



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 26th April 2024

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

## THANK YOU FOR OUR NEW PLAY AREA!

Over the Easter Holidays, phase 1 of our amazing new play area was completed and it has been a smash hit with the pupils who have been keen to scramble all over it at any given opportunity. The work was completed by Fawn's, who were brilliant, and the £15,000 for the project was raised by our incredible PTFA. Huge thanks to them for their hard work. We now start saving for phase 2. If you wish to make a donation to this or know any local organisations or individuals who may wish to support their local school, please let us know.



## MUSEUM MOVIE-MAKERS

On Tuesday a group of pupils visited the Rural Life Museum for a fabulous 'Movie-maker' workshop, during which they learned to make films based on exhibits at our favourite local museum. A huge thank you to Education Leader Sandy Thomas for hosting the event and to Ms Bradshaw for organising the day which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



## BRIDIE'S FARM SESSIONS A HIT

This week, two groups of pupils got to visit Bridie's Farm for a fantastic Forest School experience. The Bridie's Farm site is being developed as part of the Glastonbury Town Deal and we look forward to more visits as the site grows. Huge thanks to Abi and Kev for running the sessions and to the staff who attended.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Sinead: for making a big improvement in reading more.	Molly: for always being sensible and kind.
Unicorns:	Amelia-Rose: for always working hard and being a fantastic role model.	Kamil: for being more positive after football.
Chameleons:	Reggie T: for super science knowledge and for clear evaluations.	Leo: for an amazing improvement in his handwriting.
Owls:	Jack C: for creative unicorn writing about dragons and capturing them.	Ollie: for always working hard in all subjects especially maths.
Spiders:	Noah: for working so hard on improving his behaviour for learning.	Jasmine: for an excellent setting description in English.
Tortoises:	Sophia: for always having a quiet but positive attitude in school.	Echo: for super descriptive language choices.
Leopards:	Ezmay: for a superb model of a heart! She used all the ELLI animals.	Viktor: for a better attitude towards his learning.
Peacocks:	Sam: for being a good friend and looking out for the needs of others.	Zahan: for an excellent attitude towards his learning.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 19.4 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Cat Class with 97.9% and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Cats!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: <b>Cat – 71% Unicorn - 57%, Owl – 77%, Chameleon - 62 %</b> <b>Tortoise –81%, Spider – 81%, Leopard - 71%, Peacock - 77%</b> Meaning that this week's champs are Tortoise and Spider classes!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Amelia, Charlie R, Nellie, Annabelle, Jasper (Yr5), Gabriella, Rosalee, Chester, Arthur, Victoria, Billyray, and Mya (Yr6) Silver: Hamish (Yr4), Jasmine, Theo, <b>Amelia</b> (Yr5), Flick, Chloe, Stacey, Sol, Simeon, Katie, Harry, Thea (Yr6); Gold: Krish (Yr4) Beehive Awards: Eve (Yr5): for being a good friend. Leilani, Reggie, Paisley, Honi and Kobi (Yr3): for completing Nurture Group. Values' Awards: All the children participating in the SATs Boosters: for showing incredible resilience with their learning. Sol: for "being really resilient and kind to his friends. He is a superstar and never gives up!" Leopard Class	

## PARENTS' EVENINGS A SUCCESS

Thanks to those of you that attended a Parents' Evening this week; it was lovely to see so many parents and carers.

If you did not attend, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet or speak on the telephone. A HUGE thank you to our wonderful governors and PTFA members who gave up their time to serve teas and coffees and offer uniform.





# YEAR 6 DEVELOP POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

## *Bessie and Alex reporting...*

On Thursday, Year 6 had a workshop with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). This was based around our upcoming SATs and managing our feelings. Both classes learned calming exercises to help us if we felt overwhelmed or stressed about home, school or anything. The session allowed us to reflect on our worries but also think about all of the things that make us feel happy and calm. As part of the session we completed some breathing exercises that we can apply to our everyday lives and found these to be very effective. A big thank you from Year 6 to Suzie and Jacqui for their time and expertise.



## **BENFEST – FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

Please note the date in your diaries... this year's BenFest will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. We would love to see you at our biggest PTFA fundraiser of the year.

There will be music, games and activities and a range of food and drink.

Are you a singer/part of a band or do you know one who may be willing to perform free of charge to support St. Ben's.

We need as much support as possible on the night and in the week leading up to it. Would you like to run a stall/help out or would you like to pay for a pitch to sell your wares? Please let us know.

We will also have a raffle and our famous cake auction – so get planning your culinary master-piece for us to auction off to the highest bidder.

### **Dates for your diary:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event/Activity:</b>
w/b Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Clubs begin
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Mayday Bank Holiday – School closed
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week.
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June - evening	BenFest – times tbc
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June and Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET days for festival – No school

# What are you up to?

Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are up to outside of school.

This week, we feature two pupils. First up, well done to Year 3 Mya who has achieved her Level 4 swimming award, which follows hot on the heels of her Level 3 award. Well done Mya – keep up the excellent work! Then, we shine a light on a fundraiser facing a challenge. Year 5 Nathan is doing an abseiling challenge for charity at Shepton Mallet Prison to raise money for SOS Africa. The abseil takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> June. If you wish to support Nathan with his challenge, please visit: <https://youtu.be/MFiHDyggWag?feature=shared>





## FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



# Jumble

10.00am – 2.00pm

Cash & Card accepted



Refreshments available



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