



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 24th July 2024

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We break up today (Wed 24th July) and will return on Thurs 5th September. See you then.

Thank you all for your support this year and thank you to the pupils and staff of St. Ben's for their hard work in what has been another brilliant year of learning adventures!

Our staff will all be enjoying a well-earned break. If you have a safeguarding issue, please send Mr Ranger a Class Dojo message. If it is urgent, please contact Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

THE WIZ CASTS SPELL ON AUDIENCES

Last week saw three fabulous performances of the Year 6 Leavers' Play, *The Wiz*. Scripted and choreographed by the brilliant Miss Switzer, the performance looked and sounded spectacular.

Thanks to Miss Switzer for her directing, to Ms Branton and Mrs Caston for their costume work and to Mr Kelland and the TA team for their efforts to put on such wonderful performances.

To the cast... we salute you! **Please see the photo feature on Page 3.**



OLYMPIC SPORTS DAY A SCORCHING SUCCESS

Last Friday saw Olympic themed Upper School and Lower School Sports days. Both events were well attended by parents and carers, with the first ever adult participation event (beach volleyball) a smash hit. Soaring temperatures meant it was a scorching day but every country put in maximum effort and a great day was had by all.



Huge thanks to the staff for running the Upper School event and to Year 6 for running the Lower School event – our young leaders were inspirational! Finally, a big thank you to Mr Ranger and Mr Lintell for organising and overseeing the day. **Please see the photo special on Page 4.**

FAREWELL YEAR 6

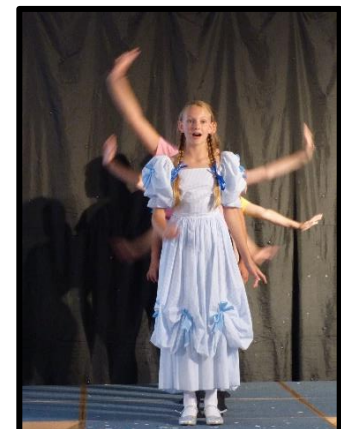
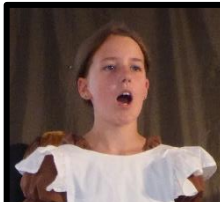
Today we waved goodbye to our lovely Year 6's in an emotional leavers' assembly. We wish them all good luck and thank them for four years of special moments and memories.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Sage: for always being polite and ready to learn!	Evie: for always being ready to learn!
Unicorns:	James: for improved effort in writing – well done!	Eli: for being an independent leopard during maths this week! Django: for working really hard to improve his reading.
Chameleons:	Aliya: for superb attitude during our Viking Day – great stew skills!	Charlie D: for fantastic focus in class!
Owls:	Marshall: excellent team work and perseverance chopping and peeling.	Jem: for excellent attitude in assessments and super weaving on Viking Day.
Spiders:	Nellie: for being resilient and mature during tough times.	Issy: for helping a friend in need.
Tortoises:	Archie: for fantastic progress in end-of-year assessments and star tests!	Mason Tr: for excellent progress in his star test!
Leopards:	Louie: for embracing an opportunity!	For all of Leopard Class: for an amazing performance of 'The Wiz'!
Peacocks:	Florence: for continuously putting 100% in all that she does!	All of Peacock Class: for a fantastic production!
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Tortoise Class with 22.7 points per child and they enjoyed an extra break this week. Well done, Tortoises!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 95.8% and they enjoyed an extra break this week. Well done, Spiders!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat -59% Unicorn - 50% , Owl - 64% , Chameleon - 67 % Tortoise –88% , Spider – 65% , Leopard - 76% , Peacock -62 % Meaning that this week's champs are Tortoise class! The half term champions are Owl and Tortoise class! This year's champs are Owl Class with an average of 77%!!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Kara, Isaac (Yr3) Silver: James, Evie, Molly, Amelia, Sage, Eloise, Ruby, Carmen, Eris, Django, Florence (Yr3), Mori, Jem, Sam (Yr4), Shahala, Charlie, Nellie (Yr5), Mya, Precious, Arthur, Victoria, Louie, Finley (Yr6). Gold: Leilani, Cave, Kamil, Rupert, Libby, Amelia-Rose, Charlie (Yr3), Isaac, Ollie, Hamish, Jaxon (Yr4) Jacob P, Jasmine, Olivia, Noah, Solomiia, Owen, Jacob, Shahala, (Yr5), Harry, Max, Stacey, Rosalee, Thea, Katie, Flick, Simeon, Harriet, Isambard (Yr6) Platinum: Raphael (Yr4), Megan M and Jake (Yr5)	
<u>Attendance awards</u>	100% for the Whole Year: Lily Paisey, Aliya, Paige and Megan H – an AWESOME ACHIEVEMENT!	
<u>Reading awards</u>	AR Target: Isaac, Leilani, Louie (Yr3), Meg H, Eloise, Manu, Oliver, Daisy (Yr5) Hundred Club: Stacey (Yr6); Star Pointer: Cave, Leilani, Kamil (Yr3), Letty, Oriella (Yr5), Eyed, Thea, Finley (Yr6)	
<u>Swimming Awards</u>	25 m: Mya, Lauralie, Eloise, Evie, Kara, Rupert, Amelia Rose, James, Ruby, Reuben, Mia, Carmen, Charlie, Olive, Florence, Penelope, Felix, Libby, Lily and Eris (Yr3)	
<u>Other Awards:</u>	Bikeability: Owen, Oliver, Nathan, Xahli and Eve (Yr5) ELSA award: Charlie D (yr4): for excellent participation in ELSA sessions.	

