



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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

## A PIZZA THE ACTION

On Wednesday morning, a group of lucky pupils got to visit Pizza Express in Street to learn the art of pizza making from a real pizzaiolo. Manager Heather was on hand to talk the group through what makes the perfect margarita, then Ale, the resident pizzaiolo showed the children how to construct their pizza. Every child then got to create their pizza, adding oregano to taste, before they got to sample their delicious creations. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are now pizza-making experts! Huge thanks to Heather, Georgia and Ale and the Pizza Express team for hosting us; it was a memorable morning! Thanks, too, to Ms Grenter, Ms Lamus, Mr Lintell and Mr Ranger for taking us.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Mya: for her great attitude in maths this week.	Sinead: for always having a great attitude to learning! Well done!
Unicorns:	Roman: amazing effort in all his learning.	Lily: for a great start at St Ben's.
Chameleons:	Logan: showing amazing independence and resilience in his maths learning.	Reggie: for being an encouraging friend and super swimming (25 m award!)
Owls:	Mori: for fantastic contributions to class discussions during PE.	Sophia: for super enthusiasm about all her learning.
Spiders:	Elsie: being such an asset to Spider Class in every way.	Jasper: for making amazing progress in his arithmetic papers.
Tortoises:	Sofia: for working with confidence and resilience in all lessons.	Lilah: for resilience and making connections in maths this week.
Leopards:	Chester: being a curious cat in our new history unit about crime and punishment.	Rosalee: for superb contributions to class discussions.
Peacocks:	Freddie: for excellent focus and concentration within lessons.	Holly: for always being responsible and dependable.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class with 24.8 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Chameleons!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Our attendance champs this week are Leopard Class with 96%! Well done, Leopards, 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: <b>Cat –92% Unicorn - 88%, Owl - 86%, Chameleon - 68 %</b> <b>Tortoise –64%, Spider – 75%, Leopard - 82%, Peacock - 72%</b> Meaning that this week's champs are Cat class!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Ruby (Yr3), Luna (Yr4), Ethan W, Alfred, Bessie, Liam, Bobby, Lucas, Raphael, Finley, Harriet, Precious (Yr6). Silver: Eloise (Yr5) AR Target: Louie (Yr3), Sophia (Yr4), Holly, Dulcie, Zahan, and Jay (Yr6) Values' Award: Luka: for including people in his games on the playground; Emily for her focus and resilience in all of her lessons. Beehive Award: Austin (Yr4), Nova and Kobi (Yr3): for great behaviour during breakfast every day. Busy Bee of the Week: Reggie G ELSA: Billyray, Hendrix and Nahla – excellent participation in ELSA sessions Key Stage 1 Young Leaders Award: Bowie (Yr3)	

## World Book Day: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day this year is on Thurs 7th March, but as Year 6 are in London on that day, we will be celebrating on **Friday 8th March**.  
 Please see Page 3, below, for our theme for this year and some ideas to support you.



## What are you up to?



Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are up to out of school hours. This week, we feature Year 4 Faye who has shown real resilience by having a go at tobogganing. The great news is that plucky Faye enjoyed it so much she can't wait to have another go! We also star Mya in Year 3 who has achieved her Level 3 swimming award. Well done, girls!

**If you have a hobby, belong to a club or have done something special – you could be the star of the next newsletter; simply Dojo Mr Ranger.**

## WORLD BOOK DAY – celebrated at St. Ben's on FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

On Friday 8th March 2024, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The theme this year will be 'vocabulary'. We would like your children to dress up as a 'word'. For example, your child may dress up as 'dazzling' and wear sparkly clothing. They may wear pyjamas and be 'sleepy' or 'fatigued'. They could be 'petrifying' and dress up as a witch. The more ambitious the vocabulary the better!

Please ensure your child has a placard or sticker with their word displayed on their costume. If your child would like to dress up as a traditional book character this is also fine; they should write an adjective (describing word) to describe that character on their placard. For example, if they dressed up as Iron Man they might choose to be the word 'brave' or 'courageous'. For Cinderella, they may choose to be 'magical' or 'resilient'. You could choose a pirate costume for 'treacherous' or a soldier outfit for 'fortitude'.

If you google 'Vocabulary Parade' there are lots of other examples. Please see some examples below:



**ELEGANT:** *to be graceful and stylish in appearance or manner.*



**Flexible:** bend without breaking.



**Vivacious:** lively and animated.



**Incognito:** concealing your identity.

We look forward to celebrating the English language and the wonderful books that have been created! Thank you for your continued support.

## HOWZAT?! ACE CRICKETERS ENJOY CLUB

We have been lucky enough to have Somerset Cricket coach Mustafa Shaikh running our lower school cricket club this term and Mr Shaikh is delighted with the progress the children have made. The club has been funded by Somerset Cricket and SASP and is part of the warm spaces initiative. We are hopeful that our young cricketers will go on to star for Glastonbury Cricket Club and would encourage them to join the junior club, the Dynamos, this summer.



## COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT GOVERNOR?

We are incredibly proud of our governors at St. Ben's. They are a wonderful group of people from our local community who care deeply about St. Benedict's and work together to help challenge and support the school and its pupils, parents and staff. We are seeking new governors to join this excellent team. Could you be interested? We'd love to hear from you.

Please call or Dojo Mr Ranger or the Office Team if you would like to find out more.

### Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 London Residential
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day celebrations at St. Ben's – more info next week.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Residential to Osmington Bay in Dorset
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Science Week
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School – summer term starts
w/b Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parents' Evenings – days to be confirmed soon.
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week.