

St Dunstan's School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We have had another busy week in school - it was good to see so many parents here for Year 9 Parents' Evening; lots of discussions about progress and choosing options took place following on from the options evening last term.

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March - last year we were delighted by the number of students in impressive costumes; we are looking forward to a similar, if not better, turnout this year. A reminder that costumes should be recognisable as a character - it is not simply a non uniform day.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are welcoming the author Joffre White into school on Tuesday 5th March. Mrs Gregory has written to parents about all the activities that are planned in addition to Joffre's visit. Thank you to her for and the English department for all the work they have put into organising events to further promote a love of books and reading.

Speaking of reading, it has been wonderful to see Year 7 starting to receive their Blue Peter reading badges. Thank you to tutors for encouraging such enthusiasm about reading - we look forward to seeing more Year 7 students receiving and wearing their badges.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bevan



01.03.24

THIS WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:
Enrichment
Week

Upcoming
Events:

World Book Day
March 7th

Red Nose Day
March 15th

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Milkshake with the Head

Mrs Bevan and Mrs Easterbrook were pleased to reward the following students with a Milkshake and treat at breaktime today. They have been embodying our TRACK values and were nominated by teachers for this reward. Each week a different Year Group will get nominated.

**Harry C, Matthew D, Amelia D, Belle-Blossom F-J,
Delilah-Dixie G, Sirus H, Roland J-N, Connor K, Nylah R,
Faith W**

World Book Day 7th March

For World Book Day there are going to be various activities and events. Teachers are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book, and there will be a school-wide quiz where students will be guessing which teacher is reading which book! A massive thank you to Mrs Gregory for organising this. More information will follow soon so stay posted.



Visiting Author

As part of our celebration of reading, prior to World Book Day, author Joffre White will be visiting the school on 5th March to speak about his writing career.



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Blue Peter Badges!

Blue Peter Book badge Congratulations to members of 7KGR and 7JMA, who are worthy recipients of the Blue Peter Book badge . These badges are awarded for children who complete a range of creative tasks which show off their love of reading . Both tutor groups used their tutor reading book 'Ghost Boys' and 'Star Switch' as inspiration for their work. We expect other tutor groups to follow suit as they get to the end of their books.



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Aladdin July 2024

Over the next few weeks we will be holding a read through session and auditions for students who would like to take part. Everyone is welcome in Year 7-10, even if you have no experience, we would love to have you involved, either on stage or behind the scenes.

Any questions please see Mrs Pulford or Mrs Hopton.

Come along on Wednesday 6th March for the read through to find out more!



School Production

Wednesday 6th March 3:15-4:30pm- Read through

Wednesday 13th March 3:15-4:30pm - Auditions

Everyone is welcome to take part, so please come along.

Any questions, please see Mrs Pulford or Mrs Hopton



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Careers & Post-16

There is an entrepreneurship event in Wells for anyone interested in starting or expanding a business with insights from accomplished entrepreneurs. Thu 14 March 6.30-9pm £15. Please find more info [here](#).

For those in Year 9 considering French, please find various resources on the benefits to future careers and studies by multiple celebrities in different industries [here](#).

Safeguarding Training

The charity In Charley's Memory based in Highbridge are running a free parent workshop online next Tuesday evening (5th March at 6:30pm) for parents to learn about how they can support their children's mental health and wellbeing. This will be an anonymous online group where they can ask questions live to some of our counselling team.

We hope these sessions will equip parents with some knowledge and confidence to be their child's best resource and support them with their wellbeing.

For further information on how to attend, please contact: jamie@incharleymemory.com



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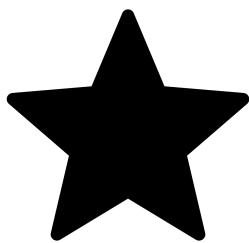


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



100%
Attendance

95%+
Attendance

92-93%
Attendance

Below
90%
Attendance

96%
Attendance

Absences
add up

Be in to win - 100% attendance will be rewarded with TRACK Stars and chance to win Amazon vouchers

82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

This is the target equalling at most 8 days off per year

Missing 2 days per month means you miss 10% of school

