

St Dunstan's School

GLASTONBURY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

What a beautiful day it has been - it is lovely to see the sun and not have any rain or high winds for a change!

I was very proud this week as I attended Youth Speaks on Wednesday evening. What talented students we have in our school - the presentations were well researched, engaging and humorous. I was blown away by the confidence of our students as they presented to a room full of people and responded to questions on the spot. And how fantastic that one of our teams won this round and will be going through to the semi final. I can't believe that the students involved were all in Year 7 or 8 - it bodes well for our participation in future events. Well done to all and thank you to Mrs Gregory for all the time she has put into supporting the teams for this competition.

I am looking forward to the next two weeks as we move towards the end of another term. Don't forget that the PTA quiz is on February 9th - an event not to be missed!

Well done to Year 7 who organised and ran a VERY successful cake sale today. It is great to see students fulfilling our community and kindness values. Thank you to their tutors for helping them with this charity fundraiser - a full report can be found in this newsletter

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bevan



26.01.24

NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:
Diversity.
Interfaith week
& LGBTQ+
month

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

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Youth Speaks - Public Speaking Competition - RESULTS

Tonight we were represented in the Rotary Club's annual Youth Speaks competition by 3 excellent teams.

Our teams spoke on the subjects of: Cats V Dogs; whether nurses should get paid the same as footballers; and The Internet.

We are proud of all of the competitors, and of the student who co-hosted the event confidently and efficiently.

We are delighted to take home first place and our team will now go forward into the next round next month.

Our thanks go to the Rotary Club for running such an exciting competition and all of the staff and parents who have given their support to us.

Well done Team St Dunstan's!



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Milkshake with the Head - Year 9

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. Ben AP, Molly B, Bebe-Willow B, Alpha C, Saffron F, Evie-Rose F, Tia HK, Raeven I, Cody M, Alex T
Well done to all!

DT Practical Competition

GCSE DT students have been working hard to create a finger joint pine box in their lessons recently. The competition was judged on Friday and we are pleased to announce the winners as follows:

Luthfia S in 1st place

Edward M in 2nd place

Elise H 3rd place

A huge well done to all students. We are very proud of all of your efforts - they look great!



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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.



Year 7 Cake Sale

Some of our wonderful Year 7 students baked and brought in some delicious cakes to sell at a cake sale today. This was to raise money for Secret World Wildlife Rescue.

The tutor groups aim to sponsor 4 different animals being cared for by the charity. The students raised a fantastic £169.15!

We are so proud of you and the TRACK values you have displayed today and for showing great kindness.

Well done!



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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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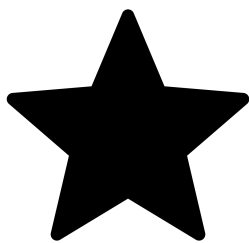


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



100%
Attendance

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

