St Dunstan's School
GLASTONBURY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21.06.24

Another packed week has drawn to an end - and we have finally had some proper sunny weather!

It is great to see this newsletter getting longer each week; a testament to how much is going on - both in and out of school - each week.

I echo the comments about how well Year 11 have conducted themselves during the exam season; it only seems the blink of an eye since we welcomed them for their Year 6 transition day! We are all looking forward to seeing them for their leavers' assembly and Prom as well as, of course, results day in August. Enjoy a well earned rest over the next few weeks Year 11 - we wish you every success for the future. Thank you to Ms Rigby-Jones for her impeccable organisation of the exams - I see how much work goes on behind the scenes and how meticulous the planning is that goes into it all; we had a visit from an exams inspector this week who was extremely complimentary and we passed with flying colours as a result of Ms RIgby-Jones' hard work and attention to detail.

The Normandy trip was a great success and Year 7 clearly had a great time. Thank you to Mrs Easterbrook, Mr Norris and Ms Sheppard for giving students such a wonderful experience.

It is wonderful to see DT practical lessons in full swing - Mr Pridham is certainly settled in and the room is abuzz with activity!

We are all very excited about the upcoming production of Aladdin Jr. It is great to see students' enthusiasm about rehearsals - thank you to Mrs Hopton and Mrs Pulford for all they are doing to prepare students for their performance; don't forget to buy your tickets!

We are also looking forward to the PTA car boot sale on 7th July. Our PTA work tirelessly to raise funds for the school and we are very grateful for all they do.

I have run out of space there is so much going on - enjoy reading about it in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Bevan

NEXT WEEK ASSEMBLY FOCUS:

Expectations and Healthy Relationships

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

Click here for Extra-Curricular Activities

Click here for term dates

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 11
GCSE exams are over!

Our 2024 GCSE exam season is now over!

Well done to all the Food students who were the final group to sit their exam today.

A huge thank you goes to our exams officer, Mrs Rigby-Jones, who has coordinated all the exams, the amazing invigilating team and support staff over the past few weeks.

The exam team have now moved on to the Year 10 mock exams. Good luck Year 10!

Year 11 we're so proud of you getting through all of your GCSE exams and you should be very proud of yourselves! Well done to you all!

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Donations needed!

If any Year 11 students have any school uniform or PE kit in good condition (particularly blazers!) we would be very grateful if you would be willing to donate it to our spare collection. Revision guides would also be appreciated if you no longer need them.

Items can be dropped at reception - please make sure anything that you donate to us is in a bag and clean!

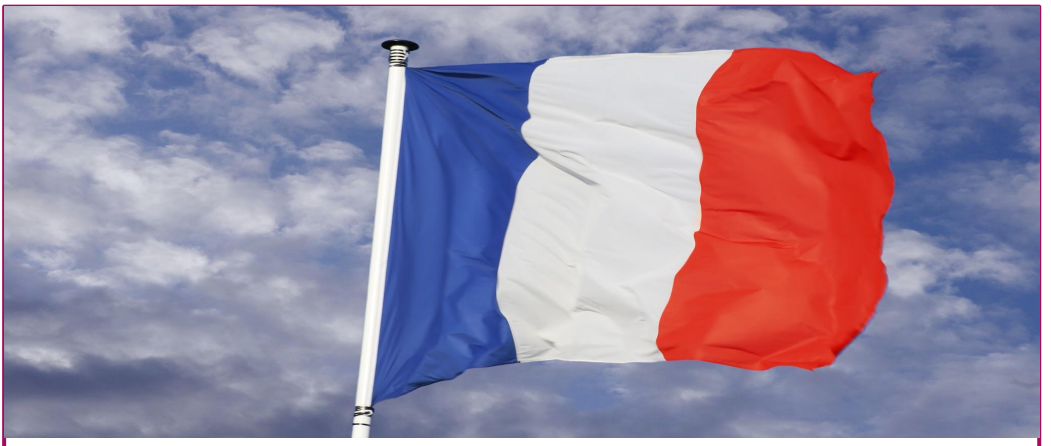
Thank you very much!

