



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 5th July 2024

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

ST. BEN'S EUROS SEE FOOTBALL FIESTA

Last week saw the Lower School and Upper School Euros tournaments which proved to be a fiesta of football. The Upper School tournament was on Monday, with four semi-finalists emerging from a hard-fought group stage. On Tuesday the format was the same for the Lower School with the finals happening on Tuesday afternoon. For the Lower School, Italy were eventually crowned champs with a narrow victory over Germany, while in the Upper School Romania triumphed over Switzerland. After the serious business, there was a chance for U/S winners Romania to take on Ranger's Rangers, which led to a masterclass from Midfield Maestro Hopkins as she secured a 3-1 win for the staff team with a hat-trick under the watchful eye of Manager, Mrs Fellows! Golden Boot awards went to Raphael (Lower School) and Jacob Richards (Upper School), with Team Player awards for Shahala (U/S) and Willow (L/S). Golden Gloves awards for Vlad (U/S) and Krish (L/S). Huge thanks to Mr Ranger for organising the event and to Mr Ranger, Mr Lintell and Mr Kelland and Alex and Issy for refereeing. Well done to all players – it was a fabulous event played in the right spirit!



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Leilani: for being kind to others and working hard to support other children!	Amelia S: trying hard with all her learning and taking extra care of her presentation.
Unicorns:	Mia: for always having a positive attitude.	Amber: for overcoming her worries and having a confident transfer day.
Chameleons:	Taran: for always working hard, showing improved resilience and helping others.	Courtney: for being a supportive and thoughtful friend and class member.
Owls:	Logan B: for superb presentation in his golden write.	Mori: for super reasoning and contributions in maths and science.
Spiders:	Hartley: for showing maturity towards his transition to Year 6.	Jamie: for an amazing report about the St Ben's Euro Tournament!
Tortoises:	Kyle: for making me smile every day!	Sophia: for being brave and resilient.
Leopards:	Chloe: for working hard, even when it can be challenging!	Sol: for having a positive attitude towards his transitioning session.
Peacocks:	Jenson: for a positive transition day at his new secondary school.	Eaden: for being an inquisitive learner during our NHS visit.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 15.9 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 99.4% and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Unicorns!	
<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: Silver: Libby, Amelia-Rose, Lily Pay, Rupert, Freddie, Felix, Monty, Reggie, Leilani, Bowie, and Eleana (Yr3), Luna-Lily, Logan GL, Taran, Elijah, Bobby, Kara, Jack P, Reggie T, Leo, Darcie and Reggie N, (Yr4) and Vlad, Isabelle, Jacob P, and Hartley (Yr5). Gold: Reuben (Yr3) and Logan B(Yr4). Platinum!: Dexter (Yr5) and Nico (Yr4) ELSA Awards: Leilani and Carmen (Yr3): for completing ELSA. Nellie (Yr4): for excellent participation in ELSA sessions. Sofia (Yr5): for great participation in ELSA sessions. SASP Playmaker Award: Jacob, Jasmine, Letty, Annabelle, Jessica, Blaise, Lilah, Daisy, Echo, Nathan, Nellie, Solomiia, Jake, Dexter, Vlad, Mason, Charlie, Mason, Reuben, Akishar, and Orrin (Yr5).	

TRANSITION DAY A SUCCESS

On Wednesday, pupils in all year groups got to meet their new teachers and support staff for next year. Although there were, understandably, a few nerves ahead of the sessions, the feedback has been really positive and minds are now at rest regarding what is happening next year. Now we get on with the job of enjoying the rest of this year!

Please see the 'dates for your diary' section below and try to join us for some of the events we are hosting – why not join us for the **Glee Club Summer Performance on the playground at 2pm on 15th July**. Parents and carers of Y6 pupils, please note the time and date for our leavers' assembly – **2pm on Wed 24th July**.

ST. BEN'S ROUNDERS TEAM ARE CHAMPS AGAIN!

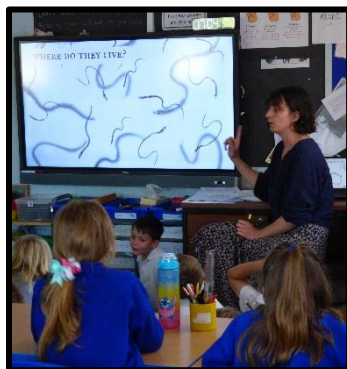
This week saw another sporting triumph for St. Ben's as our Rounders Team won the Mendip League with two wins a draw at Tuesday's tournament. Under the watchful eyes of coaches Mrs Varney and Mr Lintell, the team were magnificent, seeing off challengers Brookside A and West Pennard before a nail-biting 27-27 draw with Ashcott, after which St. Ben's were declared winners based on points scored. Well done to all the players and a HUGE thank you to Mrs Varney and Mr Lintell for their hard work and expertise! The Rounders team are now unbeaten in two seasons!



