

# St Dunstan's School

GLASTONBURY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Goodness, it is only just over five weeks until Christmas Day! This term is flying by!

It has been wonderful to see all the activities going on for anti bullying week, for kindness day and for Children in Need. I am agog to find out which staff member has won the Burpee Challenge!

Weeks like this remind us that our TRACK values are very much at the heart of our school. I am always proud when I see how the children rise to these occasions. The Year 7 Anti Bullying Pledges have warmed my heart as has the fact that we have had to top up the kindness notes so many times this week as so many students have written kind notes to others in the school - students and staff. It has also been entertaining to see the pairings of odd socks put together by students for anti bullying week - a reminder that as of Monday, everyone should be in their usual perfect uniform including ties, blazers, black socks/tights and the correct skirt or trousers.

The carnival is coming up and our wonderful PTA are staffing the car park as a fundraiser for the school - thank you to them as always for all they do. Don't forget, they are doing the same for the Frost Fayre and there is the Fashion Show to look forward to on November 30th; make sure you book your tickets!

Enjoy the weekend!  
Mrs Bevan



17.11.23

NEXT WEEK  
ASSEMBLY  
FOCUS  
International  
Day to end  
violence to  
women

Coming soon...  
13th-22nd Nov  
Year 11 Mock  
Exams  
15th Nov - STEM  
workshop for 6  
Year 8 students  
7th Dec -  
Christmas  
Jumper Day

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Extra-Curricular  
Activities](#)

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## Kindness Box

The kindness continues...

It has been amazing to see the messages of kindness that students have been sending each other this week as part of anti-bullying week.



## Food Bank Donations

Our donations to Bridging the Gap food bank were collected this week. They help lots of people in the area. Many thanks to parents/carers and students for your kind donations



## 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.

Lance D, Alesha FM, Sophie H, Matilda H, Maggie H, Isabelle M, Natasha M, Lola P, Tallula VDB, Fay WR

Well done to all!



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## World Kindness Day - Books

In order to celebrate World Kindness Day, 75 books were wrapped and hidden around the site, just waiting for their lucky 'finder'.

We hope this spontaneous act of kindness will give pleasure and inspire others to be kind.

As it is anti-bullying week, kindness is the focus of everything that we are doing as well as being one of our core values that we practice every day. We hope that this activity was a good opportunity to show the impact of small acts of kindness.



## Year 7 Anti-Bullying pledges

We are so proud of our Year 7 students who have made anti-bullying pledges this week

Well done all!



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## National Poetry Competition - Nature

Mrs Gregory is looking for entries for a national poetry competition about Nature. The theme of the competition is 'Nature Unbound' and can focus on any aspect of Nature. The word 'unbound' means unrestrained or not tied down so it is about Nature being free and unfettered. Poems must be a maximum of 30 lines and the prize money is £50! There will be a prize for the tutor group with the most entries!



## Burpee Challenge

This lunchtime students (and staff!) participated in our Burpee challenge. Everyone was trying to do as many burpees as possible in 15 minutes. Every student pushed themselves as hard as they could. It was great to see their resilience! Staff did well too with one person who did 180! Who do you think that could have been?

Results will be published in next week's newsletter.

We thank all students who participated or came to watch for their support of Children in Need.



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## **Be Kind Awards - Opportunity to nominate**

The Be Kind awards is a set of awards to celebrate kindness amongst schools and young people.

There are 7 award categories but categories 2, 4, 6 and 7 are relevant to us as a school

### **Secondary Star School**

This can cover the whole school or a specific year group. Nominations must detail how kindness has been promoted and if possible the impact it has had on the pupils, the outside community and/or the staff

### **John Caudwell Community Kindness**

This is for Individual pupils or groups of students in all year groups. The act of kindness must have been shown to the community, outside of school. Nominations must be able to demonstrate how their kindness has impacted the community

### **Star Pupil**

This is for individual pupils from all year groups. The act of kindness must have been shown within a school environment. Nominations must be able to demonstrate how their kindness has impacted others

### **Star Teacher**

This is to nominate a teacher that has gone above and beyond to demonstrate kindness. The act of kindness must have been carried out at school or for pupils outside of school. Nominations must be able to demonstrate how their kindness has impacted others

Nominations will be open from Monday 3rd July 2023 until Friday 12th April 2024.

The link to the Be Kind Awards website is [here](#) which has more information and how you can submit nominations.



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## Year 11 Mock Exams + Revision website

Year 11 students are in the middle of their mock exams. We hope that students have enjoyed the last minute revision help on their way into school during this week. We wish them all the best of luck for the remainder of their exams.



In order to help our students revise for their current and future examinations, we are thrilled to announce that we are launching our very own bespoke revision website. The website has helpful tips on how to revise effectively, along with revision materials for all of our GCSE subjects. Links to the website have been shared with students via their tutor's google classrooms. However, there is also a link on our main school website. We invite our parents to have a browse. You can find the link under the 'information for students and parents' tab.

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## Students logging on to their Talaxy accounts from home

If any of you are struggling to access your child's Talaxy account at home, please find some instructions below. There are two routes to use:

### Route 1 - *useful for all their school work*

- Students must make sure when they log onto the computer, they are signed in on their **school email account**.
- They should then go to the following **link**

<https://sites.google.com/stdunstansschool.com/stdunstansstudentgateway/home>

- Once there, press the **Talaxy link button**.
- Then click '**Log In**' located at the top right
- Then click '**Google**' icon at the bottom right where it asks for login details.
- *You do not have to sign in here if you are logged on with school email already, just click the google button and it will take you straight through*

### Route 2 - *Talaxy only*

- Students should go to the following **link** below.

<https://stdunstans.talaxy.app>

- Click '**Log In**' located at the top right.
- The student will need to use their **school email account** to log on if they are not logged on to the computer already on their school account.



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## Fashion Show - PTA event

Don't Miss Out! 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 tickets for yourself and friends 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](mailto:stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com)



# FASHION HOW

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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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# Parking for 18th November and 25th November

Saturday 18th  
November 2023

## CARNIVAL PARKING

AT ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL  
WELLS RD, GLASTONBURY  
BA6 9BY

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Raising funds  
for the PTA

£5

OPEN FROM 3PM

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER  
2023

## FROST FAYRE PARKING

AT

ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL, WELLS  
ROAD, GLASTONBURY BA6 9BY

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OPEN FROM  
11AM

£5  
PER CAR

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE PTA



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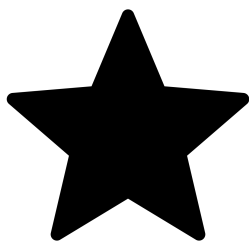


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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**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

