

St Dunstan's School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Another week of term has flown by. The evenings are lighter, the blossom is flowering and the birds are singing - all of which lifts our spirits. On that note, our assembly this week was on the theme of Happiness and students were asked to consider what makes them happy. I reminded the whole school that being kind is actually a selfish act as it makes us feel happier when we are kind to others! One thing that has been proven to contribute to young people feeling unhappy is social media - taking a break now and again is a good way to improve our happiness.

Something that made us all happy this week was National Poetry Day - how exciting to find poems that made us feel good spread around the school - the one I found was all about happiness so a beautiful link to our assembly theme. I very much enjoyed reading Year 7s redacted poetry - what a super activity and clever way to create poems. Another reason to be happy was our students' success in the Anne Frank Creative Writing Award - well done to Charlotte and Kele for achieving 2nd and 3rd place in this prestigious award. Another thing that made us happy this week was the number of students wearing odd socks to recognise World Down Syndrome Day on Friday



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Less happy news is the fact that Mr Oakwood is leaving us at the end of this term to move on to pastures new within the Trust. Mr Oakwood is a great teacher and I know students have thoroughly enjoyed his lessons. In addition, he has led the prefect team and the school council and encouraged students to participate in these opportunities. Mr Oakwood has also, of course, been our safeguarding lead - a very demanding and important role. Ofsted were fulsome in their praise of the safeguarding culture that exists in our school and the meticulous approach shown by Mr Oakwood in leading this aspect of school life.

In addition, Mr Oakwood has been a wonderful colleague who has worked ceaselessly for the good of the school. His calm, reassuring presence has had a huge impact on our students. He will be sorely missed by students and staff alike - he has been a tower of strength for me personally as well as making me laugh a lot! I am so very sorry he is leaving - thank you Mr Oakwood for all you have done - we wish you every success and happiness in your new role.

Mrs Bevan



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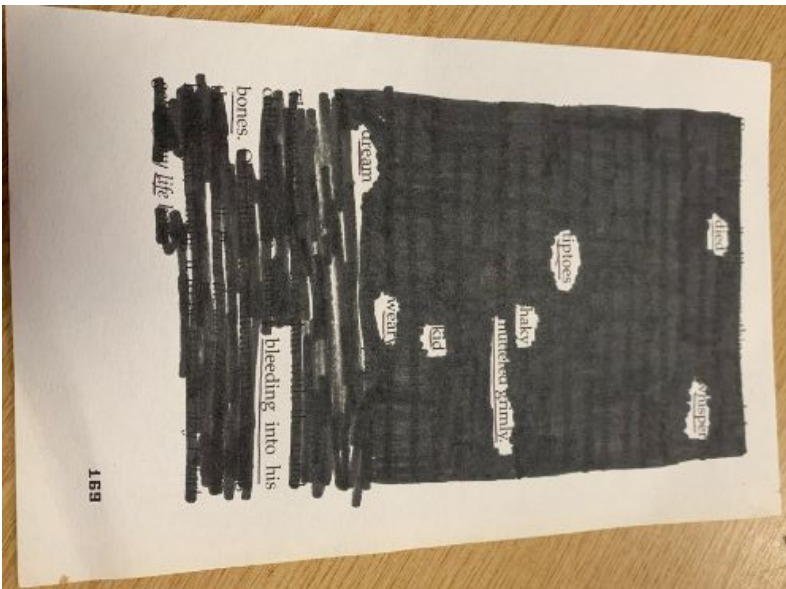
Milkshake with the Head

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.

Jake C-H., Chloe C., Raul C., Lachy CW., Oscar GC., Sam H., Ciaran P., Orlando R., Eli S., James S.

World Poetry Day

Happy World Poetry Day! Everybody felt the poetry love at St Dunstan's School as the Year 7s have been working on some redacted poetry. This is a great way to use texts that have come to the end of their life and it's lots of fun! Anyone can create redacted poetry - take a page and then block out words with a black marker to create your own work of art!



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Millfield Futures Fair

This week, Year 10 and their tutors had the opportunity to attend an afternoon at Millfield meeting multiple employers and post-16 providers. Students had a great time and were an absolute pleasure. Some of the employers students engaged with were the British Army and Aston Martin.

Somerset Anne Frank Creative Writing Awards

We proudly accompanied a group of Year 8 and Year 10s to the creative writing awards. Students had written a piece based upon an Anne Frank quote: 'We cannot control our destiny, but we can control who we become.' A range of both poetry and prose was entered. We were all in awe of them and were happy to come away with both 2nd and 3rd prize! Well done to our clever, smart students.



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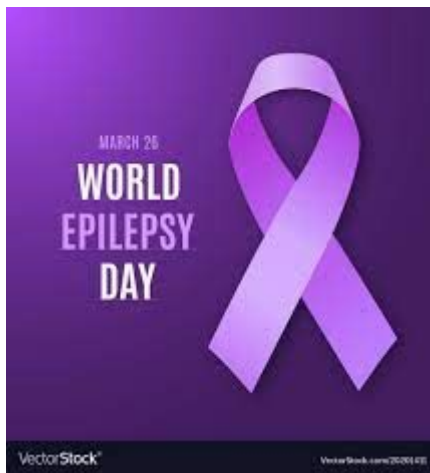


Careers & Post-16

Pathways to Work are offering a 3 day SEND Virtual opportunity for students with SEND to discover different route into different industries. For more information, please click [here](#).

World Epilepsy Day

We will be celebrating World Epilepsy Day on Monday 25th March and our prefects will rotate round tutor groups selling purple wristbands for £1



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Important Dates

This term ends on THURSDAY 28th March as Friday is Good Friday and thus a Bank Holiday. The school will be closed on Friday 29th as the Easter holidays start. We return to school on Monday 15th April. There will be a newsletter sent out on Thursday 28th March

Lost Property

The school office is bursting at the seams with the amount of lost property it is holding.

If your child has lost items, please tell them to check with the office - there are some very expensive items sitting there.

PLEASE ensure clothing has your child's name in it. We would advise not allowing expensive items into school.

Anything that is not claimed by the end of term will be donated to the uniform swap shop.



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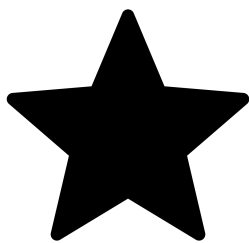


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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

