



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 21st July 2023

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!

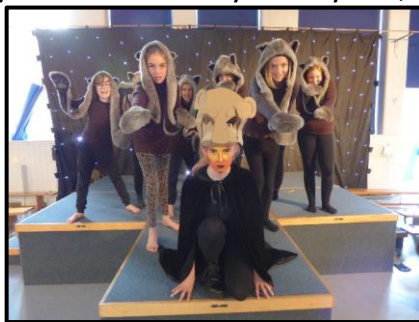
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St. Ben's School Christian Values: **Community, Resilience and Kindness**

YEAR 6 GO OUT WITH A ROAR

We wave goodbye to Year 6 this week and what a send-off! They gave two incredible performances of their leavers' play which left the whole school and parents and friends in awe! With make up by Rosie and costumes by Ms Branton and Hannah Switzer, the show was an incredible spectacle and a credit to Director Miss Switzer. Thanks for the memories, Year 6; we've loved having you all at St. Ben's and we wish you good luck for the future! A very happy summer holidays everyone; see you on 6th September!



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK,
YEAR 6



FAREWELL TO TREASURED STAFF

It with great sadness that we wave off four members of staff this summer. Jane Roberts, who has been a much-loved member of our lunchtime team, will be retiring and TA Oona Leppington will be leaving to return to teaching. We are very grateful for all they have done at St. Ben's. We also wave goodbye to Mrs Brown and Ms Kirby. Mrs Brown is retiring after 12 years at St. Ben's – she has taught in Years 4, 5 and 6 as well as being History and English Lead and coaching Netball and Rounders – our Rounders Team gave her the perfect send-off with their league triumph! Ms Kirby has taught here for 6 years in Years 4, 5 and 6 and has been our SENDCo and Deputy Head; as well as inspiring pupils through Eco-Club and Spanish Club; she has championed inclusion at St. Ben's and will be missed by staff and pupils alike. Mrs Brown and Ms Kirby will be sorely missed and September will feel very strange without them, but by then Mrs Brown will be off motor-homing and Ms Kirby will have started her new adventure in Vietnam! From everyone at St. Benedict's THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!



SPORTS DAY A SUCCESS

Wednesday saw a double Sports Day, with Upper School in the morning (won by the Orange Team) and Lower School in the afternoon (in which Pink/Purple Team were victorious). There was a great turn out from supporters. A huge thank you to staff and students from St. Dunstan's for running the morning and to our Year 5 Sports Leaders for running the afternoon event.



TOP BRASS VISIT ST BEN'S

On Tuesday this week, pupils and staff were treated to a special performance by four members of **Glastonbury Brass** (our local brass band). Glyn, Mike, Julie and Kevin entertained the pupils with some well-known classics as well as talking them through the science behind the sound.

Mrs Coton is now investigating the possibility of adding Brass instruments to our list of lessons that children can access through St. Ben's. A huge thank you to the Glastonbury Brass team for what was a wonderful experience.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Jack P: for being resilient in the pool! He has made fantastic progress.	Reggie: for always being a happy and funny member of cat class.
Unicorns:	Sophia R: for going above and beyond to help all the adults.	All of Unicorn Class: for a fantastic year 2022-2023.
Cham:	Megan MJ: for such a fantastic attitude to everything.	Manu: for an excellent summer term.
Owls:	Flora: for super golden write and being such a cheerful friend in our class.	Shahala: for such a hard worker all year and always making his smile!
Spiders:	Dulcie: for her enthusiasm and passion for learning.	Florence: for being a fantastic student every single day!
Tortoises:	Chester: for super focus and resilience in our 'Escape Room'.	Iris: for making me smile every day this year!
Leopards:	William: for his growth in independence. We are so proud of you!	Oaken: for being a technical whizz and bringing the production to life!
Peacocks:	Rosie: for her role of make-up artist in the Lion King.	Sirus: for being a technical whizz and bringing the production to life!
<u>Reading Awards:</u>	Hundred Club (x9): Spencer (Yr6) Millionaires Club (x6): Spencer (Yr6). Incredible achievement, Spencer!	
<u>Learning Awards</u>	Bronze: Billray (Y5); Silver: Sofia (Yr4), Rosalee, Jasper, and Annabelle, Brandon (Yr5) Frankie, Aaron (Yr6); Gold: Thomas, Faye and Taran (Yr3), Daisy (Yr4), Max, Florence, Harry, and Luka (Yr5) Lily H, Grace and Penelope (Yr6) Platinum: Amelia, Blaize (Yr4) and Kyla, Spencer, Acacia (Yr6)	
<u>Swimming Awards</u>	Stage 1: Thomas, Marshall, Mark and Charlie D (Yr3) Stage 2: Jack C, Jack P, Courtney, Taran, Faye, Isaac, Tallulah, Ollie, Leo F, Elijah, Logan B, Sam, and Aliya (Yr3); Stage 3: Darcie, Kara, Ralph and Charlie L (Yr3) Stage 4: Sophie R, Blossom, Nellie, Reggie T, Hamish, and Raphael (Yr3)	
<u>Other Awards</u>	100% attendance – see page below. Junior Duke: Bronze – Marshall; Silver – Sophia and Olivia. Beehive Award: Elena and Aimee: for supporting Year 3's. Derek, Thomas and Faye (Yr3): for great teamwork in Beehive. ELSA: Alanna, Leo C (Y6), Billyray (Y5) and Blossom (Y3). Netball: Alex, Holly, Dulcie, Hazel, Toby Mi, Belle-Blossom, and Rhiley. Rounders: Toby Mo, Harry, Ethan, Ned, Belle-Blossom, Aisha, Hazel, and Aimee and Oz (Y6) and Holly and Ezmay (Y5)	

