



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 20th October 2023

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

HAPPY RETIREMENT, MRS NEALE, AND THANK YOU!



This week, we wave goodbye to a treasured member of staff as Jane Neale retires after 20 years at St. Ben's. As the first point of contact in the school office, Mrs Neale has given pupils and parents a warm welcome, both on the phone and in the flesh. Jane will be sorely missed but she is looking forward to spending more time with family and friends and expects to be busier than ever. Thank you for being such a star, Mrs Neale!



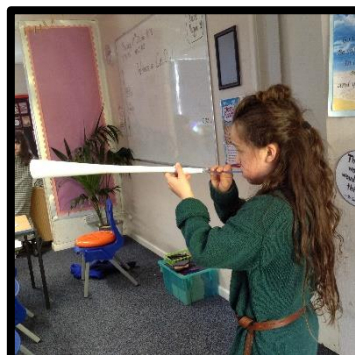
MATT DICKINSON VISITS

This week we have been joined by mountaineer, explorer and film-maker, Matt Dickinson, who has been our author in residence. Matt has inspired our pupils to live their dreams and to become avid readers to take them on incredible journeys in this world and others!



CELTS RAMPAGE SCHOOL

A horde of Celts rampaged through Year 4 on Thursday. We learned a lot about their way of life including what they ate, where they lived, their art and culture and what clothes they wore.



Thanks St. Benedict's Care Home

Thanks to St. Benedict's Care Home for the wonderful food packages they donated to last week's Harvest Festival – we were incredibly grateful. We hope to show our gratitude by running a Bingo session later in the school year.



ST. BEN'S GIRLS' WIN AGAIN

St. Ben's 4 Ashcott 0

St. Ben's girls recorded another win this week as they triumphed over a resilient Ashcott team. They were ahead within a minute of the kick-off with a goal from Morrison and Salter soon added to the tally. St. Ben's midfield spurred on by Chapman, Casey-Sharp and debutants Gray-Andrews, Zharuk and Sharp. In defence, Daine and Pizlo controlled the game and goalkeeper Harrison-Lowndes, who was a virtual spectator, pounced into action when necessary. In the second half, Salter took her tally to three, claiming her hatrick with an astounding volley. It was a day to remember for hot-shot Salter, and Morrison impressed again with a goal and three assists, but once again it was a magnificent team effort from St. Ben's girls who have now qualified for November's play-offs. Well done, girls!



FAREWELL, MRS MOUNTJOY

Lunchtime supervisor Mrs Mountjoy is leaving St. Ben's. Gill has been a highly valued member of our team and we wish her well in her retirement. We are delighted to say that she may be returning to St. Ben's in the future as a volunteer reader, so it is not goodbye so much as 'a bientot'!

WHOLE SCHOOL'S MUSICAL MOMENT

On Wednesday, pupils from all year groups enjoyed a magical half an hour sharing their music learning for this half term. Each year group took their turn singing, including harmonies and echoes. They lit up the Hall with beautiful sound...



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Aseel: for being resilient during our English story writing activity.	Aliza: beautiful piece of work about what she would miss if she went to Everest.
Unicorns:	Rupert: for writing a phenomenal golden write.	Kobi: for a great golden write.
Chameleons:	Ralph: great focus in class and showing more confidence when sharing ideas in class discussion.	Logan G: for working hard in maths and showing improved independence.
Owls:	Hamish: fantastic working with his tribe making clay pots and carnyx on Celt Day.	Sam: producing super clay pot and working well with his Tribe in Celt Day.
Spiders:	Olivia: for such a mature outlook and approach to school.	Stanley: for writing some excellent pieces for Matt during our Author visit.
Tortoises:	Talia: for a lovely, positive attitude to her work this week.	Kyle: for a super effort in his writing this week.
Leopards:	Rosalee: for a great expedition letter to author Matt Dickinson.	Raphael: a superb start to St Benedict's and great contributions in class!
Peacocks:	Dulcie: for always striving to do her best and supporting those around her.	Freddie: for excellent effort and concentration in class.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 19 points per child and they get an extra break after half term. Well done, Leopards!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Our attendance champs this week are Tortoise Class, with 99.2%! Well done, Tortoises, you get a well-deserved extra break after half term.	
<u>Reading Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 5 x a week at home: Cat - 50%, Unicorn - 73%, Owl - 61%, Chameleon - 67% Tortoise - 65%, Spider - 80%, Leopard - 75%, Peacock - 61% meaning that this week's champs are Spider Class; well done, Spiders – what a half term!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Accelerated Reader Target Master awards for Mya and Penelope (Year 3) BeeHive Award for Nahla for her amazing progress and improved listening skills.	

