



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 21st June 2024

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

MON SUN SEES BENFEST FUN

After postponing BenFest last Friday, we were all incredibly relieved to see the sunshine on Monday for what turned out to be a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment. A HUGE thank you to our fabulous PTFA for all their hard work – especially Tina Lawford and Trudi Allen. We are also grateful to everyone that helped out and ran stalls and activities. Massive thanks to Becky Greuter for her outstanding MCing and to all the performers and acts, including the excellent Dragon Drummers! Thanks to you all we raised a magnificent **£2500!!**



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Aliza: for always going above and beyond to help others!	Carmen: for being resilient during swimming and overcoming her worries.
Unicorns:	Barnaby: having a positive attitude in all he does	James: for working hard in swimming.
Chameleons:	Mark: for always being helpful and considerate towards others.	Chameleon Class: for superb teamwork and attitude on our trip to Orchard Park Farm.
Owls:	Hamish: for resilience and determination in all his work.	Owl Class: for excellent team work, a real community spirit on our trip to the woodland.
Spiders:	Mason B: for making a huge effort to improve his writing this term.	Jessica P: for making an excellent start in Spider Class.
Tortoises:	Xahli: for excellent contributions in class discussions.	Lilah: for being resilient and adapting her learning whilst having a broken wrist.
Leopards:	Chester: for amazing contributions in class discussions.	Viktor: for an amazing shoe design based around Ukraine.
Peacocks:	Jay: for an excellent attitude towards problem solving in maths lessons.	Ethan H: for excellent presentation of his written work.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 13.7 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class, with 98.6% and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Chameleons!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 70% Unicorn - 74% , Owl - 86% , Chameleon - 75% Tortoise –81% , Spider – 78% , Leopard - 68% , Peacock - 81% Meaning that this week's champs are Owl class!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Kobi (Yr3), Saimum (Yr4) Gold: Stanley (Yr5) and Sol (Yr6) Values Award: Reggie T: for showing kindness and consideration to others in class and on the playground. Jem: for having a real sense of kindness and community supporting his friends on our school trip. AR awards: Hundred Club: Tallula and Taran (Yr4), Bobby and Dulcie (Yr6) Millionaires Club: Dulcie x3 (Yr6)	

What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Year 5 Nathan who has bravely completed his abseil challenge to raise money for SOS Africa. Plucky Nathan raised £145 for the charity! Well done, Nathan – incredible work for the community!

What have you been up to?



SOMERSET CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT

On Monday, a fab four of our pupils represented St. Ben's at the Somerset Children's Parliament in Taunton. The theme was community and Zahan, Dulcie, Stacey and Luka did us proud as they confidently presented their ideas to the audience. Could we be looking at MPs or Prime Ministers of the future? This writer thinks we could do a lot worse than to entrust our future to these four...

Well done, everyone, and thank you to Mr Kelland and Miss Hopkins for accompanying the group.



KNIGHTS D-DAY PRIZES

Following our recent visits to Knights fish and chips, we welcomed owner Kevin Mitchell to school last Friday to present prizes for the best D-Day poster. The competition was part of the visits with entries being displayed in the shop. Winners Katie from Year 6 and Lily from Year 3 received a Knights voucher for their efforts! Well done, girls, and thank you Kevin.



YEAR 4 VISIT ORCHARD PARK FARM

On Tuesday this week, Year 4 got to visit Orchard Park Farm for a day to remember. Their adventures included den building, a blindfold trail and identifying birds through their song. The day reminded us all that some of the best learning takes place outdoors! A HUGE thank you to Ms Bradshaw and Farm Link for helping to organise the visit and to Orchard Park Farm for hosting us – we hope to visit again soon!



'MOVING UP' SERVICE INSPIRES YEAR 6

On Wednesday, our Year 6's joined many other schools at Wells Cathedral for a 'Moving Up' Leavers' service. The children got to sing songs together and reflect on their time at Primary School as well as the transition to secondary. As ever, our pupils were exemplary. Florence and Zahan got to hold the school banner, while Stacey and Arthur collected a candle for the school. Thank you to the Diocesan Team for hosting and for holding such a moving service.



YEAR 5 VISIT ST. DUNSTAN'S

On Wednesday this week, Year 5 visited St. Dunstan's to experience a few secondary subjects. As part of the link between our two schools, the lucky pupils got to sample Drama, Music and English and they had a fantastic afternoon.

Huge thanks to Sarah Easterbrook and the St. Dunstan's staff for hosting us.



ST. BEN'S EUROS NEXT WEEK

Don't forget it's our EURO 24 tournament next week – Upper School on Monday and Lower School on Tuesday – come in in your kit!

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

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.

WEDMORE VILLAGE FARM VEGGIE GIVEAWAY

Wedmore Village Farm are very kindly donating organic veg to us this term. Recent donations include carrots, potatoes, kale and lettuce. A HUGE thank you to their team.

The vegetables and salad are available to any families, so please keep your eyes open for our stall outside Year 5 (usually Tuesdays or Wednesdays). The initiative is aimed at promoting quality food for all.

We aim to visit Wedmore Farm in the autumn term to establish further links.

Wedmore Village Farm would love feedback on this, so why not send us a photo or testimonial that we can share with them.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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
Mon 8 th July	Year 3 trip to Ham Wall
Tues 9 th July	St. John's Sports Day – Y6 Sports Leaders to run.
Wed 10 th July	Year 4 to Rural Life Museum – Myths and Legends Day
Wed 10 th July	Year 6 trip to Greenbank
Mon 15 th July at 2pm	Glee Summer Show on playground. Parents and carers welcome.
Wed 17 th July	Year 6 Production of Oz (parent performance in the evening – 6 pm for a 6:30pm start).