

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



14.06.24

NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:
**Empathy
and
International
Refugee Day**

Here we are - enjoying 'flaming June'! The weather really needs to give itself a good talking to doesn't it?

It has been great to see Year 11 today as they finish the last exam that they will do as a whole year group. We are very proud of the way they have conducted themselves throughout the exam season and we look forward to seeing them on 4th July for the Leavers' Assembly in the morning and the Prom in the evening.

I was delighted to hear that so many of our students have been shortlisted for the Frome Writing Collective Young Writer Competition. Well done to all - we look forward to hearing the final results. It is also lovely to see the beautiful bookmarks designed by students.

Our Year 7 trip to Normandy is well under way and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

We are also looking forward to Sports Day later this term, our school production of Aladdin (it's exciting to see the 'meet the cast' notes), the PTA carboot sale (don't miss it!) and, of course, Enrichment Week.

The next few weeks will fly by - I know we will enjoy the rest of term. To ensure that we do have a positive time until the holidays, please remind your children that mobile phones should not be seen or heard, that trainers and leggings should not be worn to school and that they should be punctual to school and lessons with the right equipment.

Finally, a reminder that we are closed to students on Friday 28th June - everyone should be in as normal from the 24th - 27th and back in as normal on Monday 1st July. We finish for the summer at 3.15 on 19th July.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Bevan

Coming soon:

- School closed on 28th June
- Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom 4th July
- Sports' Day 5th July
- PTA Car Boot Sale 7th July
- Aladdin 10th 11th July
- End of term 19th July at 3.15pm

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Year 11 exams

Well done Year 11 who have just had their last whole cohort exam. We've been really proud of the way our students have conducted themselves over the course of this exam period.

There are still 2 exams remaining: Food & Statistics.

St Dunstan's is running a revision session on Monday at 10:10 before the Statistics Exam and we will run a Food revision session at 09:10 on Tuesday.

Please remind your child to sign in at reception if they are taking one of these exams.

Good luck for the final two exams, you're almost there!



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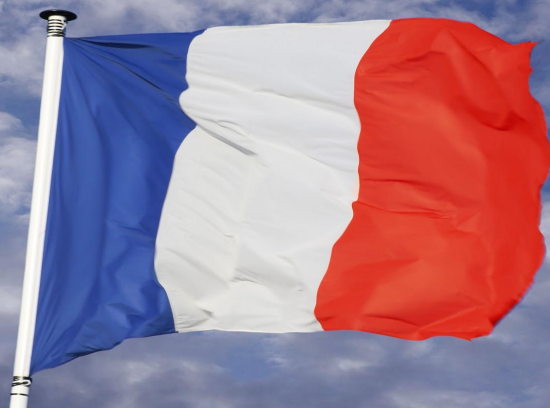
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French trip update

Staff and students have arrived safely in France!
They've spent their first night at their hotel, have visited Pegasus Bridge and been out for a nice evening meal. We love seeing all their smiling faces, even though we miss them all at school, and can't wait for more updates through the trip.



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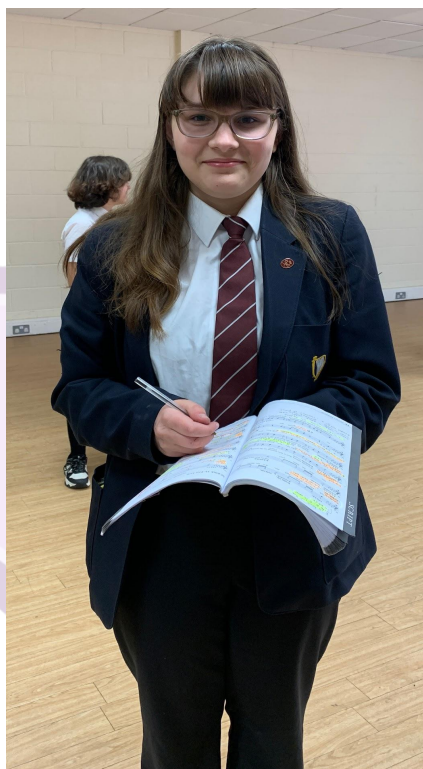


