

St Dunstan's School

GLASTONBURY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October is Black History Month and we launched this with an inspiring assembly from Mr Atkinson this morning. There are a number of events and initiatives coming up this month linked to this important celebration of Black History - these will be shared in upcoming newsletters during this month.

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I was very proud to see our Year 11 Geography students display such a conscientious attitude to their field trip on Tuesday - they were a credit to the school. We were delighted to welcome large numbers of Year 6 students to our open morning on Thursday and we are looking forward to meeting more families at next week's events.

Mrs Bevan



06.10.23

NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS
World Mental
Health Day

KEY EVENTS
Ada Lovelace
Day

Coming soon...

Year 7 info evening
12/10

Yr 8/9 Longleat
Wildlife Conference
12/10

Yr 9 Parliament trip
19/10

Yr 7 Vivary Park
20/10

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World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday 10th October we are inviting students to wear yellow socks, hair bands or purchase a yellow ribbon to show support of mental health.

Dance off in the Sports Hall on Tuesday.

20p to enter or watch



Yr 7 Vivary Park

We are looking forward to taking Year 7 to Vivary Park on 20th October. Please remember to get consent forms in and payments on Parentpay. If you need another letter, please collect from the office.

World Teacher Day - 5th October

For this years World Teacher Day, Mrs Pulford and Mrs Easterbrook set up 'guardian angels' for each member of staff. They are to perform as many random acts of kindness as possible for their person. Just to put a spring in their step and a smile on their face.

#staffappreciation



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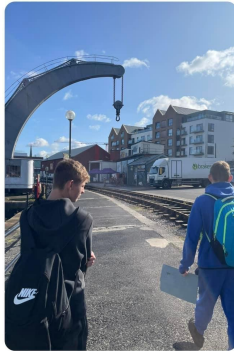
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Geography field trip to Bristol

Year 11 students were fantastic on their Geography field trip to Bristol.

They were investigating whether the regeneration has improved the dockland area.

Students showed great maturity and resilience when completing their fieldwork and conducting surveys and questionnaires. Well done everyone, we are proud of you all!



Milkshake with the Head - Year 8

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.

Names: Frankie B, Jaime C, Layla C, Felicity D, Brooke G, Imogen L, Benjamin L, Oren M, Corey P, Oliver V

Well done to all!



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Fashion Show - PTA event

Book Now! Women's Fashion Show Event - 30th November 2023
Our brilliant PTA are hosting a fashion show event for the people of Glastonbury and neighbouring areas!

It is a chance to have a fun night out before Christmas with friends; enjoy the fashion show and buy some high street brands at bargain prices!

Wondering which staff will be modelling the garments on the catwalk? Buy your tickets via ParentPay today and find out!

If you would like to support the raffle by donating a prize please contact the PTA via email: stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com



FASHION SHOW

An exciting evening of fashion & fun hosted by
Travelling Trends

A ladies night out with a difference!
As well as a live CATWALK SHOW,
there is ample time to try on & buy
this season's High Street & Branded fashions.

All at bargain prices!!



November 30th 2023

Doors open 6:30 pm

Show starts 7:00 pm

St. Dunstan's School
Wells Road, Glastonbury
BA6 9BY

Tickets available on Parentpay.

Ticket includes a glass of wine (or
alternative).

Organised by St. Dunstan's
Community PTA.

In aid of the renovation of St.
Dunstan's School library.



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Careers and Post-16

Somerset Skills and Careers Fair, Westlands Leisure Complex, 10/10 9am to 4pm: Somerset Careers Fair is provides families with the latest, best, impartial advice and information from the widest range of institutions and providers. Booking is not necessary and all are welcome!

'Routes into becoming a lawyer without a degree' webinar 12/10 4:30pm. Email Mr I Ward for more info!

Optimistic October - Action for Happiness

When the world feels uncertain, it's helpful to stay hopeful. Things can get better.

This month why not try Action for Happiness #OptimisticOctober and find ways to take positive steps forward and help others do the same?

