth and Kennet District Scouts, who review projects and agree how best to award grants. The initiative gives students a fantastic chance to make a difference to their local community, with the maximum available to distribute £15,000 and the maximum grant award per project set at £1500.

Last week, St Bart's Sixth Form students, Archie and Luisa, had the opportunity to take part in the latest Youth Distribution Committee meeting at the Waterside Centre Newbury. Luisa said of the experience:



“Being asked to go to the Greenham Trust Youth Distribution Meeting is something I will never forget. It gave me skills which I will continue to use in my everyday life, for example the ability to work with and listen to other students interested in the same thing. Each person on the committee was from a different area of West Berkshire, allowing the rest of us to hear what they had experienced and ideas they had in order to effectively allocate funding to the applicants. It was an incredible experience and I would 100% do it again.” Luisa Sutherland

Thank you to Greenham Trust for empowering the younger generation and giving them the space to share their thoughts and ideas.

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WELL DONE FAYINA!



Over the weekend Fayina (10C2) competed in the British Down Syndrome Swimming Championships at Crawley. A daunting prospect potentially, being her first competitive event against girls from all over Britain and watched by hundreds of spectators. She surpassed all expectations, being the second youngest competitor in attendance. In the Junior category (16 and under), she won two silver medals for 50m backstroke and 100m individual medley (her backstroke time was 9th fastest across all age groups!) She also won awards for fastest times for her freestyle and butterfly over 25m.

Congratulations Fayina on an outstanding achievement.

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PE

Netball

Last Wednesday, we took 68 girls to play netball at Kennet School from Year 7 through to Sixth Form. As Year 11 are doing practice exams, we put out two Year 7 teams and everyone else played up a year. This was a great opportunity for the girls to get some tough match play, ready for the league games next term.

Year 7: won 6-3

Year 7&8: lost 14-9 but had an amazing second quarter (winning 6-5). Player of the match was Jessie.

Year 8&9: had a really tough game but great practice for the next lot of games.

Year 9: the girls held their own and showed great promise for the next league matches. Player of the match was Hannah.

Year 10: kept their unbeaten record and won 18-12. Players of the match were Ava and Isla.

Sixth Form: won 17-11, working well together for the first time. Player of the match was Scarlett.

So exciting to see so many girls representing the school and enjoying netball.



Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 boys' rugby team represented the school at this year's County Festival at Reading Bluecoat School.

The boys played brilliantly, winning all their morning matches and going through to the top group out of 7 for the afternoon.

St Bart's won 5, including beating Abingdon School and the host school Reading Bluecoat's A team, drew 1 and lost only 1 match. Although there aren't any official winners in the competition, this placed them in the top 3 teams out of 30. Player of the tournament was Freddie Smith.



KS3 Badminton

Our KS3 boys' badminton team entered the West Berkshire Tournament at Theale Green, which involved both singles and doubles matches. With a large number of schools and teams there, all the boys really enjoyed playing some competitive matches, but extra congratulations go to our A Team, made up of Luke, Yudeesh, Jimmy and Johan, who won the competition overall! Well done to all the boys involved.



Alternative Olympics Festival

A huge thank you to the Year 10 Sports Leaders who supported the Alternative Olympics Festival that we hosted at St Bart's.

This inclusive festival saw 11 Primary Schools take part, which included Boccia, Kurling, Seated Volleyball and Archery. The Primary schools had a fantastic time, which was largely due to the excellent support of the Sports Leaders. Mr Mandry who led the event said, "This event is only a success if there are brilliant leaders helping to inspire the younger pupils." St Bart's leaders were brilliant, thank you!



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Visit the Parents' Association Secondhand Uniform Shop



Just inside the Students' Entrance on the right

**Open on Fridays
during term time from 2.45pm to 3.30pm**

**Have you finished with your
uniform or PE kit?**

Donations welcome - at the shop on Friday afternoons or anytime via school reception (no white shirts please).

Volunteers are needed to help in the shop, for one hour on a Friday afternoon (term time).
Once a month or once a term, it's up to you.

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