St Dunstan's School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Another packed week draws to an end! Tuesday saw our International Women's Day event after school and what a wonderful time we had. It was marvellous to see so many students with their parents, carers, relatives and friends joining in a range of workshops. Thank you to all who organised and all who attended.

On Thursday we welcomed the Somerset Road Safety Team who gave talks to students about road safety - a very important topic. Students now have a clear idea of risks and dangers, the importance of seatbelts and bike helmets, as well as how to avoid them and keep themselves safe. I was delighted to hear that our Year 7 footballers had a series of victories at the Blue School this week - a huge well done to them all.

Today we have participated in Comic Relief fundraising - more on this coming up in the newsletter; it was certainly a fun filled day!

We also received our final report following our recent Ofsted inspection. I have written to parents separately with a copy of the report so you will all know that we were graded good in all areas. As I said in my letter to you all, I am immensely proud of our whole school community who really showed Ofsted what a special place St Dunstan's is - it is nice to know that I am leaving the school in such a strong position for the future.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bevan



15.03.24

THIS WEEK ASSEMBLY FOCUS:

Holi Festival

Upcoming Events:

International Day of Happiness

> <u>Click here for</u> <u>Extra-Curricular</u> <u>Activities</u>

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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.

Rosie E., Leyton F., Bluebell H., Pavlo, K., Jess M., Alitsha N., Declan P., Ethan S., Phillippa S., Julia T.

International Women's Day! 8th March

Students were invited to celebrate International Women's Day by writing about women for whom they are grateful for or inspire them. It was so heartwarming to read how grateful many of our students are for their mums, nans, aunties and friends.

Students also enjoyed the opportunity to watch the Barbie movie during lunchtime. The film follows Barbie and Ken on a journey of self discovery and highlights many of the issues surrounding patriarchy and feminism.

The celebrations continued into this week where many of the female relatives of our students joined us for tea and cake and had the opportunity to participate in a range of workshops. We were impressed with the art, agility and enthusiasm and enjoyed spending our afternoon reflecting on the power of women!

Thank you to all those that came along. We look forward to seeing you again next year!











Red Nose Day

This week, students participated in a daily tutor activity for Red Nose Day that culminated in a day where students were invited to wear red (or colourful) socks or headbands to raise money for Comic Relief. Students in KS3 also participated in a quiz this Friday. We thank all of those students who took part in the fundraising event and the support of parents with this. Congratulations and well done to St Dunstan's! The total amount raised will be published in next week's newsletter.



World Book Day Photo Competition

Congratulations to August, Charlie and Hazel for their excellent effort and success with the World Book Day photo competition!





<u>Year 7 Football</u>

On Wednesday a squad of thirteen Year 7 students played a football fixture at Wells Blue School. In the 6-a-side competition, both of our teams went unbeaten in their matches against the Blue School's sides with lots of notable performances!

In attack the boys looked very accomplished with Josh M scoring a superb hat-trick in the first match. Toby M showed some classy touches to create and score more goals of his own whilst Cole Carter showed creativity as he was even scoring with his knee!

On the other side of the ball, both teams only conceded 4 goals across 6 games and both Rhiley F and Harry C deserve a shoutout for their brilliant performances in goal.

Lastly, it would be a shame not to mention the goal of the tournament from Elliot Hann after he performed a highly coordinated pirouette and well-placed finish that even the Blue School's teachers congratulated him on!





Careers & Post-16

Year 10 will be travelling to Millfield Futures Fair on 21st March to meet representatives of different universities and employers to see what's on offer for when they leave St Dunstan's. Travel arrangements are currently being planned and a letter of consent will be sent home with your child on Monday to confirm their ability to attend the event.

Parking

We would remind parents that they should not be driving down to the turning circle to drop off or pick up students at the start or end of the day. Thank you.







JIGSAW SERVICE

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HELLO, WE'RE FROM THE JIGSAW PROJECT TEAM AT YOUNG SOMERSET!

ABOUT YOUNG SOMERSET ...

Young Somerset is a Youth Work organisation that aims to put young people at the heart of what we do. When we talk about Youth Work, we define it as being able to take the time to build relationships with young people that are open, honest, trusting, respectful and, most importantly, led by them. We do things with young people, not for them nor to them.

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU ...

We understand you have had a hospital admission due to your mental health and we want to provide some support for you so that you can reduce the chance of this happening again in the future.

By engaging with the Jigsaw Project we are able to offer you:

- A 1.1 space to talk, share ideas and do activities
- Support to find other organisations that can help you along your journey
- Support so you have a voice in places where you feel you are not nbeing heard
- Advice, guidance, and support for you and your family

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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