ATTENTION PARENTS AND CARERS OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Secondary School Online
Application Form.

If you have not applied already, please follow the link below to apply for your child's secondary school.

https://emsonline.somerset.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

The closing date for secondary applications is 31st October 2023.

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Stacey in Year 6 visited Wembley last Friday to watch England take on Australia at football. Despite it being a cold and wet evening, Stacey really enjoyed the atmosphere of an 80,000 crowd who cheered England on to a 1-0 victory!



TT Rockstars Challenge coming soon...



EVENT DETAILS

START DATE:

November 14th 2023

END DATE:

November 16th 2023

TIME:

Daily 7:30am to 7:30pm

LOCATION:

England

DAILY CAP:

1 hour per player

How does it work?

Using Times Tables Rock Stars, children will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. We will be competing against other schools and the winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Rules:

1. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30 BST to 19:30 BST each day will contribute to their class and school score.
2. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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	Matt Dickinson in school to work with Year 5 and Year 4. There will be a book sale after school with Matt's titles available for £7 each – Matt will stay on to sign copies.
Tuesday 31 st October	Year 6 to visit Cedars Hall in Wells for author talk from MG Leonard followed by Cathedral tour.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Selina Gunn from the Library Service came in on Wednesday to hand out the certificates and medals for all pupils who completed this summer's Reading Challenge and read six books over the holidays. Well done to every pupil that rose to the challenge!



HALF TERM COMPETITION

Visiting author and explorer, Matt Dickinson has set all pupils a half term challenge... to write a postcard from Everest. Matt, who has climbed Everest and filmed there, will return on Tuesday 31st October and will help to judge the entries.

The panel will select the best postcard from each year group to receive a prize.

Also, don't forget to get in your reading over the holidays – following Spider Class' domination of this half term, our Book Battle resumes after half term!

BARCLAYS WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

BRISTOL CITY

MANCHESTER UNITED

BRISTOL CITY VS MAN UNITED

Sunday, November 26th 2pm KO

UNDER 12'S £1

NCE SPORTS BAR

Some great Bristol-based opportunities for just £1 for children!

BEARS V HARLEQUINS

SAT OCT 28 2.30PM KO

Gallagher PREMIERSHIP RUGBY

QUID-A-KID

FAMILY DAY



DYNAMOS CRICKET

**FREE SESSION
FOR GIRLS
AGED 8-11
YEARS OLD**

WELLS

Thursday 26 October | 10AM - 3PM

Wells Cathedral School, The Liberty,
Wells, Somerset, BA5 2ST

BOOK NOW - USE CODE 6WPU8M- ONLY 24 SPACES

5-ASIDE FOOTBALL

TOURNAMENT

**WEDNESDAY 25TH
OCTOBER
10AM-2PM**

**TOR LEISURE
CENTRE, BA6 9EF**

**FREE TO ATTEND!
OPEN TO ALL
ABILITIES**

**9-16 YEAR
OLDS**

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works with communities to get people
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activity



**Happy
Halloween**

Come along and pick your pumpkins fresh from
the field by catching the tractor and trailer ride
or a special treat for the children riding on the
spooky barrel train down to the field.

Tractor and train rides all included in the entry.

To book your excursion visit the Website or
click on the QR code with your date and time
slot you wish to book during October.

FOR BOOKINGS GO TO
www.glastonburyweddingvenue.co.uk/pumpkins




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