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Show Update

The weeks are flying by and the cast are busy working incredibly hard to put on our first production at St Dunstan's in many years. The performers are working hard at learning lines, rehearsing dance routines, practising the songs and knowing where they should be on stage. And we have a team of backstage crew beavering away preparing costumes, painting scenery, building set, designing makeup and finding props. A huge thank you to everyone for all your hard work on this, we appreciate everything you are doing to put on this show.



This week in rehearsals Rosalyn (Assistant Director) choreographed the song 'High Adventure', which is not a well-known song from the musical, but is vital in showing how Aladdin's friends help him when he gets in trouble. Don't miss out on the chance to see it!

This week we are introducing more of our Year 10 Drama students who have taken on extra responsibility to be part of our staging crew...



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Introducing the cast of Aladdin...

Felicity- Stage Manager



Hello, I'm Felicity and I'm the Stage Manager for Aladdin. I'm also a GCSE Drama student so this is a great opportunity for me to feel confident in a group of people doing the same thing as me. Being Stage Manager I understand the acting industry and would like to keep working in an acting business and helping with performances.



Introducing the cast of Aladdin...

Edward- Lighting Designer



Hello, I'm Ed and I am the Lighting Designer for the performance. I am a GCSE Drama student and a regular participant at Drama club. I have to say that Drama club is the best club that I have gone to so far. I really enjoy being part of the cast of Aladdin Jr because of the responsibility that comes with a project like this. I am looking forward getting back into the studio next week to realise my designs.



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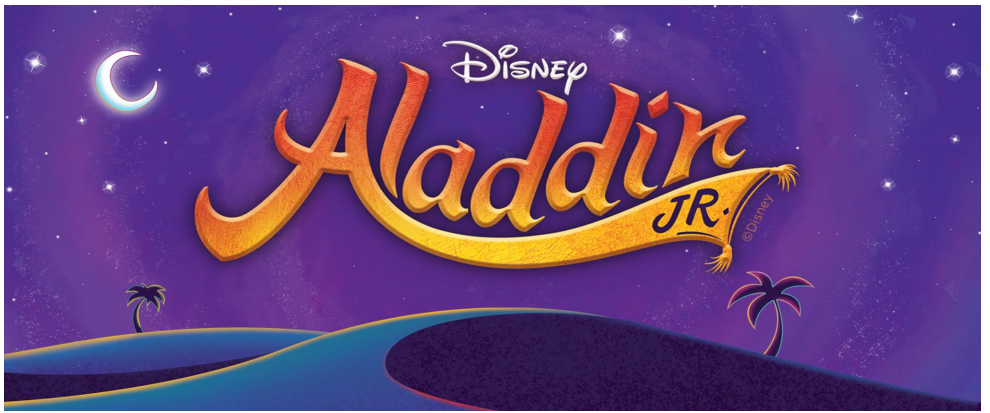
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Next week we will be introducing you to Genie, Jafar and Iago!

Next week's rehearsals are
Wednesday 19th June 3:15- 5:00pm
Thursday 20th June 3:15-5:00pm
All in the Drama Studio.

Coming soon ... information will be released soon about how you can get your hands on tickets for Aladdin Jr- Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July at 6pm.

Don't miss it!

Aladdin Costumes

Are you a budding Costume Designer? Do you have any excess or old material that you don't use anymore?

We are looking for shiny, sparkly and bright materials that you no longer have use for to help us create costumes for our production. Any type of good material is welcome.

Please see Mrs Pulford or Mrs Hopton



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Library Bookmark Competition

We have had a wonderful array of bookmark entries, as you can see above, from our very talented students. Firstly, thank you all for your entries! They will all be sold at the PTA Car Boot Sale to raise money for new books for the library! (7th July)

The winning bookmarks will go on display in the library, but scanned versions will be available to buy, so you won't miss out!

