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MINI-POLICE LITTER PICK

Our mini-police were doing their bit for the community this week as they visited Tor Leisure Park for a litter pick. Armed with litter picking equipment borrowed from the council, PCSO Mel Rowlands and her team put the children through their paces as they helped to tidy up our local area. The Mini-Police and the whole school community would like to remind everyone not to litter as it spoils our public areas for everyone.



Members of our marvellous Mini-Police team help to clean up Tor Leisure on Wednesday this week.



GREEN INFLUENCERS INSPIRE SCHOOL

Thursday saw the last Green Influencers session, with the intrepid team of eco-warriors taking an assembly to educate the school about their mission to provide composting facilities at school and attract more birds and wildlife to our grounds.

Sophie Cooper from the Somerset Wildlife Trust has run the project, and is amazed at their passion and dedication. Sophie, who organised the assembly was presented with a card and a gift by the group to say a big thank you from all at St. Ben's for the energy and enthusiasm over the past term.

Thank you, Sophie, and well done to our Green Influencers, whose work in inspiring The rest of the school continues...



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GREEN INFLUENCERS GET TO WORK

This year, a group of Year 6's are getting to grips with the school grounds as part of a 'Green Influencers' project. Run by Sophie Cooper of the Somerset Wildlife Trust, the team meet on Thursday afternoons to work together on the school's composting. The end goal is to be able to compost as much of our waste as possible. As you can see, our green-fingered gang are set to transform the way the whole school looks at composting.



BIG Question focuses on Black History Month

In Collective Worship this week, Mr Ranger focused on Black History Month, exploring the history of black people in Britain before sharing some of his heroes, including footballer Thierry Henry, tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams, Katharine Johnson and former South African Prime Minister, Nelson Mandela. The BIG Question this week was:

Which hero would
you put on a postage
stamp to celebrate
Black History month?

Some answers from around school:

"Rosa Parks, because she stood up for what is right." Alex (Y6)

"President Obama, because he was the first black president of the USA."
Raphael (Y6)

"Beyonce, because she has a beautiful voice and makes people happy." Libby (Y3)

"Nelson Mandela, because he treated black people the same as white people." Ms Bradshaw

"Marcus Rashford, because he raised awareness about hungry children." Raphael (Y4)

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WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Our weekly feature on what our multi-talented pupils are up to out of school...

This week, we feature two heroic girls from Year 5 who had a sleepover last week and decided to help their community by doing a litter pick. As you can see, before they settled down to movies and snacks, Skye and Oriella collected a full bag of rubbish to make their town a cleaner and better place to be. Not only did these young legends bag themselves a lot of litter, but they were also rewarded by Mr Ranger with a 'Values' award in today's Celebration Praise. Well done, girls – you are community heroes!



MINI-POLICE LITTER PICK AND ASSEMBLY

Our Year 5 Mini-Police cadets have been busy this week! First up, they were on hand to help Katie Moyse and the team along with Mr Ranger with a litter pick at Tor Leisure on Wednesday lunchtime. They discovered a worrying amount of rubbish at the playing grounds and safely disposed of it to make the place a safer and more pleasant environment for our children (and animals) to play.



Then, they presented a whole-school assembly on Thursday, reflecting on their year as Mini-Police, including such adventures as Dementia training, a visit to the Mounted Horse Section, learning the phonetic alphabet, and lots more. Their aim was to inspire next year's Year 5 to apply for the role in September. Well done, Mini-Police and a huge thank you to Katie, Amy, Nick, Mel and the team for delivering another brilliant programme this year!

