

St Dunstan's School

GLASTONBURY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Unbelievably, we only have one more week before the half term break! It is lovely to see the lighter evenings start to creep in and to sense that Spring is in the air.

We have had another jam packed week at school - as you will see from the main body of the newsletter, we have celebrated National Storytelling Week - I really enjoyed reading stories to students - thank you to Mrs Gregory for organising and to Mrs Easterbrook, Ms Kench and Mrs Gregory for giving great readings during break times. It was wonderful to see students so engaged with lovely stories. The UK Maths Challenge took place on Wednesday - we look forward to hearing how our students fared.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we have a collapsed timetable for the morning of Friday 9th to focus on our core value of Kindness.

The social event of the year approaches - the PTA Quiz! Have you organised your team yet?? An event not to be missed!

Speaking of the PTA, remember to collect blue tokens at Tesco and put them in the St Dunstan's section. The PTA also receive £150 from the Wookey Hub Christmas tree sale - thanks to them for organising and thanks to the Wookey Hub for their support.

Finally, a quick plea to ensure that your child brings a reusable water bottle to school each day - we are all very conscious of the need to reduce, reuse and recycle wherever possible - avoiding lots of plastic bottles being discarded is one way we can all help.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Bevan



02.02.24

NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:
Safer Internet
Day and review
of term

Coming soon...
9th Feb -PTA
Quiz night
9th Feb -
Kindness Day,
students off
timetable P1-3

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Extra-Curricular
Activities](#)

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National Storytelling Week

We marked National Storytelling Week with readings told by mystery storytellers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

National Storytelling Week is an annual event which celebrates the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

Mrs Easterbrook shared a favourite story of hers with an audience of all different ages, and it was wonderful to feel the power of the story in bringing us all together and transporting us back in time.

Tuesday's mystery storyteller was Ms Kench, who thrilled us with an extract from her favourite book 'Duncton Tales', which was gifted to her on her 15th birthday. The tale was about a group of moles and the adventures they have around the wood in which they inhabit.

On Wednesday we were treated to a selection of stories by our Headteacher, Mrs Bevan. An expert storyteller, Mrs Bevan shared extracts from three of her favourite books. She talked so passionately about the influence that the stories have had on her life, and why she will never be parted from them!

Our final storyteller, Mrs Gregory, shared a couple of her favourite children's stories on Thursday. It was good to see that Hairy McClary was such a popular story with the children able to finish off each line. It's amazing what you can remember when there's a rhyme involved!

Some children asked if storytime could become a regular feature of life at St Dunstan's, and we think that's an excellent idea!



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Basketball Development Day

A couple of weeks ago, a group of Year 8 boys had the opportunity to take part in a Basketball Development Day at Richard Huish College in Taunton. The day had been organised in association with Huish Tigers Basketball Club and the boys were put through their paces, learning new skills and showing real improvement in their ability. The day culminated in some highly entertaining 3 v 3 matches against teams of students from 3 other schools and all of our boys played fantastically and were a pleasure to watch. Honourable mention to Tyler L for demonstrating some really impressive dribbling skills which even earned him a Huish Tigers t-shirt as a prize.



huish
TIGERS
Basketball

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP

MONDAY 12TH - TUESDAY 13TH FEB
9AM-4PM

AGED 8-13

£20 PER DAY
£35 BOTH DAYS

@ RICHARD HUISH COLLEGE
TA1 3DZ

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TIGERS

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EVOLUTION

MEDIA

A promotional poster for a basketball camp. It features a young girl in a black t-shirt holding a Wilson Evolution basketball. The background is dark with orange and white text. The text includes the camp name, dates, times, age range, and costs. There is also a hashtag and a logo for 'MEDIA'.



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Year 10 Maths

This week we have received news about an exciting (and free!) maths enhancement programme for our Year 10 students run by the Exeter Maths School. I have emailed further information to the students and parents of 10A1 but in case that has been missed, please see a summary below.

Target Audience: Year 10 who are not yet working at their highest level (i.e. **working at a Grade 6/7, but capable of achieving a Grade 8/9**).

Format: Weekly hour-long online after-school lessons delivered by EMS teachers, starting in the spring term for Year 10. Year 10 students remain on the programme into Year 11.

Aim: To enable students to achieve better GCSE grades than initially predicted and to therefore have greater opportunities in Further and Higher education.