Now, time for the announcements...

Congratulations to our three winners:

Molly B in Year 9

Boe Q and Hymala C in Year 7

Winning Tutor Group with the most entries:

Mrs Manning's Year 7s!



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Our joint winners...

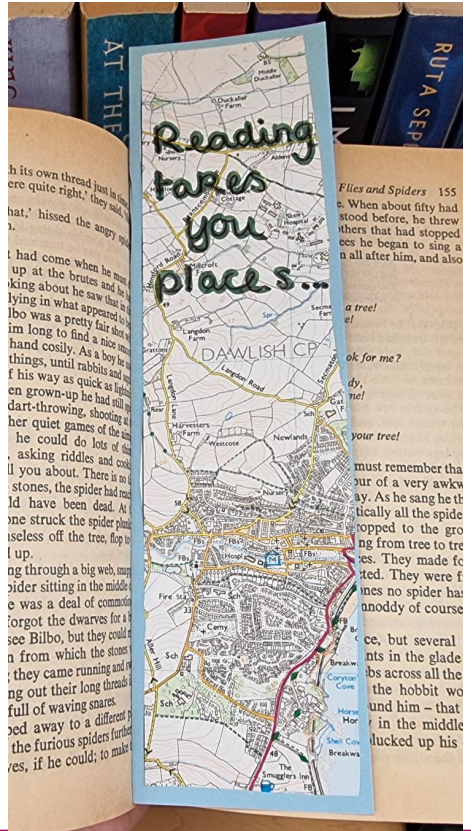
Boe's Butterfly



Molly's Ocean



Hymala's Adventure



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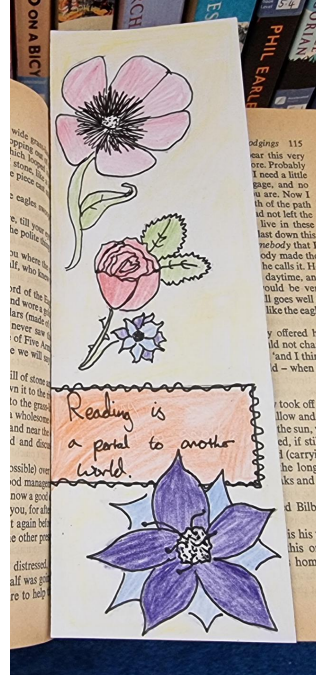
Some of our amazing runners-up...



