



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 19th January 2024

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

DOUBLE HEARTACHE FOR ST BEN'S IN PLAY-OFF FINALS

St. Benedict's Girls 0 Brookside Girls 1

On Tuesday, both Boys and Girls football teams were in action at Strode pitches as the postponed Mendip Schools' League Finals took place. The Girls' Team were first in action against the mighty Brookside, with both teams unbeaten in the regular season. It was a cagey game with both teams playing to a high standard and St. Ben's impressive defence keeping Brookside at bay, while hitting them on the break. Morrison, playing in a CDM role, was immense, soaking up the pressure before releasing Salter on the break. After a goalless first half it was Brookside who hit first late in the game – after resisting St. Ben's attacks, they broke away and beat the excellent Harrison –Lowndes to score the winning goal. Our Girls Team have been superb all season and were the first to congratulate Brookside on such a close run game. St. Ben's end the season runners-up.

St. Benedict's Boys 1 West Pennard 2

Next up was the Boys' team, who faced West Pennard in the final. In contrast to the girls match, it was St. Benedict's who piled on the pressure but found themselves unable to hit the back of the net until Harvey's free-kick looped over the West Pennard keeper to break the deadlock. St. Ben's then had further chances to extend their lead, but West Pennard's lightning attack hit back with two quick goals which ended the contest. The Boys' team have been outstanding this season and played a wonderful brand of attacking, entertaining football; they can consider themselves very unlucky not to be crowned champions, but they accepted their defeat with their characteristic dignity and style.

A huge well done to both teams and a big thank you to Mr Lintell, Mr Ranger and Mr Kelland for coaching them this season.



St. Benedict's Boys 5 Butleigh 1

At Strode on Tuesday, there was not just one St. Ben's team in action, as another Boys' team also took on Butleigh in an exciting encounter that ended 5-1 with goals from Iglesias, Turel (3) and Whitmore.

This was an impressive performance by a team in confident mood. With many debutants, the team took a few minutes to gel but they were soon causing huge problems for Butleigh and it was not too long before Iglesias opened the scoring. This opened the floodgates and it was not long before the outstanding Turel had bagged himself a hatrick with the hard-working Whitmore also on the score-sheet.

Well done boys, a mighty impressive performance!

NO SMOKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL OR PHONES IN SCHOOL

It has come to our attention that some parents (or adults collecting pupils) are smoking outside school. Please refrain from doing this immediately outside school. It is unacceptable for children to have to breathe in smoke or walk through it as they leave school. If you must smoke while waiting for your child, please go further away from the entrance.

Also a reminder that we are a mobile phone-free zone – please put your phone away as you enter the school grounds. Many thanks.

ATTENDANCE

We have been really proud of our strong whole school attendance this year, but it has fallen below 95% for the first time. Please help us to get it back up again by ensuring your child does not miss any school, other than emergencies or genuine illness. Please be aware that we may fine for holidays taken during term time.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 3 and 4 to Meyer Theatre, Millfield to watch The Lion King - pm
Friday 9 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 19 th February	Return to school after half term

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Louie: for making a good effort with his handwriting practise!	Reuben: for always making great contributions to our learning!
Unicorns:	Roman: for being thoughtful and kind to others.	Barnaby: for taking turns and sharing nicely in games.
Chameleons:	Courtney: brilliant focus in maths working hard to improve her X tables knowledge.	Kara: for beautiful presentation and pride in her work across the curriculum.
Owls:	Jack R: for super focus in lessons and using his reward box well.	Blossom: working hard in all lessons and producing such thoughtful work.
Spiders:	Cattleya: being such a kind friend and welcoming a new child into our class.	Elsie: having an amazing first week in Spider Class.
Tortoises:	Eloise: for Resilience with multiplication.	Paige: for always being calm, focused and hard-working.
Leopards:	Sol: for beautiful manners every morning. Well done Sol.	Felicity: for always trying her best, in every lesson. Well done, Flick!
Peacocks:	Jay: excellent approach to his learning, showing resilience in al that he does.	Ethan: for excellent effort with his maths work.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 16.5 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Spiders!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Our attendance champs this week are Spider Class with 98.6%! Well done, Spiders, you get a well-deserved extra break next week.	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 92 % Unicorn - 76%, Owl - 76%, Chameleon - 63 % Tortoise –83%, Spider – 80%, Leopard - 84%, Peacock - 73% Meaning that this week's champs are Cat class!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Bronze Learning Behaviour Awards: Nahla (Y3); Krish, Charlie D, Nico, Austin (Y4); Isabelle (Y5); Eaden, Zahan, Emily and Elijah (Y6). Values awards for Penelope, Y3, always being resilient with all her work; Libby, Y3, for contributing to her community by always helping others. Arthur, Y6, for showing kindness by asking to make a get well soon card for a fellow classmate. Leo (Y4) and Stacey (Y6) for completing ELSA sessions.	