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Tamsen, 14, uncovers MP's bee secret

By Lewis, 14, Jill Dando News



Tamsen, 14, and fellow Jill Dando reporters have created a buzz by uncovering an incredible secret about local MP John Penrose. He boosts the planet and his mental health with his love for beekeeping.

The revelation comes after Sir David Attenborough, Prince William and others fight worldwide to save the humble bee.

Without bees, life

itself would collapse - some 33% of food and 80% of crops require the bee.

"I love beekeeping. It means I'm doing my bit to save the bee and the planet. It does wonders for my mental health by taking my mind off whatever's happening in Westminster. And the honey is delicious too!"

Well done Tamsen and reporters on a terrific interview."



You too can help save the bees. See Page 4.

Buzzing Bee Facts

There are about 20,000 species of bees

Honeybees have five hairy eyes!

The honeybee's brain is sophisticated - but only the size of a grain of sugar!



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NEWS that's GOOD for you

Welcome to the Post – Nathan Jenkins, CEO, TPLT

I'm amazed every day by our inspirational students who are doing some quite incredible things. From excelling in sports, hobbies and academic work, to being Good Samaritans and serving our communities, they regularly leave me speechless. Very often they keep it to themselves, but we are eager to 'shout about' their successes and some of these stories are in the pages that follow.

So a massive 'well done' and 'thank you' to each and every young person, their parents, carers and entire community. Have a great summer.



Weston teens who represented UK at world eco conference now inspiring others at top local Sixth Form

By Jack, Jill Dando News



Two Weston-super-Mare students who represented Britain at COP26 alongside Prince William and Sir David Attenborough are now inspiring younger ones at one of the country's best sixth forms

Jack Clark and Olivia Finch featured on national TV news in Glasgow COP26 in November shortly after leaving their award-winning roles pushing eco work as Head Boy and Girl at WCSA.

Now they are helping to inspire younger students at The King Alfred School Academy (TKASA) in Highbridge 20 minutes away where they are studying for A Levels.

Both schools are part of The Priory Learning Trust, (TPLT). The sixth form itself is having an expensive expansion in September after a rapid increase in numbers over the past few years including from WCSA and other schools in Weston-super-Mare.



For more details about joining the Sixth Form contact the school or email 6thform@tkasa.org.uk



Jack, who is going to read Politics at university in 2023 at Nottingham or Southampton, helped WCSA to win international awards amid a flurry of eco work over his years there.

"I'm so delighted to be at TKASA. It is a fantastic sixth form and is allowing my studies to flourish alongside my passion to help the environment."

Jack Clark

Olivia, who was the founding member of Jill Dando News five years ago, is planning to go to Oxford University to study Medicine.

"I never thought sixth form could be this good. There is a tremendous buzz around the place and we get so much encouragement and support to go for our dreams. The expansion with new rooms with be the icing on the cake."

Olivia Finch

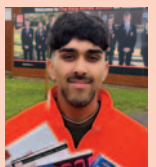
The extension at TKASA will allow for more meeting rooms and offices, study zones and communal and cafe areas for students.

TKASA and its Sixth Form have had outstanding success in the last few years since becoming part of The Priory Learning Trust and seen its popularity soar with improvements to facilities of well over £1 million.

Students are securing places at the best universities and on the best apprenticeships, both locally and nationally.

...And five students at TKASA win prestigious places at Oxford University summer school

Olivia, Taj, (pictured) Kizzie, Thomas and Freja, of TKASA in Highbridge, Somerset, have made it onto Oxford University's prestigious Summer School Residential course. Olivia and Taj will study medicine, Kizzie: English Literature, Thomas, Maths and Freja: Geography. Taj has also won a place on a residential summer school held by Harvard University.



World's first 'SEE MONSTER' heading to Banksy's Dismaland spot in Jill Dando News town

By Juozas and Kieran, 12, Jill Dando News

Students from Jill Dando News were inspired with the good news that the world's first ever 'SEE MONSTER' is heading to their town.

Yet this is no ordinary Hollywood-style 'monster'. It is a unique monster size oil rig to put Weston-super-Mare on the world map.

And it's the latest innovation at the grounds of Banksy's global hit 'Dismaland'.

Students aged 9 to 16 from across The Priory Learning Trust were inspired by the creators behind the innovative new project SEE MONSTER which has chosen Weston-Super-Mare as its home later this summer.