Hazel G's Collage

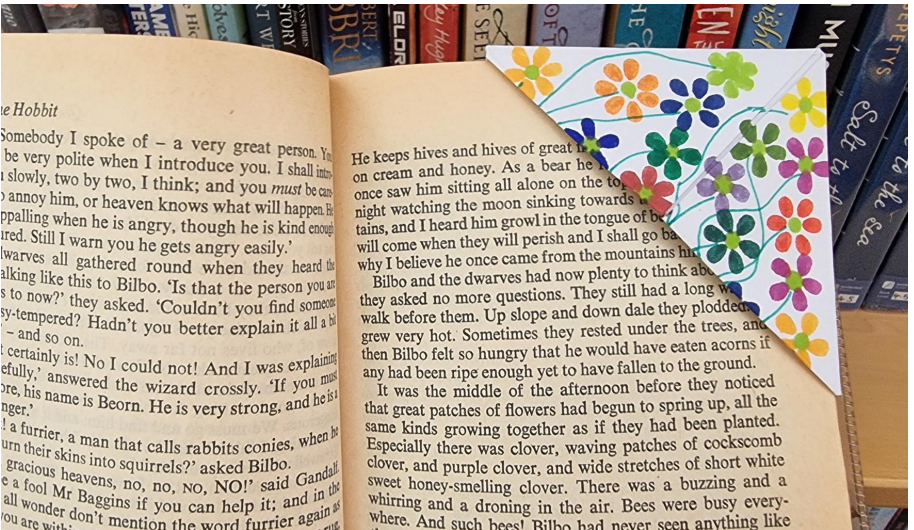


Maggie H's Mushrooms



Penelope C-V's Flowers

Evie-Rose G's Corner Piece



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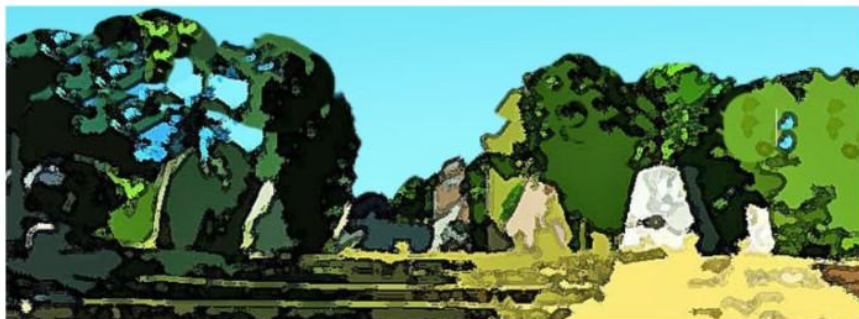


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FESTIVAL SHORT STORY COMPETITION PRIZE-GIVING



Bring a picnic and hear the results of the FWC Writers in Residence and Frome Young Writers' Awards announced. Author and editor, Kylie Fitzpatrick, will then present the Short Story Competition prizes. Winning stories read.

SUNDAY 14 JULY | 13.30-15.30
Ecos Stage | Free | Festival no.1405

Writing success

We have had a lot of success in the Frome Writing Collective Young Writer Competition 2024!

In the **11-15 category** we have had multiple students shortlisted...

Well done to Bella P, Caspar M, Tilly J, William C and Hazel G!

Shortlisted for the **16-21 category** were Rebekah and Eiren, well done!

The winners will be announced on Sunday 14th July in Frome, so come along and support if you can.

Huge well done to our talented writers and good luck!



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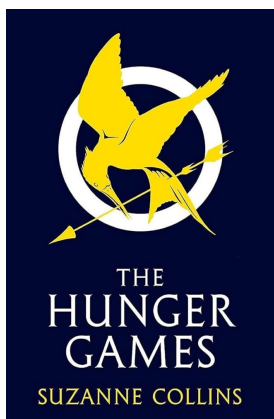
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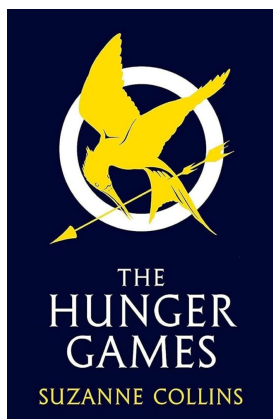


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The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Review by Boe Q



Brief Plot Summary:

Every year one boy and one girl are chosen to take their place in the annual Hunger Games. This happens in Districts One to Twelve, Twelve being where our main character Katniss Everdeen lives. After her sister Primrose Everdeen is elected, Katniss volunteers to take her place with her fellow tribute, Peeta Mellark (the best character in my opinion!) to fight to the death with only one rule in the arena...kill or be killed! Every year one winner is announced, but can a "love story" break the rules?

Why you did or didn't like the book?

I absolutely loved this book! The descriptions in the book are amazing and I felt like I was in the arena at times. The fact that this amazing world of a story came out of someone's head is incredible. The survival in this book is amazing. I could *hear* Katniss' heart beating in the most tense moments. The empathy I have for the characters is amazing. I don't think I've ever been glued to a book this much, *ever*. I could not put it down.

What would you change about the book?

The length...it needs to be longer! Luckily I'm already reading the second book! so... 'may the odds be ever in your favour!' (Effie Trinket)



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Can you help by nominating us?