CNN VISIT AND ELVERS HAVE LEFT THE BUILDING!

St. Ben's has been involved in a conservation project with a local twist. Our Science Lead, Mrs Anderson has established a link with the Somerset Eel Recovery Project (SERP) and as a result we have had tanks of elvers in classrooms and the Bee Hive. The aim is to extend their chances of survival before they make their epic journey to the Sargasso Sea to spawn. Such is the project's impact that CNN visited on Thursday 4th July to film our Unicorn Class as part of the forthcoming 'Call to Earth' documentary. We will receive a special link to view this ahead of its release on TV. Each class has worked with Elver specialist Hannah Strode, who has taught them about the eels and their remarkable life cycle.

On Friday 5th July, the elvers will leave the building to be released at nearby Clyse Hole. If you and your child would like to experience this, please meet at the Red Brick Building at 5:15pm or go direct to Clyse Hole. **What 3 words link for the location:** PolicyChefsSandbags
We are so grateful to Hannah for allowing us to be part of this project and a huge thank you to Mrs Anderson for making it all happen.



YEAR 5's HAVE BIKEABILITY

This week, a group of intrepid Year 5's took part in the Bikeability training programme, to help them be safe cycling on the roads. Road safety is incredibly important and we would urge as many pupils as possible to consider taking part in this excellent (and free!) scheme in the future.

As ever, a HUGE thank you to programme leader Mark and to our wonderful governor Mike Derbidge for supporting the pupils and well done to everyone who took part – you were brilliant!



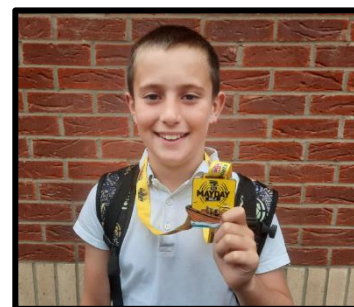
What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Year 4 Sophia who has completed her Level 5 swimming award and is now working towards her Level 6!

We also shine a light on Year 5 Dexter who has completed the RNLI Mile a Day for May challenge, by walking, cycling or running a mile every day in May, raising an impressive £226 for the charity! **Well done both of you!**

What have you been up to?



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 8 th July	Year 3 trip to Ham Wall
Tues 9 th July	9:30 – 11am: St. John's Sports Day – Y6 Sports Leaders to run.
Wed 10 th July	Year 4 to Rural Life Museum – Myths and Legends Day
Mon 15 th July	2pm: Glee Summer Show on playground. Parents and carers welcome.
Mon 15 th July	3:45pm: Matinee performance of Oz
Wed 17 th July	Year 6 Production of Oz (parent performance in the evening – 6 pm for a 6:30pm start).
Fri 19 th July	St. Ben's Sports Day, Upper School 10am, Lower School 1:30pm.
Mon 22 nd July	Morning: Year 3 and Year 6 to the Abbey.
Tues 23 rd July	Morning: Year 4 and Year 5 to the Abbey.
Wed 24 th July	Leavers' Assembly at 2pm. Break up for Summer Hols.
Thurs 5 th Sept	Return to school: Autumn Term begins



What's on this summer?

Pond Dipping Hire at RSPB Ham Wall!

Hire a pond dipping kit for one hour and see what you can find in the water...will you find a Damselfly larvae or a Water Scorpion! Available most Saturday and Sundays.

Date Various - check website for dates and times
Cost £4 per kit

Big Wild Summer PJ Party at RSPB Ham Wall!

Join us at bedtime to discover the wonders of nocturnal wildlife! We'll play games, go on a walk by torchlight, sit around a campfire, toast marshmallows and listen to a bedtime story. Booking fee included.

Date 3 August 2024 6:30pm - 9pm
Cost £16 child member, £20 child non-member, £8 adult member, £10 adult non-member

Kids Bio-Blitz at RSPB Ham Wall!

Join us to find what is lurking in the pond, hiding in the grass or under a stone, or singing from the trees! We will spend some time pond dipping, bug hunting and birdwatching, recording what we find as we go along. Booking fee included.

Date 9 August 2024 10:30am - 12pm
Cost £7 child member, £8.50 child non-member

Family Friday Fun Day! Marvellous Mammals!

Join us for an exciting adventure into the world of the UK's most fascinating mammals! Listen to stories, play some games, discover who did the poo and create some amazing crafts! Booking fee included.

Date 23 August 2024 11am - 12:30pm
Cost £6 child member, £7.50 child non-member

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