



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 13th September 2024

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

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

ONLINE SAFETY PARENT TALK

Online Safety is a hot topic, with more concern than ever over our children's online activities and security. Due to this, we have invited in the Cyber Protect Police team to work with our pupils, staff and parents and carers. Their visit will be **next Wednesday (18th September)** and the **Parent/Carer talk will be at 2:15pm**. This will be approx. an hour to coincide with you collecting your child at the end of the day.

It could be one of the most important hours of our year as we all learn together how to keep our children safe online.

VISITING CHRISTIANS RETURN



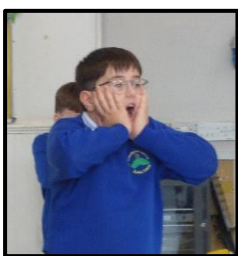
This week we were delighted to welcome back Annie, Phil and Mike, aka the Visiting Christians, who will be running Collective Worship every other Tuesday in church. As we begin our school year, fittingly, this week's Bible story was the creation story. As ever, the team got the children involved and ended with a song or two. Welcome back!



PUPILS ENJOY DRAMATIC DAY

On Monday 9th September, our Drama Club teacher, Maxine, visited to run workshops with each class. Creative as ever, our pupils immersed themselves in Maxine's activities and relished the opportunity to be theatrical. We are very proud to host Maxine's fabulous Drama Club every Tuesday until 4:30pm.

Places are going fast, but there is still some availability. Please contact the office for more information.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Finn: for impressing me with his great attitude to his learning!	All of Cat Class: for having such a positive first week at St Ben's.
Unicorns:	Mazuita: for new country, new home and new school – all with a smile on her face.	All of Unicorn Class: for a great start at St Ben's.
Chameleons:	Eris: for amazing resilience this week and always being so positive.	Sophia T: beautiful presentation and attention to detail in art work.
Owls:	Reuben: for super contribution to all lessons and amazing maths!	Paisley: for working super hard in all subjects, super maths!
Spiders:	Eden: for being so kind and welcoming to our new children.	Marshall: for working so hard in our maths lessons together.
Tortoises:	Willow: A happy and confident start to Year 5!	Charlie D: for super Maths work this week.
Leopards:	Noah: for super creative writing in his morning work.	Manu: for a superb poem about his dog, Mika.
Peacocks:	Oriella: for showing excellent creativity in all of her work.	Flora: for an excellent attitude towards her learning.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 21.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Leopards!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's joint champions are Cat Class and Leopard Class, both with a perfect 100%. Well done to both classes, you both get an extra break next week!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	Our weekly Book Battle starts next week. Every child must read at least 4 x per week at home, get their reading log signed by an adult and bring it to school every Wednesday. We then calculate what % of each class has read 4 x or more with the winners being crowned Book Battle Champs each week. The winning class each half term gets a mufti-day to themselves! Every child in school that has read 4 x or more each week gets an extra break on Friday afternoons.	
<u>Values' Award:</u>	Jake S: for being kind and supporting younger children at Ben's Den. Mason Tr: for showing resilience with his learning.	

NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that we are a nut free school. Please ensure your child does not bring in any nuts or nut-related products to eat. Many thanks for your support and understanding.

What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Year 6 Archie who has selflessly donated his hair to the Little Princess Trust, having grown it for two years! Archie made the donation in August and raised an impressive £165 for the fabulous charity.

Well done, Archie – you're our hero!



PUPIL PREMIUM – HELPING US TO HELP OUR PUPILS

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is a means tested per pupil payment that helps schools to meet the needs of disadvantaged pupils. In the last few years we have averaged over 70 pupils per year in receipt of the PPG. We have spent this money on interventions, pastoral staffing, subsidising trips and uniform and giving children cultural and social opportunities.

If you think you may be eligible, why not apply for the PPG.

It is a really quick and simple process and will give your child access to trips, visits and more support. For any support or more information about this, please contact Mr Ranger or the Office Team on 01458 831811 or via Class Dojo.

