

St Dunstan's Bulletin

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Welcome to Issue 2

It's been a busy couple of weeks since the last bulletin. Many exciting events have taken place and even more are coming up over the next two weeks; watch this space!

We were delighted to see so many people here during Open Day and in the evening - when there was standing room only; it was great to hear from our students about how much they enjoy being at St Dunstan's. Feedback from prospective parents and students was overwhelmingly positive; we look forward to seeing year 6 students for a range of events over the coming year and then welcoming them in September. Mr Howard, Headteacher

Bags of Help



We are delighted to announce that St Dunstan's has bagged £4000 from Tesco's 'Bags of Help' initiative. Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community scheme, which sees grants raised from carrier bag sales being awarded to thousands of local projects every year. We are extremely grateful to the local community for voting in store and enabling us to become the lead recipient of the funding. Work will now begin on bringing the project to life. We will keep you updated with progress.



Children in Need comes to St Dunstan's!

In yet more exciting news for the school, we will be having a visit from Amy Williams, Olympic Gold medallist on Thursday October 19th as part of a fundraising day for Children in Need in conjunction with the BBC and Lloyds Bank. St Dunstan's has been selected to be part of the event because of our fantastic record of fundraising for Children in Need every year.



Snowdrops!

We are also delighted to announce that we are participating in the Shepton Mallet Snowdrop Festival being run by the Shepton Mallet Horticultural Society. St Dunstan's will have approximately 500 bulbs planted at the front of the school. The bulbs will be planted by the Student Council and should look spectacular in the Spring. Photos to follow!

Eavis Day

As part of our fundraising activities, Eavis House will be running a range of activities on Friday 20th October—remember to bring your pennies!

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A Huge THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Monika from Aldi in Glastonbury for donating a substantial amount of baking equipment to our Food Technology department. The students are looking forward to using it, especially in the upcoming Great St Dunstan's Bake Off in term 2. Thank you, Miss Tourle

Drama Project with Millfield

4th October saw the Drama Club's first trip to Millfield for a joint drama project. 15 students from across the year groups are involved in this venture. A great time was had by all, including warm up drama games, planning the concept for the Christmas show and getting to know each other. This project will run until 29th November and will culminate in a slot in Millfield's Christmas show on 4th December to which parents will be invited.

Millfield will also be putting on a performance of the Crucible which we strongly encourage all drama students to attend as it is their set text for GCSE. Tickets will be free.

Operation Christmas Box

Mrs Lewis has already had 20 boxes completed and wrapped. Please keep your donations coming. Volunteers to wrap and fill boxes are needed at lunchtimes on Monday week A—a large collection of goodies and boxes is building up so all help would be very welcome.

Sport at St Dunstan's

The maroon army continues to thrive!
YEAR 7 AND 8 RUGBY v HUISH EPISCOPI

Huish 30 - 35 St Dunstan's

A fantastic win on the road for the maroon army, who fought every inch for the harp badge with sheer passion and pride to overcome a very strong Huish side. With only 5 year 8s playing, the year 7s who stepped up did a cracking job and brought the game home with some mouth-watering rugby. Stand-out performers include; Rohun, Jones, Bentley, Tomlinson and Andrews.

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL Vs MILLFIELD

St Dunstan's 4-4 Millfield

The year 10s warmed up for their National Cup game next week with a home tie against Millfield. The next focus is on Monday's Cup tie at home to The Bridgwater Academy and there were many positives and learning points to take from today's draw. Well done boys



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Mendip Area Primary Schools' Football Tournament

What a feast of football with 6 local primary schools battling it out to take the silverware home to their school. The highly competitive tournament went down to last game, with 3 schools still in with a chance of winning it. Fairlands took the spoils finishing 1 point ahead of both St Benedict's and West Pennard in 2nd and 3rd respectively. Brookside, Hugh Sexey's and Elmhurst finished 4th, 5th and 6th respectively.

The games were officiated very professionally by St Dunstan's GCSE students. Well done to all of them and thank you for helping with the refreshments for staff, parents and players.

The tournament was an outstanding success played in a fantastic spirit with everyone representing their school in a perfect light. Well done everyone—we are already looking forward to next year's event!

National Poetry Day

Year 7 and 8 were treated to poetry workshops with a real live poet on 28th September! Coral Rumble, a former teacher and now full time poet gave a talk to both year groups about her love of poetry and how she became a poet. She then ran workshops for both year groups where students developed their understanding of how to find a starting point for a poem followed by developing their ideas into poems using the techniques Coral showed them. The workshops were great fun and the students amazed us with their creative ideas. Students will be carrying on with their poems in their English lessons.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our Head Girl, Gemma, organised a very successful cake sale in school as part of the annual Big Coffee Morning for Macmillan. Many students purchased cake and helped raise lots of money. Well done to everyone who helped out or bought cakes!



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