



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 13th October 2023

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

ST. BEN'S ON SONG FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

Pupils, staff and parents celebrated Harvest with a wonderful service on Wednesday this week. Organised by our musical maestro, Mrs Coton, the service included songs, poems and readings by each year group as well as a memorable re-working of 'Combine Harvester' by Glee Club (thanks to Miss Grenter). Reverend Kieron spoke movingly about Harvest and the importance of community. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers and we were very touched by the lovely food packages courtesy of St. Benedict's Care Home. Also, a huge well done to Mrs Tidball and her Nurture Groups for their magnificent pumpkins, which really caught the eye as we entered church.



YEAR 4 VISIT AVALON MARSHES

On Thursday, Year 4 visited the Avalon Marshes Centre to learn about the history of Britain through different dwellings. The pupils, who had a wonderful time, immersed themselves in history with workshops on trade, wood carving and pouch-making. A huge thank you to the fabulous Avalon Marshes team who made the day so enjoyable and informative.



Year 4 Druid Crowns

Year 4 have been learning about what the Celts believed in and they have discovered that the Druids were the only humans who could communicate with these spirits, according to the Celts and so they would have made crowns from the things they found in nature. Using natural resources, Year 4 created their own Druid crowns...



ST. BEN'S MARCH ON

St. Ben's 3 Ashcott 1

Tuesday evening saw the second game of the season for our boys' football team who overcame Ashcott School 3-1. St. Ben's dominated the first half but struggled to make the breakthrough until Harvey broke the deadlock shortly before half time. The second half saw more goal action with two further St. Ben's goals, firstly from a direct corner by debutante Salter, then via a header from Richards, who was a threat throughout. This was another great team effort from St. Ben's who were unlucky to concede their first goal of the season, an own goal. Next up will be a play-off match in November.

National Poetry Day inspires recitals

Pupils at St. Ben's started this week in style as 35 pupils recited poems they had learned to a packed school hall. The challenge to learn a poem, then recite it was issued by Mr Ranger last week as part of last week's Big Question and the children were more than up to the challenge, earning themselves a poetry pencil prize. English Lead, Miss Murphy, was so impressed that she is planning more poetry events and competitions later in the year.

St. Ben's welcomes Matt Dickinson

Next week, we welcome explorer and author, Matt Dickinson, who will be our author in residence for the week. This incredible opportunity is being funded by the fabulous Wells Festival of Literature team who are passionate about promoting reading and all things book related. Matt has climbed Everest and trekked the Sahara desert, amongst other adventures, and he is now an author of children's books. Matt will be based in Year 5 but will visit all year groups to inspire our pupils. We will be selling Matt's books next week, with more information to follow on Monday. Matt will be available to sign copies of his books.

Year 6 celebrate World Sight Day


On Thursday, a team of volunteers from the Street and Glastonbury Lions visited to work with Year 6 pupils to celebrate World Sight Day. The children got to take part in two activities which focused on the importance of sight and helped them to appreciate how challenging life can be for those who are blind or partially sighted. Huge thanks to the volunteers for giving their time so generously to deliver the excellent sessions.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Chiyewo: for always trying her hardest and being resilient.	Elodie: for being resilient during English when writing our class story.
Unicorns:	Kamil: for making a huge effort and not giving up in reading.	Amelia-Rose: for settling in and being a fantastic addition to unicorn class.
Chameleons:	Jack P: for trying incredibly hard with his spellings and super story ideas.	Bobby: for amazing focus in everything he attempts!
Owls:	Raphael: for super story writing Fly Eagle Fly, presenting it beautifully.	Charlie L: for working really well in maths by completing challenges.
Spiders:	Jasmine: for working so hard on her handwriting and presentation.	Cattleya: for writing such a thoughtful and descriptive diary entry.
Tortoises:	Megan M: for a mature, resilient approach to everything!	Reuben: for being kind and resilient.
Leopards:	Precious: for working really hard and being ready to learn!	Sol: being so helpful with tidying up and being a cheerful member of the class!
Peacocks:	Leo: producing work to a high standard and being a presentation peacock.	Ethan H: for improved focus and concentration in class.

<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 21 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Leopards!
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Our attendance champs this week are Unicorn Class, with 100%! Well done, Unicorns, you get a well-deserved extra break next week.
<u>Reading Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 5 x a week at home: Cat - %, Unicorn - 88%, Owl - 83%, Chameleon - 60% Tortoise - 65%, Spider - 80%, Leopard - 71%, Peacock - 55% meaning that this week's champs are Unicorn Class; well done for breaking the Spider Class dominance, Unicorns! 😊
<u>Other awards:</u>	Bee Hive Awards for Leilani (Busy Bee of the Week) and for Alex (Y6) for mentoring a Year 3 pupil. Well done to both of you!



DYNAMO CRICKET

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Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 16th – Friday 20th Oct	NO clubs due to parents' evenings. Drama Club will still run.
Mon 16 th – Friday 20 th Oct	Matt Dickinson will be our author in residence, based in Year 5 but visiting all year groups.
Mon 16 th Oct 3:30 – 5:30pm	Parents' Evening (Tues 17 th for Tortoise Class)
Tues 17 th October 3:30pm	Girls' football match vs Ashcott at Strode pitches
Wed 18 th Oct 5:30 – 7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Thurs 19 th October All day	Year 4 Celts Day – children to dress up and transform into Celts for the day!
Friday 20 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 30 th October	INSET Day: Teacher training day – school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 31 st October	Pupils return to school after half term.
Tuesday 31 st October	Year 6 to visit Cedars Hall in Wells for author talk from MG Leonard

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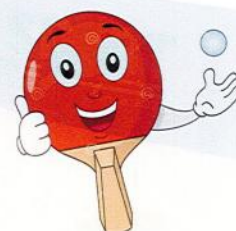


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