Milkshake with the Head - Year 7

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.

Names: Jasmine A, Penny CV, Noah F, Romeo F, Jake M, Aimee M, Caspar M, Toby M, Joshua M

Well done to all!



Normandy trip

Students were a delight as we visited numerous historical sites in Normandy last weekend. It was great to see the 80 year D Day celebrations. We visited Pegasus Bridge, British Cemetery, Mont St Michel, Bayeux Market and Cathedral as well as Arromanches. The highlight was tobogganing! Students utilised their French and ordered ice creams. It was a pleasure to take them.

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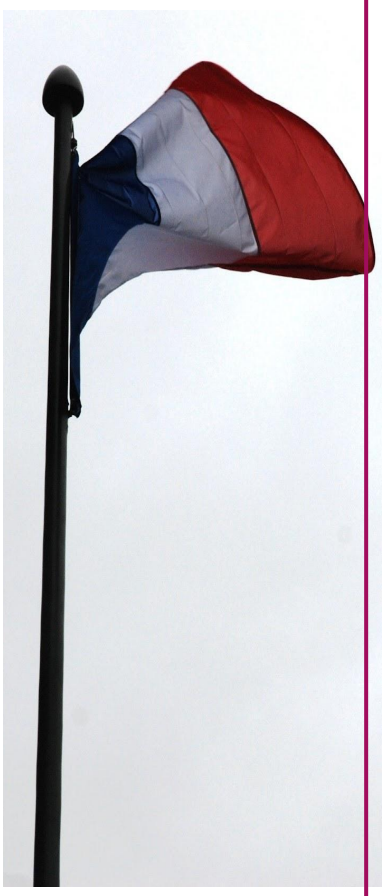

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Geography Field Trip

Year 10 Geography students enjoyed a fantastic day in Bristol at the start of the week.

They were investigating whether the regeneration has improved the dockland area.

Students showed great maturity and resilience when completing their fieldwork and conducting surveys and questionnaires.

Well done everyone, we are proud of you all!

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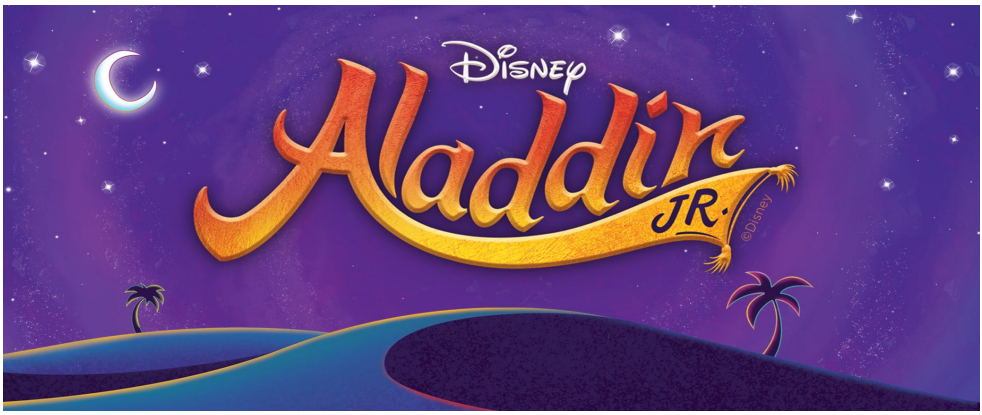

In three weeks the School Production of Aladdin will be finished! The next few weeks will be hectic, preparing the stage, lighting, costumes and set to be ready for opening night of Wednesday 10th July!

A big thank you to the PTA who are a huge support to the Performing Arts department, always providing refreshments for performance evenings and raising money through the Tesco Blue Token scheme to help us buy props, set materials and sound equipment.
This week our scarves arrived and the cast were excited to try them out in rehearsals.