How to get involved: Parents/carers should use the link provided below to register their child. <https://ems.applicaa.com/mathsenhy10>

Please note: though every effort is made to accommodate all student applications, the programme is likely to be oversubscribed and so not all students will gain a place.

For more information, check out their website:

<https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/for-students/secondary-maths/>

Online Maths GCSE Enhancement Programme

For Y10 students who are currently working at a 6/7, but capable of achieving an 8/9

▶ Free to attend

▶ For students in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset



KS3 Mathematicians:

Don't despair, KS3, I am also exploring whether there are any further, exciting opportunities for our younger mathematicians, so watch this space! In the meantime, check out the Exeter Maths School's page on Crafty Maths, some great ideas to explore Maths at home!

<https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/crafty-maths/>

Seven Colour Torus Puzzle



Click on the picture above for our recipe card.



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February - Action for Happiness Calendar

Join us for Action for Happiness Friendly February and take action to boost your relationships and be a good friend to others

Friendly February 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)
5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost
12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself
19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why
26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	29 Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

Reminder: Water Bottles

A reminder that students should bring a refillable water bottle to school, they can then fill these up during break and lunch if they need to.



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Tesco Blue Token Appeal

At Tesco you can vote for St Dunstan's Drama and Music departments to receive up to £1,500 in funding. This is part of their blue token scheme.

At the checkout please ask for some blue tokens (or pick them up at the self-checkout) and pop them in the collection box to vote for St Dunstan's!

Thank you for your support.

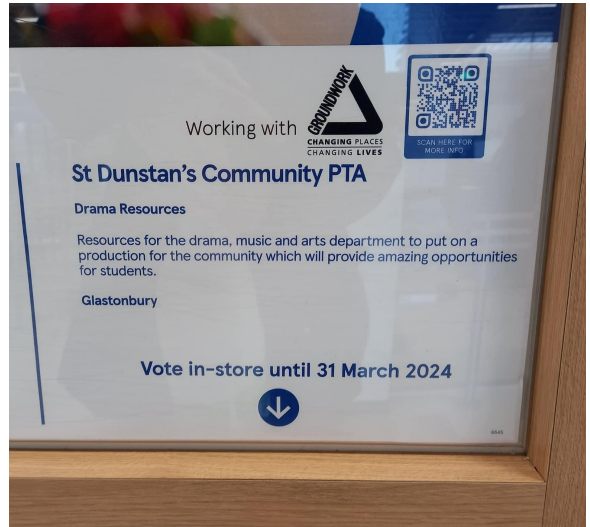


Tesco Blue Token Appeal


For the next month please support St Dunstan's Music and Drama Department when you shop at Tesco.

As you pay pick up a blue token and pop it in the box for St Dunstan's on your way out!

Your support is greatly appreciated and the money will go to fund a summer production and for long term resources for the arts!



Working with **GROUNDWORK**
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CHANGING LIVES



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO


St Dunstan's Community PTA

Drama Resources

Resources for the drama, music and arts department to put on a production for the community which will provide amazing opportunities for students.

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Vote in-store until 31 March 2024



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PTA Quiz

Following the tremendous success of last year's quiz, the PTA are holding another quiz evening on Friday 9th February .

The tickets are available on Parentpay.

To buy the tickets you will need to enter the total cost of all the tickets you want to buy and write in the comment box the total number of adult and child tickets you are buying. The event includes food and a drink.

The PTA would welcome any raffle donations - these can be left at reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

For further details, please email: stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2024
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM,
QUIZ STARTS @7.00PM

ADULT £6, UNDER 16S £3
INCLUDING A PLOUGHMAN'S
AND A DRINK.

ALL
PROCEEDS TO
THE PTA!

RAFFLE

BAR!

AT ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL,
WELLS RD, GLASTONBURY BA6 9BY
WHAT 3 WORDS:
///FRIES.REFLECTED.EVIDENTLY

Tickets available on ParentPay,
on the door, or email
stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com.
Please email us to notify of any dietary
requirements.



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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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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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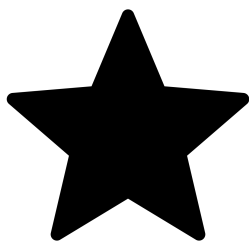


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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