The Mika Menace A poem by Manu, Y6

The Mika menace,
White with brown patches,
Big puppy dog eyes,
Ears as soft as a fluffy cloud.

The Mika menace,
As crazy as a little child,
As loud as an elephant,
Runs as fast as a rocket.

The Mika menace,
She steals my socks,
She loves food,
As cuddly as a teddy bear.

ARE YOU A GARDENER/DESIGNER?

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



NEW PTFA TEAM IT COULD BE YOU!

We are aiming to create a new PTFA team this year; if you wish to be part of it, please don't miss our PTFA Meeting at 2pm on Wednesday 2nd October.

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.

Also, please consider carefully where you park – ensuring children and their families can cross safely.

Drop-off and Collection Arrangements

A reminder that ALL children should come into school each morning via the Proper Job entrance. There is no access via the front of school. After school, Year 6 leave via the front of school (onto Benedict Street), with other year groups leaving via the back entrance (by Proper Job). The gate will open at 3:10pm – can any parents of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils please come down onto the playground to collect their child.

I appreciate that there is often a bottle-neck at the gate (hence Year 6 leaving via the front), so we appreciate your patience to ensure that every child gets out safely.

If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child, it is essential that you let the school know. We will not allow children to go with other adults unless we have been informed.

Please ensure you collect your child promptly after school/after their club. If pupils are not collected on time, we may place them into 'Ben's Den' Wraparound Club and parents may be charged for the time.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 16 th September	Clubs start – please remember to collect your child on time.
Wed 18 th September	Police Cyber Protect Team to deliver Online Safety sessions: Parent and Carer talk at 2:15pm – all welcome! (please see separate letter)
Wed 2 nd October: 2pm	PTFA Annual General Meeting – all welcome
Wed 23 rd October: 2pm	Harvest Festival at St. Benedict's Church – parents and carers welcome
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 4 th November	INSET Day: School closed
Tuesday 5 th November	Pupils return to school.



St Dunstan's School

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Open Evening 2024

Thursday 26th September

6.30pm – 8.30pm

To register your interest in attending, please email: secretary@stdunstansschool.com

Or check out our website: www.stdunstansschool.com

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9:30 - 11:30am
12:30 - 2:30pm
4 - 4:30pm

(last optional session for reflection and support if needed)

Level 1:

- CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
- CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
- Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

Level 2:

- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours

Level 3:

- Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Either Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit).
- OR, be in employment, able to attend the sessions and earning less than £23,500 per year
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Can't be an Asylum Seeker
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

Go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more info'

In the summer term, a group of pupils were involved in creating artwork for the 'As Old as the Hills' exhibition. This exhibition will be running at the Red Brick Building from 21st Sept – 6th October and you are all welcome to attend the Exhibition Launch on Saturday 21st Sept. See poster below for details...

As Old as the Hills



Community Art Project
Exhibition & Events

Curated by Fiona Campbell & Jan Ollis

Madi Acharya Baskerville

Nikki Allford

Duncan Cameron

Fiona Campbell

David Kefford

Di Milstein

Penelope O'Gara

Jan Ollis

Catriona Robertson

Richard Tomlinson

21 September-6 October 10-5pm daily

Zig Zag Building, Morland Road, Northover, Glastonbury BA6 9FT

VENUE
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Exhibition Launch with special events: Sat 21 Sept, 10am-5pm, dance, performance, talks and after-party 5pm onwards

Artists in Conversation Tues 24 Sept, 6.30pm, £5

Layered books Workshop with Penelope O'Gara & Fiona Campbell, Sat 28 Sept, 2-4pm, £12

Workshop: Found feathers, owl pellets, riverweed pressings with Duncan Cameron, Sun 29 Sept, 2-4pm, £12

'Living on the Edge' Talk by Zig Zag owner Chris Black, blurring boundaries between urban & rural, Sun 29 Sept, 6pm, £10

To book email: fionacampbell-art@sky.com

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