



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 7th June 2024

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

ST. BEN'S COMMEMORATES D-DAY WITH KNIGHTS TRIPS

Pupils from St. Ben's marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day in some special ways this week. On Monday and Thursday groups got to visit award-winning Knights Fish and Chips to learn about the history of the town's favourite chippy, with fantastic guides George and Kevin talking them through the process of making the nation's favourite meal. A HUGE thank you to Kevin and the Knights team; the pupils and staff learned a lot and devoured their delicious treat!

On 6th June, Year 6 pupils joined dignitaries outside St. John's Church to mark the day itself with a poignant poem by Chelsea Pensioner, Roy Palmer. The poem was beautifully read by Year 6 pupils Florence, Alex, Monika and Harry before the children had the chance to go into the church and look at memorabilia from World War II.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Class:	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
No celebration praise this week due to the Talent Show.		
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 21 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Peacocks!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Cat Class with 98.7% 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: Cat – 64% Unicorn - 76%, Owl - 74%, Chameleon - 60 % Tortoise –81%, Spider – 74%, Leopard - 77%, Peacock - 64% Meaning that this week's champs are Tortoise class!	

ST. BEN'S GOT TALENT!

This week has seen class talent show heats followed by today's epic Grand Final. The final saw a tremendous variety of acts proving that St. Ben's truly is the home of very skilful children! A winner from each class will be selected been offered a slot to perform at next Friday's BenFest. Well done to all performers throughout the week – we salute your hard work, your courage and your talent!



What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature two Year 5's who have launched their cricket careers, debuting for Street Cricket Club in a victory over East Huntspill. Well done to Jasper and Jake who really look the part in their cricket whites (see photo, below left). We also feature Year 6 Sol who is back in the saddle and receiving a star rosette for his excellent progress at Burcott stables. It's also a huge well done to Year 4 Ralph who has been on tour to Holland with his football team – the team finished runners-up and hot-shot Ralph finished as player of the tournament in his age group. Excellent work, lads!

Let us know what you've been up to and you could be the star of next week's newsletter!



Left: Anyone for cricket? (with Jasper and Jake).

Right: It's not his first rodeo – Sol gets back in the saddle.

Far right: Ralph bags the player of the tournament trophy.



YEAR 4 WELCOME YEAR 2

On Wednesday, Year 2 got to visit St. Ben's as part of their transition to Junior School. They worked with our wonderful Year 4's making marble runs and creating vocabulary. We really enjoyed having Year 2 with us and look forward to their return for Sports Day on 9th July.



ROUNDERS TEAM TRIUMPHS

On Tuesday 21st May, St. Ben's Rounders team played a tournament at Crispin School. They faced three other teams in the hope of getting through to the finals on 2nd July.

The results were as follows:

St. Ben's 56 Butleigh 26

St. Ben's 28 Ashcott 9

St. Ben's 28 Brookside B 9

This means that our team qualified top of their group.

A HUGE well done to the team and thank you to Mrs Varney and Mr Lintell who coach the team and went with them on the day.

MRS ALLEN'S D-DAY CHALLENGE

Treasured St. Ben's TA, Trudi Allen, is undertaking a D-Day walking challenge this month, raising money for the British Legion by walking/cycling 80km in the month of June to mark the 80 years since D-Day. This week staff members and pupils have joined Mrs Allen as she racks up the miles walking around the field at lunchtimes. If anyone wishes to donate to this worthy cause, donations can be handed in to the office. Mrs Allen was keen to take part in this event in memory of her Dad, Stan Budden, the erstwhile caretaker here at St. Benedict's. Stan was a passionate fund-raiser for the British Legion. Good luck Mrs Allen!



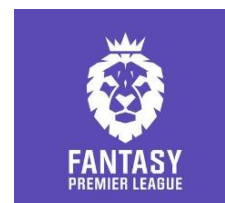
Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Tues 11 th June	Trip to Bishop's Palace – selected pupils
Fri 14 th June - evening	BenFest – 5pm – 9pm: would you like a stall? Please contact our office on 01458 831811.
Tues 18 th June	Orchard Farm trip – Year 4 – all day
Wed 19 th June (am)	Year 6 to Wells Cathedral – Moving Up Leavers' service
Mon 24 th and Tues 25 th June	St. Ben's Euros Football Tournament
Fri 28 th June and Mon 1 st July	INSET days for festival – No school

HOPKINS TOP OF THE LEAGUE IN FANTASY FOOTBALL

For the past two seasons, we have run a Premier League Fantasy Football league for staff members at St. Ben's. Miss Hopkins has triumphed in both seasons – here's this year's top three teams:

1. Hakuna Juan Mata - Miss Hopkins: 2372 points
2. Ranger's Rangers – Mr Ranger: 2343 points
3. Lintell's Lads – Mr Lintell: 2015 points



Congratulations to Miss Hopkins for being St. Ben's Top Manager (again!).

Next season, we aim to open up the St. Ben's Premier League FFL to all of you and we'd love to see pupils and parents involved. It's free to enter, too! You'll have to keep your eyes on Class Dojo in the summer hols as we'll send out a link once we've set up our St. Ben's mini-league. Can you beat Miss Hopkins?!

TT ROCKSTARS

TOP DOGS FROM ROCKSTAR WEEK

TT Rock Stars – Battle of the Bands

Cat Class **4,133** v **2,667** Unicorn Class

Chameleon Class **14,391** v **5,253** Owl Class

Spider Class **38,730** v **17,252** Tortoise Class

Leopard Class **21,673** v **17,409** Peacock Class

TT Rock Stars – Most Valuable Player (MVP) results

	1 st MVP	2 nd MVP	3 rd MVP
Cat Class	Reuben	Bowie	Isaac
Unicorn Class	Libby	Amber	Emilia
Chameleon Class	Bobby	Taran	Leo
Owl Class	Jem	Raphael	Kiyo
Spider Class	Jamie	Jake	Jacob
Tortoise Class	Lilah	Amelia	Reuben
Leopard Class	Monika	Simeon	Luka
Peacock Class	Ethan	Eaden	Felix

BENFEST

Friday 14th June 2024

AT ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL
5PM-9PM

**£2 ENTRY
U15'S FREE**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!
bouncy castle
ice cream van
bbq
cake auction
a variety of stalls
bar
live music
and much more!

ST BENEDICT'S
PRESENTS

**The Great Benfest
Cake Auction**

Bake a cake to be auctioned off so we can raise money for our new playground.
Cakes will need to be baked and handed into the office by the morning of Friday 14th of June.
To keep in line with the school policy, we ask that **NO NUTS** are to be in any of the baked goods.

Once completed, please see the school office team to fill out an ingredients form.