



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 20th 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

Thank you to those parents who managed to attend our Online Safety talk delivered by the Megan Haldane from the Cyber Security team – it was hard-hitting but essential viewing as we battle to keep our children safe online. The pupils also received a talk as well as a staff session after school. Thanks to Ms Bradshaw, our fabulous Computing Lead for organising it. This weekend, why not review your passwords and ensure your accounts are not easy to hack.

Please remind your children about the importance of not sharing information about themselves online and also consider what happens to photos you share of your children on social media sites.



PUPILS HELP RECRUIT VICAR

Following Vicar David's departure in the summer, Father Kieron this week informed us that our pupils will be involved in recruiting a new vicar of Glastonbury. The Diocese are hoping to have a new vicar in post by September 2025 and they are keen to know what our children are looking for in the new vicar.



Step one was for all pupils to have their say. Father Kieron unrolled a HUGE piece of paper and everyone got to write (or draw) what qualities they felt our town's vicar should have...



NEW PTFA TEAM COULD IT 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 **Thursday 10th October** (this is a change from the previously advertised 2nd Oct).

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Emilia: for being a presentation Peacock and always using beautiful handwriting!	Loki: for trying really hard to improve his handwriting!
Unicorns:	Tristan: for working hard and trying his best in all he does.	Elias: for working hard to improve his learning behaviour.
Chameleons:	Freddie: for superb contributions to class discussion!	Monty: for beautifully descriptive poetry with fantastic similes!
Owls:	Ruby: for super helpful and supportive friend to her class mates.	Tania: for settling so well into Owl class an always smiling!
Spiders:	Aiden: for always supporting his peers.	Charlie W: for having such an excellent attitude to his learning this year.
Tortoises:	John: for making a super effort with his handwriting this week.	Krish: for super thoughtful work in history.
Leopards:	Archie: for superb group work in writing.	Kyle: for approaching every task with a smile and 100% effort.
Peacocks:	Megan MJ: for always striving to go above and beyond with her learning.	Mason B: for an excellent attitude towards his learning.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 20 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, both with 98.7% attendance. Well done Chameleons, you get an extra break next week!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 89% Unicorn - 80% , Owl - 83% , Chameleon - 90 % Tortoise –54% , Spider – 92% , Leopard - 88% , Peacock - 83% Meaning that this week's champs are Spider class!	
<u>Values' Award:</u>	Nellie N: for going out of her way to help others in need. All of Tortoise class: for showing kindness and friendship to our new class members.	



What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Year 3 Juno who has completed a Musical Theatre exam and gained a merit.

We also star Year 6 Jas who has shone in the pool during her club championship. Jas competed in an impressive four events bagging a bronze medal for her 25m butterfly. Well done, girls, great work!



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.

MUSIC WORKSHOPS

On Friday, we were joined by musician Alice Coton who delivered music workshops to Cat Class and Year 5. The children really enjoyed the sessions and impressed Alice with their love of music.



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



GOVERNORS WANTED!

Could you be a governor at St. Benedict's? We have a wonderful team of governors who help to monitor, challenge and oversee the school. Meetings are generally in the early evening (5pm – 7pm) and are engaging and always aimed at helping the school to be the best it can for our pupils. There is always tea and biscuits (and sometimes cake!). It is such a rewarding, enjoyable role that really makes a difference to your community and to our school. Please call the office or Mr Ranger (01458 831811) if you might be interested.

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:
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

GLASTONBURY



Open Evening 2024

Thursday 26th September

6.30pm—8.30pm

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

Or check out our website: www.stdunstansschool.com

Truth | Resilience | Ambition | Community | Kindness

The wonderful Maxine Ridout, who runs our school Drama Club, is celebrating the 10th anniversary of her out-of-school Drama Club, 'Taking the Space', which has been a forum for our young people to create original theatre. Maxine invites you to join her at the United Reform Church, Glastonbury, next Saturday, 28th September. See below for details...



***TAKING-THE-SPACE 10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ***

FREE EXHIBITION, SCREENINGS AND DRAMA WORKSHOPS 🎭

On September 28th September 2024 at Glastonbury United Reformed Church Taking-The-Space will be celebrating 10 years of providing high quality drama classes and acting tuition and making original theatre with the young people of our local community

There will be a Free Exhibition of Show photos and memorabilia from 12 – 6pm

Free Film Screenings

12.30pm – A double bill of two short films (aprox 20mins)

CONNECTING & AN ANIMAL REVOLUTION

12.30pm – A double bill of two short films (aprox 20mins)

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM – THE WAKING (Aprox. 45 mins)

AND FREE DRAMA WORKSHOPS 😊

2.30 – 3.15 – (6 -10 years)

3.30 – 4.15 – (11 -13 years)

4.30 - 5.15 14 years + (including Adults)

To find out more or book drama sessions call

Maxine 07850445540

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 tomorrow, 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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EXHIBITION WORKSHOPS
RESIDENCIES AT THE ZIGZAG



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