Now that we're reorganising and revamping our library, we could do with all the help we can get! St Dunstan's has been without a school librarian for close to a decade, so our library needs a bit of extra love, and now that we have Mrs Morris in the post, we can give it just that! We really want to get new and exciting books for the library and with your help, we might be able to!

Nominate your school to win £1,000 and #rebuildthelibrary

This summer, our big schools prize has returned, offering five schools the chance to win £1,000 in National Book Tokens and a year's free membership to the School Library Association; PLUS one overall winner will also receive £500 to help them create a fun and welcoming library space for all.

Nominate a school and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also receive a £100 National Book Tokens gift card to spend in your favourite bookshop.



Nominate a school

If you go onto the National Book Tokens website, there is a link to vote for the School Prize, and you'll even be in with a chance of winning a £100 book voucher yourself!

If you name us as 'St Dunstan's School, Glastonbury' it'll make sure the entry knows it is us and not another St Dunstan's!

Thank you in advance, we're very grateful for your help!

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize>



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BenFest postponed until Monday!

All the best to the students now performing at BenFest on Monday 17th June at St Benedict's School. It was originally today but the weather had other plans. If you are able to go along to support our students and local Primary School then please do. It starts at 5pm and there will be performances from Amber and Lottie in Year 9, and Alfie, Joe, Mati and Stanley in Year 11 plus performances from the students of St Benedict's and local music groups.

BENFEST

Monday 17th June*

AT ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL
5PM-9PM

£2 ENTRY
U15'S FREE

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!
bouncy castle
ice cream van
bbq
cake auction
a variety of stalls
bar
live music
and much more!



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Charity Netball Match

Congratulations to the staff and Year 11 students who participated in a charity netball match to raise money for the MND Association. Well done to the Year 11's who organised this, you raised £53.55 for this incredibly important cause! You should be very proud of yourselves.



awarded to

St Dunstan School


for the invaluable support shown for
people with motor neurone disease


By fundraising and donating £53.55 to the MND
Association

Huge thanks for your amazing support!

20/05/2024

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Roll up, roll up!

The PTA Car Boot Sale is on Sunday 7th July.

Get in touch if you'd like to hire a table. What better way to kick off the summer than with a clear out to make some money!



CAR BOOT SALE @ ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL

**SUNDAY 7TH JULY 9AM - 1PM
(SELLERS FROM 8AM)
£8 CARS, £13 VANS IF YOU
PRE-BOOK BY 5/7/24.
£10, CARS, £15 VANS ON THE
DAY**

ST DUNSTANS SCHOOL, WELLS ROAD,
GLASTONBURY, BA6 9BY,
WHAT 3 WORDS:
///FRIES.REFLECTED.EVIDENTLY
TO BOOK:
STDUNSTANSCOMMUNITYPTA@GMAIL.COM

**TABLE HIRE
CASH ONLY £12 INC £10 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT**

Parking on Wells Road

We have again had complaints from residents about parents parking inappropriately on Wells Road at the start and/or end of the day. This includes parking in residents' only spaces, parking dangerously, parking on no parking lines and so on. The residents are likely to inform the police about these violations - please only stop on the road for a few moments to drop off or pick up. Thank you.



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June is Pride Month!

Pride month is about acceptance, equality, celebrating the work of LGBTQ+ individuals and raising awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community.

It also calls for people to remember how damaging homophobia was and still can be.

Pride is a celebration of people coming together in love and friendship, to show how far LGBTQ+ rights have come and how there's still lots of work to be done.

Whether you're part of the LGBTQ+ community or not, it is up to all of us to celebrate love in all forms, and make sure the world is accepting and welcoming of everyone.

To find out more, please visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52872693>



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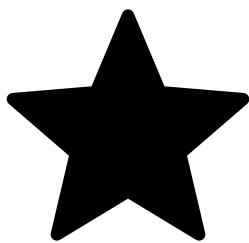


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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