The 350-tonnes, 35 metre-high SEE MONSTER is a retired rig from the North Sea, aiming to put the town on the world map.

It will be filled with hundreds of different species of plants, trees and other natural resources.

Jill Dando News was also formed out of Weston-super-Mare, the childhood home of Britain's best TV journalist Jill Dando.



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Good news for longer life – optimism may be the secret

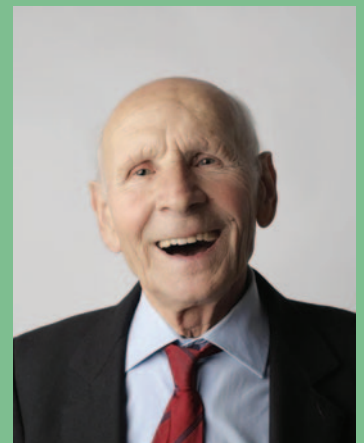
By Josh, Jill Dando News



It's good news for living longer as well as being happy – start to think positively.

A new study finds that higher levels of optimism were associated with longer lifespan and living beyond age 90 in women across racial and ethnic groups.

The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health study enrolled women between ages 50 and 79 and gathered data and survey responses on them for up to 26 years.



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Happy, friendly, welcoming and unique primary school impresses inspectors with yet another glowing rating

By Tamsen, 14, Jill Dando News at PCSA



woven throughout everything. And they praised the polite, respectful and exceptionally behaved pupils who are “wonderful ambassadors.”

In a comprehensive report they noted how the children love to learn, how they are put at the centre of everything the school does, and how wellbeing plays a huge part. St Anne’s is unique in being a dual-site primary school with a 150-year-old building at Hewish, and a state-of-the-art new build at West Wick.

It also has the thriving and successful Little Learners Nursery on site.

St Anne’s is part of the high-achieving TPLT.

Principal Emma Hardy-Smith said: “We are absolutely overjoyed with this report.

Our pupils, staff, parents, carers and governors work so hard to make this school a wonderful place to learn.

“The inspectors saw that we are a real family, with happy and thriving pupils who really do learn without limits.

“Thank you to everyone who helps to make St Anne’s such a fabulous place.”

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Ofsted inspectors say St Anne’s Church Academy is a happy and welcoming school and have again given it another Good rating.

In this latest report, Ofsted inspectors highlighted a whole host of excellent attributes including superb friendly and supportive relationships, and a brilliant ‘Learning Without Limits’ culture

Save the brilliant bees! With bee numbers rapidly plummeting, what can you do to save the bees?



By Oliver, 12 Jill Dando News



Just like MP John Penrose, you can help to save the bee - starting now! Here are a few top tips...

- 1 Plant the right plants: bees like certain plants better than others - think buddleia, rhododendrons, cornflowers, sunflowers.
- 2 Don't use insecticide.
- 3 Like Mr Penrose, become a bee-keeper. Growing numbers are installing their own hives in gardens across the UK. A big benefit is you get natural honey!
- 4 Put up a bee house: they offer refuge for bees and hibernation spots for the winter months. You can buy these at garden centres.
- 5 Learn more about bees: spread the good news about the humble bee on social media and by word of mouth

Students interview over 500 Year 7s

By Jill Dando News



Year 12 students at TKASA Sixth Form in Highbridge, Somerset supported careers teams at TPLT to interview over 500 Year 7s at PCSA and TKASA.

The Year 7 students created a CV, researched a job role and had a mock interview. Students then had the choice to have a personalised poster made and each received a certificate.

Jodie Silmon of PCSA said: "This was a tremendous event."

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Budding Jamie Oliver wins unique cookery class with top GB chef

By Tamsen, 14, Jill Dando News



Jaydon Cheadle, 14, of PCSA, enjoyed a prestigious cookery class with Great British Menu finalist, Olivia Barry.

The budding chef impressed the top chef with his cooking skills in a competition.

Jaydon then impressed again during the prized cookery class with his excellent knife skills and food preparation.

Principal Angelos Markoutsas said: "This is quite simply a brilliant achievement by Jaydon."



EXCITING NEW NURSERY TO OPEN



Children and families are celebrating news that Little Learners nursery will open in September. The new state-of-the-art building for Little Learners from 2 to 4 years old will be completed over the summer at Castle Batch Primary School Academy in North Worle.

There are excellent opportunities for the children to use the school hall for PE and extensive school grounds which will include a Forest School. The nursery will open for the first time on Monday 5th September and will be open from 7.30am - 6.00pm all year round. It is part of The Priory Learning Trust.

