



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 14th June 2024

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

MULTIPLICATION TABLES HEROES

Over the past two weeks, our fabulous Year 4 pupils have been completing the national multiplication check, a 25 question multiplication quiz. The questions check the children's command of times tables up to 12 x 12. We are really proud of the effort they have put into this and thank every one of them for working so hard. Huge thanks also to the Year 4 team (including our very own tables guru, Ms Bradshaw) and to parents and carers who have worked extremely hard to help our Year 4's become fluent in their tables. Well done, Year 4!



BISHOP'S PALACE INSPIRES ARTISTS

On Tuesday, a group of budding artists from all year groups enjoyed a trip to the Bishop's Palace, using the sculptures to inspire some artwork. Art Lead Miss Switzer led the trip and was delighted with the experience. Thank you to the Bishop's Palace for hosting us and to the adults who made it possible.



ST. BEN'S HAS TALENT!!

Well done to all our class winners who have been offered a slot at BenFest and to our overall champ Zahan for his awesome guitar work.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Molly: for consistently working hard and always being ready to learn.	Eli: for working much harder on his maths work during our money topic.
Unicorns:	Felix: for working really hard and trying his best.	Sophia: for improving her independence.
Chameleons:	Ralph: hard work across the curriculum and being kind and supportive to others.	Reggie: great discussion skills related to our science – key explanation of poaching!
Owls:	Raphael: for super descriptions and explanations in English and science.	Thomas: for superb improvements in handwriting.
Spiders:	Elsie: for always working hard at everything she puts her mind to.	Orrin: for an improved attitude to his learning in the classroom.
Tortoises:	Amelia: for super resilience with negative numbers in maths this week.	Nathan: for beautiful descriptive writing.
Leopards:	Harry: for a well-detailed plan and a great design for our shoe project!	Finley: for showing a more resilient approach to his work. Keep it up!
Peacocks:	Lucas: for always demonstrating an excellent attitude in PE lessons.	Nam: for always working hard with a big smile on his face.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class with 16.1 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Owls!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's joint champions are Unicorn Class and Spider Class, both with 97.8% and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Unicorns and Spiders!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 81% Unicorn - 57% , Owl - 77% , Chameleon - 67% Tortoise –81% , Spider – 84% , Leopard - 70% , Peacock - 63% Meaning that this week's champs are Spider class!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Jessica (Yr5) and Noah (Yr6); Silver: Aseel and Aliza (Yr3), Tallulah, Mark, Courtney, Ralph, Aliya, Willow and Thomas (Yr4), Nathan, Reuben, Letty, Blaize, and Xahli (Yr5), Kian (Yr6) Gold: Chiyewo (Yr3), Nellie (Yr4), Mason B and Jake (Yr5), Monika (Y6) Values' Awards: Flick: for showing all of the values in her behaviour all of the time. Noah: for showing independence and resilience in his learning. AR awards: Target masters: Stacey, Thea, and Simeon (Yr6)	

What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature a Year 3 who has been impressing at Gymnastics. Amelia H, who recently started attending her Gym club in Glastonbury has already scooped her Level 1 award. Well done, Amelia – keep up the great work!

What have you been up to?



YEAR 6 WINS PRIZE

Bobby from Year 6 bagged himself a scientific calculator by winning the St. Dunstan's Open Evening challenge to come up with the lowest whole number that no-one else thinks of. The competition was to promote the importance of the standardised scientific calculator – a resource that all Year 7's will require next year. Bobby's prize was awarded by St. Ben's governor and St. Dunstan's Maths teacher, Aby Kench. For any Year 6's that still need to buy themselves a calculator for St. Dunstan's next year, the Maths department there recommend the following models:
Casio FX83GTCW (newer - recommended),
Or, Casio FX83GTX.

Oh, and Bobby's winning number... **17**



BENFEST BIN MAKEOVER

On Tuesday this week, Lucy and Winnie Neeve came in to give our BenFest bins a 'BIG ART' makeover with a team of pupils. We think they're brilliant! A HUGE thank you to Lucy for her time and expertise and to the artists for their wonderful work!



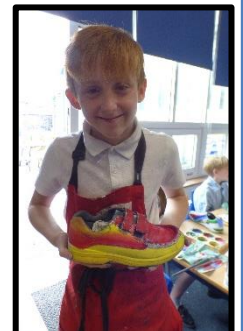
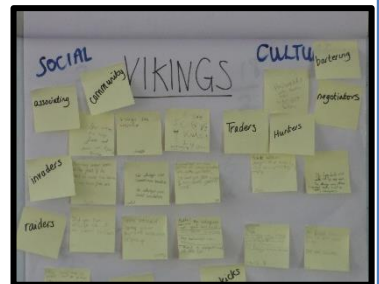
SHOE-PERB!

This week saw the culmination of a Year 6 Art and DT project that has seen them transform a humble shoe into a thing of beauty. The children's challenge, set by Art and DT Lead, Miss Switzer, was to create a design for their footwear based on a country of their choice, then use their artistic skills to bring their design to life. The results are eye-catching!



GOVERNORS' MONITORING VISIT

On Wednesday this week, our Governors visited to drop in on wider curriculum learning and they were really impressed with what they saw. They commented on the quality of teaching and learning, the wonderful classroom environment - including the vibrant displays around school - and the excellent learning behaviour. The governors conduct a monitoring visit at least yearly to keep abreast of what is happening in school. Here are some of the things they saw...



GLEE TS READY FOR ACTION

Glee Club are preparing for their summer term extravaganza (Monday 15th July at 2pm) and this week they found time to design and decorate their performance T-shirts. We know they sound great, now they'll look the part too! Thanks to everyone that donated a T-shirt!



ARE YOU A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT?

We are looking for a parent who may have any experience with garden/outdoor landscaping who may be willing to volunteer to help us with developing our Quiet Area? Could this be you or someone you know?

If so, please contact Mr Ranger via Class Dojo or on 01458 831811



BENFEST – FRIDAY 14th
JUNE 2024

POSTPONED –
NOW ON MON 17th at
4:30 – 8pm.

DON'T BE IDLE!

A polite reminder to parents about not leaving their vehicle engines running while waiting for their child/ren. Please simply turn your engine off until you are ready to drive away. As well as wasting precious fuel, breathing in car fumes can have a huge impact on young lungs, so please help to protect our children's health.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 17 th June	Group going to Somerset Children's Parliament
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
Tues 2 nd July	Mini-Police to Police Training HQ in Clevedon
Wed 3 rd July	Transition Day – meet your next teacher