Optimistic October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today
8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation
15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you
22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?
29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month				

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Open Mornings

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Black History Month and National Hate Crime Awareness

Week

The month of October is Black History month, and within this, the week of 14th - 21st of October is National Hate Crime Awareness week.

Both St Dunstan's and the wider Midsomer Norton Trust Partnership continue to have a particular focus on these events. This week we have had a whole school assembly delivered by our very own Mr Atkinson on Black History month and a number of activities will be organised by Mrs Easterbrook and Mr Ward regarding both this and National Hate Crime Awareness week later on this month.

The focus this year is celebrating strong independent women who have made a positive contribution to society. We are using their inspiration to launch two new initiatives; Community and Kindness Ambassadors. A student voice meeting will be held on Friday next week. The newly elected school council, which is having its first meeting of this year on Tuesday, will also be discussing this as one of its agenda items to ensure we have student's voices regarding these important events.

The Trust has this year signed up to a BANES Race Charter, which applies across all Trust schools regardless of location. Similar activities as listed above will be taking place across all Trust schools this month and includes resources from the charity 'Black Families' and information regarding Haile Selassie, the first Emperor of Ethiopia.

We are all very excited about drawing positive attention to these two vital and connected issues, and helping bring about a more just, equal and inclusive society for all our young people.



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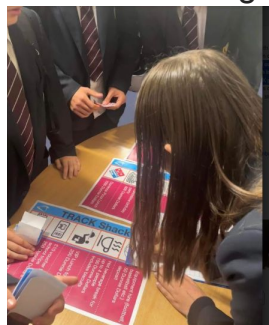
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National Poetry Day

On Thursday we celebrated National Poetry Day. This day is intended to help people discover and enjoy poetry and encourage everyone to read, write and share poems.

National Poetry Day demonstrates the importance of poetry and the value that poetry adds to society.

This year, in honour of Space Week, we have been holding a poetry competition with the theme of space. Here is one of the brilliant entries!

Why not share a poem with a friend today?



**NATIONAL
POETRY DAY**

*In the centre of nowhere,
Lies nothing,
Balls of fire and gas,
Disappear.
Into nothing.
The gravitational pull
Is everywhere.
In nothing.
Objects go
But never return.
Where do they go?*

Nothing...

*There is a vacuum in the centre of nowhere,
Pulling in its prey into nothing.
Nada.
Planet Earth could be next.
You could be next.
Sucked into an endless void of time.
An immortal
There is no explanation.
Dwinding in the centre of our galaxy,
Is a black hole...*



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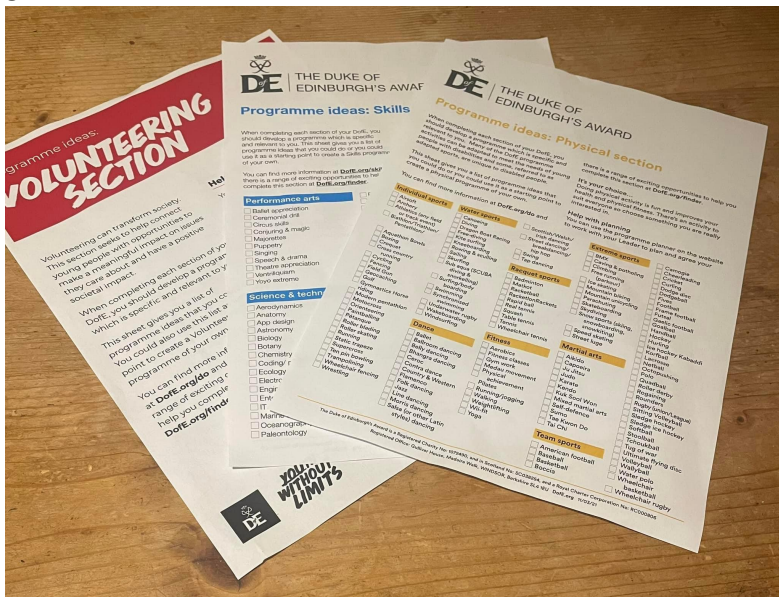


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Year 9 D of E

It was great to see so many Year 9 students and parents/carers at Thursday's DofE meeting.