THE WIZ – YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PLAY IN PHOTOS



SCORCHIO! SPORTS DAY SIZZLER!



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO STAFF LEAVERS

As well as our Year 6's, we have had a number of adults leave us today. From Year 4, Maddie Allen is leaving to have a baby. Maddie has been a wonderful member of our team this year and will be sorely missed by pupils and parents. We await news of her new arrival...

From Year 5, Eva Skinner has left. Eva has been an apprentice TA who has grown so much in her two years at St. Ben's. She leaves behind many memories and lots of fabulous photos of her antics – sometimes she was the oldest child in Year 5! We wish Eva good luck as she continues her TA journey.

From Year 6, Georgia Daly is leaving. Georgia has supported Sol throughout his time at St. Ben's and also at St. John's and we will really miss her calm assurance next year. Good luck, Georgia!

Finally, David MacGeoch is leaving his role as Glastonbury vicar. David has been part of our community since 2008 and has been both a governor and pastoral presence at St. Benedict's. We wish David good luck as he and his family move to Leighton Buzzard.

THANK YOU ALL AND GOOD LUCK!

HT Tea party feature

On Monday, Mr Ranger treated all winners of a Headteacher's Award to an ice lolly and an extra break to say 'well done' for their hard work.



Left: THUMBS UP!
Year 3 and 4 Headteacher's Award winners celebrate their achievement with an ice lolly.

Right: Mr Ranger celebrates
with Year 5 and 6
Headteacher's award
winners!



BRIDIE'S FARM FOREST SCHOOL SESSION

Last Tuesday, a group of pupils from all year groups got to spend an afternoon at wonderful Bridie's Farm, just outside Glastonbury. Activities included boiling water for their own hot chocolate, using saws to create jewellery and sculpting insects from clay. Huge thanks to our hosts Abi and Kev. We hope to spend more time at Bridie's Farm next year.



GLEE CLUB ROCK!

Last Monday saw Glee's Summer Show. The rain forced us inside where a packed audience watched on as Glee Club, led by Miss Greuter and Miss Hopkins, performed a fantastic set of their favourite songs. Thanks for entertaining us and thank you to Miss Greuter and Miss Hopkins for running the club this year!



What are you up to?

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



Our final feature of the year focuses on Sol, who has received a Star Rosette in his last riding lesson at Burcott. We all know who the star is!

We also shine a light on Zahan who recently represented the Zoroastrian faith at the Mayor's Inauguration Parade. Zahan has also played a set at the Pilton festival recently!

Well done, both of you!



WINDMILL HILL FUN AGES 8-13



EVERY TUESDAY
FROM 30TH JULY -
20TH AUGUST

10AM-2PM

FREE

Fun Games, Arts & Crafts
and Sports
Snacks Provided



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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

Contact
ham.wall@rspb.org.uk
01458 860494

Find out more
www.https://events.rspb.org.uk/hamwall

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Glastonbury Food offerings

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Johns church, Talking café & Art Therapy: tea, coffee & toast- 10.00 – 2.00. (Plus, warm Clothes rail) Buddha Maitreya Centre, high street- takeaway sandwich bag & coffee from 10 am
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Reform Church - High Street. veg sausage or bacon sandwiches - 9.30-11am Love Glastonbury Community Pantry- dry goods/tins 10 items-donation up to £2.50 (NOTAFLOF) Abbey Mews, High Street 1-3 pm (plus free baby clothes box)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddha Maitreya centre, High Street- takeaway sandwich bag & coffee from 10 am Prasad- Hot Vegetarian meal served outside St John's Church 1 pm
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddha Maitreya Centre, High Street- takeaway sandwich bag & coffee from 10 am St Benedict's Church- soup kitchen 12-1.30 Love Glastonbury Community Pantry- dry goods/tins 10 items- donation up to £2.50 (NOTAFLOF) Abbey Mews 1-3 pm (plus baby clothes box) The Snug Red Brick Building 11-3 on the 3rd Thurs of the month - An uplifting place to support wellbeing, creativity and community. Ambient music & refreshments The Red Brick building over winter, weekly warm space for the community. 12.30 -7pm. People who drop in can expect a warm welcome, free soup, art activities, plus signposting to local services and support.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddha Maitreya centre, High Street- takeaway sandwich bag & coffee from 10 am
Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Reform Church- High Street, veg sausage or bacon sandwiches – 9.30-11am
Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddha Maitreya Centre, High Street- takeaway sandwich bag & coffee from 10 am

Love Glastonbury Community Fridge open daily 9-4 pm next to Town Hall steps, honesty collection of up to 5 items plus bread.

Food Donations also accepted (see list inside door)