

# St Dunstan's Bulletin

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## Welcome to Issue 4

We have had another exciting term here at St Dunstan's. Events such as the drama project with Millfield have come to fruition, the Great St Dunstan's Bake Off has taken place and Year 11 have completed their mock exams. At the end of November we had our third monitoring inspection by Ofsted, who were very impressed at the progress the school has made in all areas. Students, staff and parents should be very proud of the progress made and the improvements seen. We need to further embed the recent changes in Maths and SEND over the next term, but I am hopeful for a change in grading at their next visit to 'Good'.

As we progress towards the end of term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Mr Howard

## The Great St Dunstan's Bake Off

The annual Great St Dunstan's Bake Off took place here this week. As always there was a great turn out of students ranging from year 7 to year 10. Reigning champion Amber Chapman was there to compete for her title for a third year. The theme was 'anything seasonal'. Students cooked an array of dishes in the two hour time limit including: Two-tiered Chocolate Orange Christmas Cake, Chocolate and Pomegranate Torte, Game Pie and Reindeer Cupcakes.

Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Tucker had the difficult job of judging the show stopping dishes. Second place went to year 8 students AJ Govier and Macey Clarke who baked beautiful Apple Roses and joint first place went to Flora Tucker who baked Seasonal Fruit Tarts with Crème Patisserie and Rebecca Shaw who cooked a Chocolate Yule Log with Mini Gingerbread Men; both students are in year 10.

All students worked incredibly well under the pressure of the kitchen and achieved outstanding results. They should be really proud of themselves just like I am very proud of all students who took part. Well done! Miss Tourle



## Year 10 Houses of Parliament Trip



The recent Year 10 trip to London and the Houses of Parliament was very exciting. We met our local MP, James Heapey, and we asked lots of questions regarding social mobility, Brexit and school funding. We also had the opportunity to watch debates in the House of Commons and The House of Lords.

After we had finished exploring the Houses of Parliament, we walked the short distance to the London Eye. We watched a short 4D clip of the London Eye experience before excitedly stepping aboard the London Eye itself. Many of the students were cautious at first because of the sheer height of the attraction, but eventually we all managed to take some great photos. After this we had the opportunity to buy a souvenir before heading back to the coach. All in all it was a great day.

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## Drama Project with Millfield

Monday 4th December saw the culmination of all the hard work put into creating a joint Christmas drama performance. St Dunstan's students performed three short pieces inspired by Dickens' A Christmas Carol—they treated us to a hilarious Christmas Past, a tense family Christmas Present and a sci-fi inspired Christmas Future. The performances were very impressive; confident students who were not at all fazed by a full theatre. The students were able to make use of Millfield's green screen facility which added an extra dimension to their performances. Following the St Dunstan's performances, the Year 3 pupils from Elmhurst Primary School gave rousing renditions of a range of Christmas songs they had been rehearsing with Millfield A level students. It was a wonderful experience all round. Very well done to Romano Ghirardello, Jack Williams, Lottie Kennedy, AJ Govier, Amber Chapman, Dan Humphries, Megan Curtis, Anwyn Johnson, Heather Corivdae, Lexie Ellison, Flora Tucker, Rebecca Shaw, Talle Hancock, Poppy Holt and Ophelia Bevilacqua.

## Snowdrops

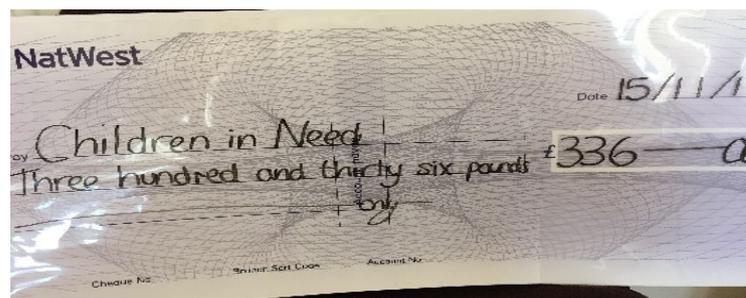


Mrs Gregory and her tutor group have done a sterling job of planting 500 snowdrop bulbs. A small group of enthusiastic volunteers have been out with a dibber to ensure that we have a beautiful display in the spring. We can't wait to see them!

## Children In Need

Claire Carter and Pudsey visited the school on November 8th as part of "The Great Wellington Walk" fundraiser. Much excitement was generated when they came into our whole school assembly where our Head Boy and Girl presented Claire with a cheque for £336.00.

Year 11 students Rose Wedlock, Lottie Morris and Ailsa Johnson-Moore organised a further fundraiser featuring Pudsey and Blush. Students were asked to guess Pudsey's favourite holiday destination, Blush's favourite chocolate and to guess the number of Skittles in a Pudsey mug. The winners were Lizzie Tucker (Pudsey) Ms Sheppard (Blush) and Amy Wade (Pudsey mug). Well done to all who took part—the competition raised a further £64.70 for Children in Need



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## Sport at St Dunstan's

Football @WhitstoneYEAR 8 Whitstone 1-1 St Dunstan's

A really competitive game, with both sides demonstrating some great football, but also squandering some good chances. The St Dunstan's boys had 5 year 7s playing who did remarkably well. The goal came from Liam S.

YEAR 9 Whitstone 1-2 St Dunstan's

St Dunstan's came from behind to win through goals from Nicholas M and George C. Some great football in a game which could have gone either way, but, thankfully. went the way of the harp army.

Man of the Match- Nicholas M. Well done both teams! Mr Conway

Year 7 Mendip Hockey Tournament

7 very enthusiastic and lively Year 7s travelled over to Wells Blue last night to represent St Dunstan's in the Mendip Hockey Tournament. Fairlands, Selwood, Wells Blue, Crispin, Hugh Sexey's and Oakfield all entered the tournament so the competition was tough. The girls were nervous to start but were soon driving to keep the ball away from their goal and put pressure on the other team. Fantastic saves by Annie D having never been goalie before, well done!!

Good work Lily.H for being the captain ... luck was on her side; she always managed to win the toss!!! Eve, Paige and Annie all successfully got woman of the match. However, everyone played superbly and, despite the cold, seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Well done year 7!



## Austen Christmas Fair

**Austen House will be holding a Christmas Fair on Thursday 14th December**

to raise money for Asthma UK. Please be sure to bring lots of pennies to help the students raise as much as possible.

## Christmas Jumper Day

**Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 15th December**—pay £1 to wear your Christmas jumper with your school uniform to raise money for Save the Children



## St Dunstan's "Stage Door" Christmas Production



Come one, come all! Our School Christmas production is on the 19th December and will be a showcase of both music and drama performances with a Christmas theme. The performance is free of charge as are the refreshments beforehand. Tickets are limited in number so get yours quickly from Mrs Pulford next week. We are looking forward to a great evening's entertainment and look forward to seeing you there.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Enjoy the Holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back on January 8th



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## Dates for Your Diary

**Last day of autumn term: Thursday 21 December (normal finish time)**

Christmas Holiday: Friday 22 December 2017 to Friday 5 January 2018

**First day of spring term: Monday 8 January 2018**

Thursday 11 January 2018 Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 18 January 2018 Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 25 January 2018 Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition (senior round)

Thursday 01 February 2018 Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Friday 09 February 2018 Inset Day**

**Half Term: Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2018**



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