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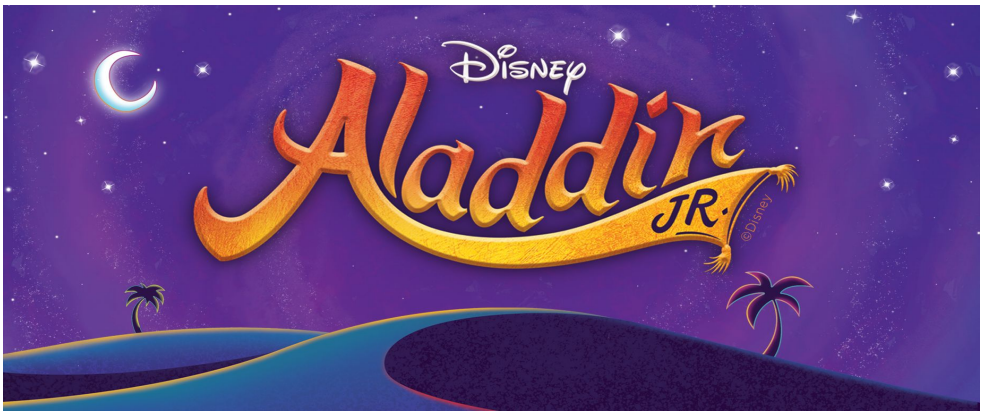

Some more cast

Introducing the cast of Aladdin...

Oliver- Jafar

Greetings mere mortals.
I am Oliver and I have taken on the role of the formidable Jafar in the School Production of Aladdin. As Jafar I am enjoying being the character that everyone fears.
I am looking forward to causing havoc within Aladdin's fairytale dream of being a prince with my little sidekick Iago.

Introducing the cast of Aladdin...

Harrison- Iago

Hello, my name is Harrison and on stage I play Iago. I'm looking forward to performing in Aladdin as I enjoy rehearsing at school and at home. I am in year 8 and hope to join in future school productions in the next few years.
I only have experience of one production previously in Year 6 which I quite enjoyed. I picked to audition for Iago because I felt like I'd be good at quite a comical character and because I didn't want a role that had too many lines to learn!

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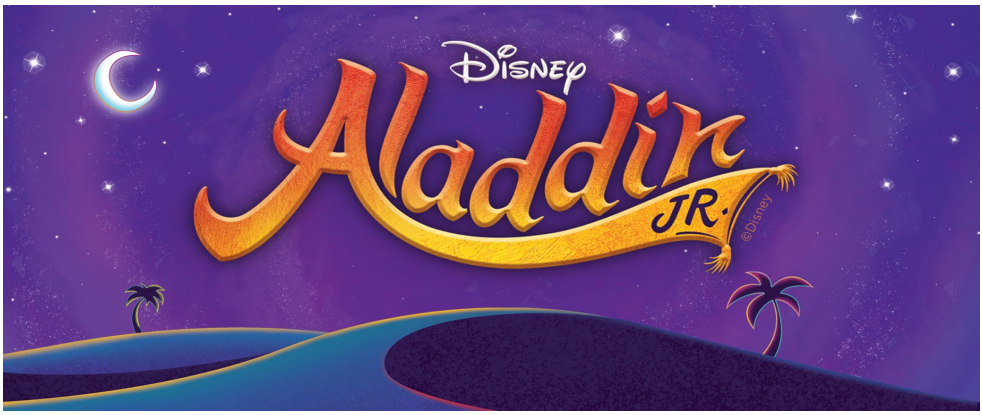

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Freya- Genie

Hello, I'm Freya and I'm playing the role of the magical Genie. It's fun being the all powerful genie despite the itty bitty living space!
I'm enjoying the singing, acting and dancing come together on stage with the whole cast.
Can't wait to see you all- Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July at 6pm!