NURTURE GROUP GET ROYAL SEAL OF APPROVAL

St. Ben's Learning Mentor, Rachel Tidball received a pleasant surprise when a letter from the Palace arrived! It was a thank you from the King and Queen Consort, who were very grateful for the work the Mrs Tidball and her Nurture Group had done creating two wonderful Coronation banners, one of which is proudly hanging in school and the other in St. Benedict's Care Home. Well done, all, and thank you Mrs T; what an honour!!



HEADTEACHER'S TEA PARTIES

On Thursday this week, the worthy recipients of Headteacher's Awards this term got to spend some time with Mr Ranger to enjoy an ice-pop and some extra break-time. Well done to all those pupils who managed to earn themselves a certificate this term!



NINE PUPILS ACHIEVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE!

This year, nine pupils achieved 100% attendance. This is an Incredible achievement and we are very proud of all of them; they were awarded a special attendance badge for their jumper to recognise their resilience and determination. The pupils are: Aliya (Y3); Mason, Sophia G and Letty (Y4); Holly, and Alfred (Y5) and Lily M, Acacia and Kyla (Y6).



DON'T FORGET THE LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

On Thursday this week, Selena Gunn from the Library visited us to introduce this summer's Reading Challenge, which has already begun. This year the theme is Sports-related and, as ever, children are set the target of reading 6 books over the summer holidays (the deadline is 9th September). It's free to enter – simply go to Glastonbury Library to sign up. There are stickers to be had and also a medal for those who complete the challenge! Go on, give it a go, and let's see if we can break our school record of 45 pupils taking part!



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 2pm – parents and carers invited. Break up for Summer Holidays
Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th Sept	INSET Days – School remains closed to pupils
Wed 6 th Sept	Start of Autumn Term for pupils: welcome back!
Wed 6 th Sept	Year 5 start swimming – please remember kit!

LOOKING FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUMMER HOLS?

We have two events coming up in the holidays. Booking is essential for both days and places are limited.

Date: Tuesday 25th July 10:30-2:30 Woodland Playscheme 8-12 years

Location: Hallr Wood, Charlton Mackrell, near Somerton. **£20/£15 siblings and concessions**

This day is for 8-12 years, unaccompanied so children can be dropped off and left. If a child needs a carer to attend with them, that is also fine. We are also accepting a small number of confident under 8s. Please inquire for further information.

We will be offering a mixture of activities, including crafts, dens, pond dipping, hammocks, music and performance. We are delighted to be joined by Jem and Sharon, local story tellers, with their giant puppet 'Sovereign Nature'. Children will have the opportunity to collaborate and create with them and join in a procession. Part of this will be filmed as part of an Arts Council Project. Film and photo consent will be obtained beforehand for this.

Date: Wednesday 26th July 10:30-3:30 Wild Woodlanders 12yrs+

Location: Hallr Wood, Charlton Mackrell, near Somerton. **£20/ £15 siblings and concessions**

This day is for 12 years plus, unaccompanied so children can be dropped off and left. If a child needs a carer to attend with them, that is also fine. We are also accepting a small number of 10 years +. Please inquire for further information. We will be offering a mixture of activities, including bushcraft skills, camp fire cooking and the chance to be part of an exciting art installation.

Please contact me for booking form/ further info by emailing me at deb@wilderwoods.org.