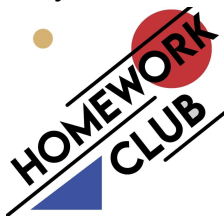
If you have signed up for DofE but missed the meeting, don't worry, you can collect information sheets from Mrs Potter or Mrs Manning.



Homework Club

Homework Club is held in the Learning Hub every day between 3.15 - 4.15pm . It is open to all students.

Students have the opportunity to use computers and resources in a quiet environment.



Attendance

A reminder to call the office if ever your child is absent - you will be put through to a voicemail line to leave a message with the reason for their absence.



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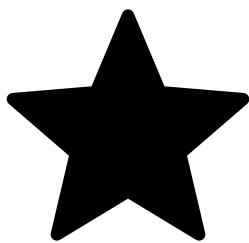


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



100%
Attendance

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

95%+
Attendance

82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

92-93%
Attendance

77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

Below 90%
Attendance

53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

96%
Attendance

43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

Absences add up

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

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



Space Week

All of this involves

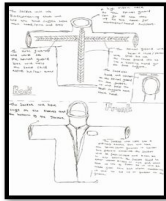
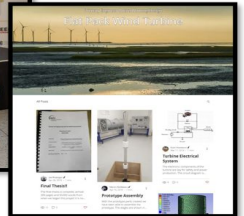
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What is on your list?

What do you need to do to take part in the 'If you were an engineer what would you do?' competition?

- ▶ Research engineering
- ▶ Interview an engineer
- ▶ Identify a problem
- ▶ Invent a solution to that problem, illustrate and annotate it
- ▶ Write a letter to an engineer explaining your idea and why it should be chosen to be Prototyped
- ▶ Send it to us! For more information www.leadersaward.com



WINNER'S



Name: Dom Mottram
Occupation: Area Manager
Company: Network Rail's



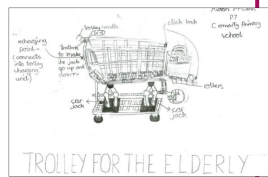
Name: Eleanor Davies
Occupation: Structural Engineer
Company: Chartered Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers



Name: Dr Vincent Pierre Giampietro
Occupation: Senior Lecturer
Company: King's College London



Name: Stephanie Alison
Occupation: Engineer
Company: Bosch



The Trolley for the Elderly, designed to enable Aidan's 'wee granmie' to lift the shopping out of the shopping trolley and into the boot of her car. Constructed by the University of Strathclyde Faculty of Engineering undergraduates.



Name: Richard Bowling
Occupation: Founder
Company: Grady Industries



Name: Rachel Ethwood
Occupation: Graduate Engineer
Company: Peter Brett Associates



Name: Graeme Ralph
Occupation: Principal Manufacturing Research And Development Engineer
Company: Spirit AeroSystems



Name: Alison Berns
Occupation: Engineering Team Leader
Company: AstraZeneca



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Space Week

Space Club Launch with Mr Green

Where: S3

When: Monday after school

Who: Everyone

In celebration of international space week, we will be launching our very own rockets next week in engineering club! (9/10/23) They are very loud so feel free to bring ear defenders if you want to.

Poetry Week - Competition time.

When two worlds collide.....

Write a poem about space....it can be anything: your favourite planet, rockets, the moon landings, aliens or living on Mars. Hand it into Mrs Gregory by Monday.

Prizes for the best poems and the most entries from a tutor group.



AstroCow

Hello, my name is AstroCow.
I'm deep in outer space right now.
I'm off to visit distant stars.
I've seen the moon. I've been to Mars.

I've done the most amazing things.
I soared through Saturn's massive rings.
I checked out Neptune. Pluto too.
Then out among the stars I flew.

I built this awesome rocket ship
to take an interstellar trip,
and travel through the galaxy
to find a home for cows like me.



You see, I used to live on Earth.
It was my home, my place of birth.
But now I search for somewhere new;
somewhere they don't serve barbecue.

— Kenn Nesbitt



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