TPLT Early Years Strategic Lead Amy Marsh said: "Little Learners will be an amazing nursery and everyone is so excited. Manager, Sam Perry is really keen to develop the Nursery and work with Helen Lovejoy, Jane Blake and the Early Years Foundation Stage Team".



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JILL DANDO NEWS celebrates its 5th birthday



By Oliver, 12, Jill Dando News

The World's first good news centre in tribute to ex-student and top UK journalist Jill Dando is celebrating its 5th birthday



Priory Community School Academy students, part of the Jill Dando News Centre

Since the beginnings well over 100 young people across many schools have been writing good news to cheer up the world and train up positive journalists of the future. It even opened up its first centre in Malawi, Africa (photo above of computers being sent over from Jill Dando reporters).

In 1999, 37 year old, Jill Dando was BBC TV's Golden Girl, the kind and smiling face of Britain, loved by millions.

In that same year on April 26th her life was tragically cut short but her memory lives on through a fantastic initiative started at Jill's old school.

In 2017, students started Jill Dando News as a lasting and expanding tribute to her refreshingly positive style of journalism.



Jill Dando News Centre journalists in Malawi, Africa



Olivia Finch, at aged 12 years old became the first Jill Dando reporter. She is pictured below in November last year live on GMB on ITV representing UK's young people at COP26 along with Sir David Attenborough and Prince William.

Since then, reporters have interviewed the Prime Minister three times, including in Downing Street in front of the world's TV cameras. They made history by becoming the first journalists of any age to interview Boris Johnson in Downing Street.

They have also interviewed Fiona Bruce, a NASA astronaut, and written hundreds of positive stories in Jill's style.

They have delivered their own pieces to BBC TV, and appeared live representing the UK on ITV's Good Morning Britain.

Olivia, 17, is planning to study Medicine at Oxford University, said: "Jill Dando News has given me huge confidence and has prepared me to be able to talk to so many different types of people."



Olivia, centre, with Jack, both from Jill Dando's old school Worle Community School Academy

JILL DANDO NEWS celebrates its 5th birthday



From Fiona Bruce to NASA astronauts to the Prime Minister and many more besides. Students have been finding good news and publishing it across their communities and the world.

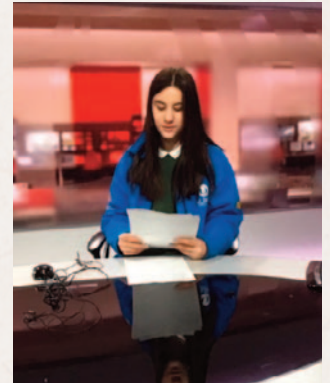
The good news project has even opened a centre in Malawi.



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Jill Dando News has been brilliant. It has given students confidence and helped us all to be so much more positive.
Jill Dando News Journalist



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Dancers scoop top UK award

By Megan, 12, Jenson, 12 and Chloe, 11, Jill Dando News



A hip hop dance academy in Worle has scooped a top national award after winning second place at the UK Hip Hop Dance Championship in Shropshire.

Two teams from BellaTrix Dance Company in New Bristol Road, battled for the top spot against dozens of other teams across the country.

The dancers are all students aged 11 to 16 at PCSA.

They include: Emma (Year 10), Abi (Year 11), Kiera (Year 11), Evie (Year 10), Brooke (Year 10), Rosanna (Year 10), Sunnie (Year 9), Grace (Year 9), Shauna (Year 7).

BellaTrix was set up in 2017 by 21-year-old and ex-Priory student Bella Febry, whilst she studied for a business diploma at Weston College

101 year old founding headteacher of Priory returns to present his book on World War 2 to their library

By Josh, 16, Jill Dando News



Mr Jenkins said: "It was a delight to meet Arthur and to receive his book on World War 2. It will be a treasured part of our PCSA library."

Arthur Spencer went back to Priory Community School Academy where he started as their first Headteacher in 1975.

The former World War Two bomber navigator on the famous Lancaster Bombers presented his book 'An Interesting War' to their school library.

He wrote it as a pamphlet around 20 years ago and his elder granddaughter has had several printed as a book.

Five years ago, their £2.5 million state-of-the-art Spencer Science Centre - which is one of Britain's best science facilities for students was named after him.

Arthur presented the book to CEO of The Priory Learning Trust, Nathan Jenkins.



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