Excited yet? Well you don't have long to wait....

<u>Ticket information</u>
Tickets will be on sale next week from Thursday.

<u>Rehearsals next week</u>
Wednesday 3:15- 5:00pm
Thursday 3:15- 5:00pm

Yoto Carnegie Shadowing Awards 2024

This week our Carnegie group got together to live stream the awards ceremony, announcing the winners of this year's competition. After weeks of reading, it was brilliant to be able to see the culmination of our efforts, and our votes. Though we voted for *The Song Walker* by Zillah Bethell, which was not the winner of the day, some of our group were still incredibly pleased with the outcome, as their favourite books won…

The winner of the Yoto Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Medal for Writing was *Crossing the Line*, by Tia Fisher. It is a book based on a true story, about teenagers swept up into county lines. It challenged and excited young readers who voted it as their favourite!

The overall winner of the Carnegie Medal for Writing was Joseph Coelho for his 'beautifully descriptive' novel, written in verse, *The Boy Lost in the Maze*. The story portrays a boy's journey into manhood and "cleverly integrates" the ancient legacy of the Minotaur with the contemporary journey of a teenager searching for his biological father.

We loved being able to read and vote and are already looking forward to next year's competition.

If anyone wants to read any of the books from the Carnegie shortlist, including the winners, they will all be available in the library from next week!

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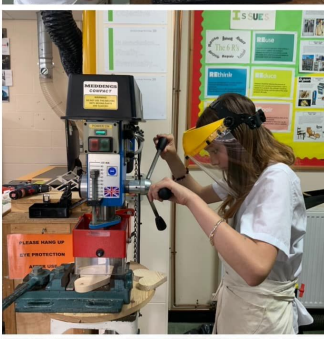
Year 7 Design Technology

Year 7 have been getting ‘hands on’ in the DT workshop, creating mobile phone stands.

From considering the most effective design, to constructing a useful product, the students in 7KGR and 7JMA have been learning how to safely work with machinery and tools.

With the core values of community and ambition in mind, we enjoyed surveying their learning and hearing all about how exciting Design Technology is!



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Year 5 Transition Afternoon

This week we were joined by Year 5 students from several of our local primary schools.

Students spent a packed afternoon with us and experienced a taste of Secondary School in three brilliant workshops around the theme of celebrating summer.

Year 5 threw themselves into the afternoon with gusto and were a credit to their schools. We hope they enjoyed their experience - we certainly enjoyed spending the day with them.

Well done Year 5 and thank you to their teachers, and ours, for making the afternoon so successful.

Calculating Success

Miss Kench, Bobby, and Mr Ranger, Headteacher of St Benedict's.

Miss Kench (Maths teacher at St Dunstan's, and Governor at St Benedict's) visited St Benedict's School in Glastonbury this week to give the Maths Department's prize of a **new Casio fx85 GTCW scientific calculator** to winner Bobby C in Year 6. The prize was for winning the St Dunstan's Maths department's competition during Open Evening in September.

The competition was to name the lowest integer that no-one else named (entries were put on a piece of paper, and then put in a sealed box). Bobby won this with "17" (all other lower numbers appeared more than once). Well done Bobby!

The **Casio fx85 GTCW** is the recommended calculator for all students at St Dunstan's (the slightly cheaper **Casio fx83 GTCW** is the same calculator, just as good, but without a solar panel). The previous models (Casio fx83 GTX and Casio fx85 GTX) are being superseded by the new GTCW model, so while there is absolutely no need to buy a new GTCW if a student already has a GTX, we would recommend that anyone new to scientific calculators buys a GTCW.

