



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 12th January 2024

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

## SIAMS INSPECTION

This week saw a visit from the SIAMS inspection team as they explored St. Benedict's ethos and vision for our pupils and school community. They were looking to see if the school really did offer its pupils 'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). At present, their verdict can't be shared as the report is still being written, but we should find out before half term. What we can say, though, is that the children, staff and governors were superb and responded brilliantly (and often movingly) to the inspector's questions and it was clear how passionate they are about their school.

Thanks to the parents and carers who sent testimonials and messages of support and to those who came in and spoke to the inspector – he said that, in all his hundreds of inspections, he has never encountered such passionate parents.

Well done and thank you for an excellent team effort!



## Millfield Matches

On Tuesday, two Year 5 boys' teams took on Millfield at football in friendly fixtures. There were debuts for many players and everyone put in super performances. The players (and parents) were lucky enough to enjoy a tea in the Millfield canteen afterwards. We are grateful to Millfield for their hospitality and look forward to Year 6 fixtures and Girls' matches coming soon.

Next week sees the culmination of our competitive football season. On Tuesday, both Boys' and Girls' teams will play in the final of the Mendip Schools' League play-offs, while on Wednesday and Friday, respectively, Boys and Girls teams will represent St. Benedict's (and Mendip) in the County finals tournament. Good luck, everyone!



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Cave: for always doing his part for our school community!	Molly: for always showing kindness!
Unicorns:	Emilia: for always being positive and supportive of others.	Charlie A: Delightful manners and opening the doors for others.
Chameleons:	Bobby: amazing attitude and focus in all he does and much improved times tables.	Jack P: for a huge improvement in his mental maths skills in speed accuracy.
Owls:	Charlie L: for a real team bee sorting out both boxes in our class.	Nellie: for being a super hard worker and always being cheerful.
Spiders:	Jake: for representing the school so well during our inspection.	Jacob P: being such a polite, kind and compassionate member of Spider Class.
Tortoises:	Mason Tr: for outstanding piece of writing using great sentence openers.	Letty: for using super sentence starter!
Leopards:	Simeon: for always having a bright and cheery attitude towards interventions – it's a pleasure to do work with you.	Harry: being well-mannered and having a positive attitude towards his learning.
Peacocks:	Kian: for excellent reflections as part of an RE lesson.	Bessie: for excellent effort and commitment in al that she does.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class with 19.0 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Owls!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Our attendance champs this week are Owl Class with 98.9%! Well done, Owls, you get a well-deserved extra break next week.	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	<p>This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cat – 58% Unicorn - 85%, Owl - 82%, Chameleon - 84 %</b>  <b>Tortoise –76%, Spider – 80%, Leopard - 93%, Peacock - 62%</b></p> <p>Meaning that this week's champs are Leopard class with an amazing 93%!</p>	
<u>Other awards:</u>	<p>Beehive Award: Eloise (Yr5): for being a great friend; Kyle (Yr5): for a great attitude in the Beehive. Bronze Learning Behaviour Awards: Eli, Leilani, Amelia, Carmen (Y3); Olivia, Jamie (Y5); Simeon, Eyed, Charlotte and Kian (Y6); Silver: Reuben (Y5) Accelerated Reader Star Pointer awards for Jasmine. Values awards for Sam, Y6, (showing kindness to others) and Thea, Y6, for always having lovely manners.</p> <p>Values awards: Charlie D: for showing resilience in his swimming lessons. Faye: for showing real resilience by working really well in class.</p>	

## 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.



## YEAR 3 FRICTION WORK

Last week, Year 3 focused on friction in Science and carried out a variety of investigations...



## What are you up to?

Each week we focus on what our pupils are up to out of school. This week, we have four stars, all from the lower school. First up is Ollie who proudly showed off a wooden dragon's head from his Dad's Carnival Club. Next, we feature Eris who has achieved her Level 8 Gymnastics award after lots of hard work. We also star James who has received two medals for his long-distance running. Finally, we feature Lily who has developed a talent for drawing and colouring skulls – as you can see from the photo, she has quite the eye for colours.



## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
w/b Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Spring term clubs begin
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> January 1pm – 3pm	Mendip School Football League play-offs at Strode – 2 x Boys and Girls teams (postponed from before Christmas). Letters will go out next week.
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Boys' Football County Finals' tournament: at Strode. All day.
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Girls' Football County Finals' tournament: at Strode. All day.
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school after half term