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Oliver, 12, uncovers MP's bee secret

By Lewis, 14, Jill Dando News



Year 7 student reporter Oliver, 12, and other 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 Oliver and reporters on a terrific interview.



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!



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



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Jill Dando News is Five years old

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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.



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

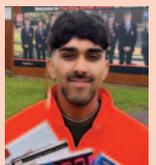
The extension at TKASA will allow for more meeting rooms and offices, study zones and communal and cafe areas for students.

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.



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

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.

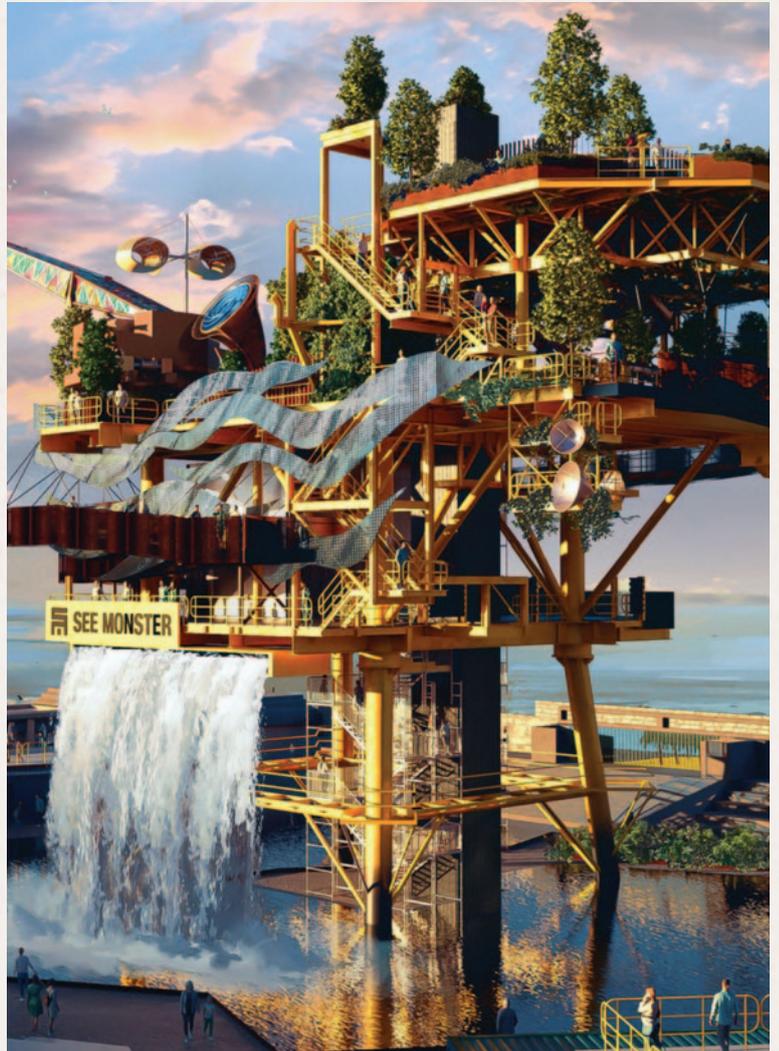
And it's the latest innovation at the grounds of Banksy's global hit 'Dismaland'.

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

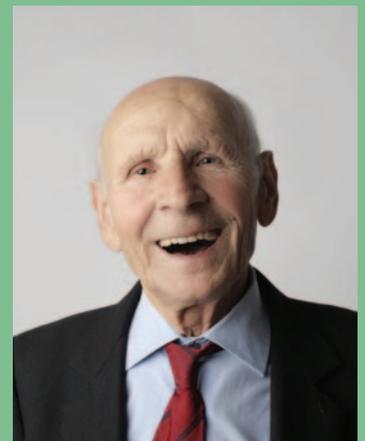
By Josh, Jill Dando News



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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Five students officially the world's best

Exclusive, by Oliver, 12 and Jake, 12, Jill Dando News



Nicole, Maria, Niamh, Lottie and Megan competed in a team of 5 and secured a gold medal in their first international competition in Cantanhede, Portugal, for Great Britain's team.

The students, all aged 11 or 12, of WCSA pulled off a string of stunning performances.

Niamh told our Jill Dando News reporters, "It was a truly unforgettable experience.

"This was a tremendous performance. The sheer dedication to their training is phenomenal. We are all really proud of our students."
Principal Jacqui Scott

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



County Cup champions for first time since 2003

By Josh, 16, Jill Dando News



Some of Britain's best young school footballers have brought home the county cup for the first time since 2003

The 14 and 15 year olds at WCSA won the Somerset Cup with a stunning win against Millfield. They previously beat PCSA, Beechen Cliff, Castle School and Nailsea.

Head of PE Callum Thompson said: "This team are clearly some of Britain's best young student footballers."

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Kind Tsunami helper Tilly, 11, wins an award

By Jill Dando News



Tilly of WCSA has won an award for her work with a charity which helps survivors of natural disasters across the world.

She has been supporting the charity Water Survival Box, providing a survival box and giving her own Christmas money. Her class also organised a cake sale.

Tilly's tutor Jess Matthews said: "Tilly is such a hardworking, kind and caring individual. She gave her own Christmas money to help - what an amazing selfless thing to do."

Dozens Win Awards for Inspirational Careers Interviews

By Oliver, 12, Jill Dando News

Dozens of Year 7 students have won awards after impressing with their huge ambition, skills and attitude in inspirational careers interviews.

These students were recognised for being top interviewees for many reasons – the best prepared, successfully battling their nerves, a professional CV or their general attitude, enthusiasm or natural interview skills.

They were awarded certificates and a chocolate bar by starring in their mock interview for their dream future job, which included beekeepers, astronauts and accountants.



Principal Jacqui Scott said: "The students exhibited a superb display of ambition, talent and attitude which we celebrate every single day at WCSA"

We are really proud of the careers offer at The Priory Learning Trust which starts with children in our Primary Schools and continues up until Y13 and beyond.

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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School hosts Oscars-style Sports Stars Celebration

By Josh, 16, Jill Dando News



Students have been honoured with a variety of sporting awards in a glittering Oscar style ceremony.

The WCSA students were rewarded for their sporting achievements throughout the year on a night of celebrations.

Prizes were presented by special guests, professional cricketer, Sophie Luff and professional rugby player and ex-WCSA student Aaron Thompson who both gave speeches.

There were awards for student stars of sports including Netball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Basketball, Rounders, Cricket, Rugby, Football and Athletics.

Special awards went to students who had shown huge improvements throughout the year.



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Singing nurse uses music to help his patients

By Jill Dando News

It's a well worn saying that laughter is good medicine. But now a nurse in New York is finding that music is also good for healing.

Manny Remilus, a pediatric nurse at Cohen Children's Medical Center in New York, is helping his patients with the soothing power of music.

Remilus was hospitalized several times as a kid, and remembers how the nurses who took care of him "really made me feel like family, really made me feel like I was at home. Because we are all going through tough times, so whatever it is that you find that helps restore you and to help bring you back 100 percent, find that thing and do it," he said.



Students are being inspired by an incredible 30 foot colourful collage of world sporting heroes

By Josh, 16, Jill Dando News



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