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Junior Mathematical Challenge

Thursday 25 April 2024

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*Here are the official UKMT **answers** from the Junior Qs*

25. **A** Let the number of right-handed pupils be r and the number of left-handed students be l.
As one-fifth of the students have blue eyes, the number of students having blue eyes is $\frac{r+l}{5}$.
Therefore $\frac{l}{10}+\frac{r}{4}=\frac{r+l}{5}$. Multiplying both sides by 20 gives $2l+5r=4l+4r$, that is $r=2l$.
Hence the total number of students is $3l$, one-third of whom are left-handed.

Maths Challenge questions- how did you get on?? BTW - this is just one explanation - there are often multiple methods of finding the correct answer!

10. In Fred's field there are some humans and some horses.
There are 25 heads in total and 60 legs in total.
What is the difference between the number of humans and the number of horses?

A 3 B 7 C 9 D 11 E 15

10. **E** If all those in Fred's field were humans then there would be 25 heads and 50 legs. If one human is replaced by a horse, the number of heads is unchanged but the number of legs increases by 2. Therefore, as there is a total of 60 legs, the number of horses in the field is $(60-50)\div 2=5$. So there are 20 humans and the required difference is $20-5=15$.

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The digits 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8 are to be placed in the grid above, one to a cell, to make a correct mathematical statement. Which number should come immediately after the division sign?

A 1 B 2 C 3 D 5 E 8

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14. **E** Clearly the divisor (the number immediately after the division sign) in the calculation is not 1 as the result would then be a two-digit number. If the divisor is 2, then the dividend (the number to be divided) could be 18, 38 or 58. However, in each of these cases the final result would be a two-digit number, so the divisor is not 2. If the divisor is 3, then the only calculations which produce a single-digit final result are $12 \div 3 + 5 = 9 \neq 8$; $15 \div 3 + 2 = 7 \neq 8$ and $18 \div 3 + 2 = 8 \neq 5$, so all are incorrect. The divisor cannot be 5 as no two digits from 1, 2, 3, 8 can form a multiple of 5. If the divisor is 8, then the only possibility for the dividend is 32 and $32 \div 8 + 1 = 5$ is indeed correct.

19. Jokers always lie.
Clowns always tell the truth.
A group of four, each of whom is a Joker or a Clown, make the following statements about each other:
P says, "Q always lies"; Q says, "R always lies";
R says, "P always tells the truth"; S says, "Exactly two of P, Q and R are Jokers".
How many of P, Q, R and S are Clowns?

A 0 B 1 C 2 D 3 E 4

19. **C** We first consider the veracity of the statements, assuming that P is a Clown. Then it is true that Q always lies, so Q is a Joker. Q's statement is therefore false, which means that R is a Clown and this fact is consistent with R's statement. However, this means that S's statement is false, so S is a Joker.
Now assume that P is a Joker. Then the statement, "Q always lies" is false, which means that Q is a Clown. The statement that R always lies is therefore true, which means that R is a Joker and this fact is consistent with R's statement. So, in this case, S is telling the truth. Therefore S is a Clown.
Although the above means that we cannot deduce whether any specific one of the four is a Clown or a Joker, we can deduce that exactly two of them are Clowns and the other two are Jokers.

25. In a school, one fifth of the students have blue eyes. One tenth of the left-handed students have blue eyes. One quarter of the right-handed students have blue eyes. What fraction of the students are left-handed?

A $\frac{1}{3}$ B $\frac{1}{4}$ C $\frac{1}{5}$ D $\frac{1}{8}$ E $\frac{1}{10}$

These are the answers from our maths questions two weeks ago..... How did you do?

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 school.

Thank you, we're very grateful for your help! Deadline is July 31st so we're still in with a shot. It is a randomly generated winner so the more entries we have in the pot, the better our chances of winning.

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

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!

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.

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	Be in to win - 100% attendance will be rewarded with TRACK Stars and chance to win Amazon vouchers
100% Attendance	82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+
95%+ Attendance	77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+
92-93% Attendance	53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+
Below 90% Attendance	43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+
96% Attendance	This is the target equalling at most 8 days off per year
Absences add up	Missing 2 days per month means you miss 10% of school