



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 18th October 2024

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

CELTS VISIT ST BEN'S

On Thursday this week, a tribe of Celts visited St. Ben's in the form of our Year 4 pupils who all dressed up and took part in a range of activities, from creating lake villages to baking bread and stews.



GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM SIT TOP OF LEAGUE

Our Girls' Football team kicked off their league campaign this week and currently sit top of the table after 2 wins and a draw. Their opening game saw a tough match vs Walton, in which they triumphed 3-0, with goals from Morrison (2) and an audacious lob from Baulch. In the next game, St. Ben's took an early lead against Brookside but then had to defend hard as their opponents fought back. Goalkeeper, Ely, and defenders Sander-Jackson and Drake-Scott were on hand to stand firm in the face of Brookside pressure, but they finally broke through, scoring two goals to inflict a narrow loss on St. Ben's. In their final match, St. Ben's let loose, scoring 7 goals against Ashcott (Zharuk, Hopkins x 2, Morrison x 3 and Baulch) before Ashcott scored a late consolation goal. Debutants Gray-Andrews, Rahn and Person provided energy to the St. Ben's midfield throughout. St. Ben's now go into match day 2 in November full of confidence. Well done to the whole team who were magnificent and thank you to Mr Lintell and Mr Ranger for coaching them and transporting the team.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Andy: for his exceptional progress in reading. From a 2.2 - 4.0 in 4 weeks.	Imogen: her fantastic 'Stone Age Girl' story; great description and fronted adverbials!!
Unicorns:	Flynn: for working so hard to improve his reading.	Liam: for always trying his best – even when it's tricky.
Chameleons:	Rupert: being so enthusiastic in class and for amazing questions!	Kamil: for always learning his spellings and trying hard in class.
Owls:	Honi: for superb effort and determination in swimming.	Aseel: for never giving up and always trying her best.
Spiders:	Jack C: for showing kindness and always thinking of others.	Tom: for working so hard to write independently in class
Tortoises:	Kara: for always being polite, kind and hard working.	Leo: for a positive attitude to all his learning.
Leopards:	Eloise: for a beautifully written prayer about the harvest festival.	Charlie: for always going above and beyond in his home reading.
Peacocks:	Megan H: for always showing kindness to others.	Jacob R: for fantastic effort with his reading.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 23.9 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Peacocks!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 100% attendance. Well done Spiders, 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 – 96% Unicorn - 86%, Owl - 76%, Chameleon - 86 % Tortoise –65%, Spider – 92%, Leopard - 96%, Peacock - 93% Meaning that this week's champs are Cat Class and Leopard Class !	
<u>Values' Award:</u>	Cassie: for showing kindness to another member of the class by sharing part of her Celt costume. Evie: for determination and resilience in all her work.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	AR Target Master: Lexi, George, Jago, Lillie, Bethany, Lil, Toby (Yr3) and Leilani (Yr4) Star Awards: Jacob O: for cheering Mrs Daniels up with a riddle! Beehive Awards: Marshall (Yr5): for always very polite to Miss Lock at DASH breakfast. Learning Behaviour - Bronze: Vlad and Xahli (Yr6)	

NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK

A reminder that there will be NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK. This is due to Parents' Evenings on Monday and Tuesday impacting on teachers. The only exceptions to this are Drama Club (which will still run on Tuesday) and DASH and Ben's Den, which will run as usual all week. Clubs will resume as usual when we return to school on Tuesday 5th November.

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 Paisley who has been recognised for great listening and working hard at her Gym Club; we are really proud of her work ethic. We also celebrate the achievement of Tabitha in Year 3 who has gained her Level 6 at swimming club at Strode. Well done to both of you!



RECORD BREAKING CATS REAP READING REWARDS

As a reward for their excellent reading at home recently, Cat Class got to have a bumper extra break today. They were joined by Mr Ranger and Mr Lintell as they got to get out lots of play equipment and had the field, playground and play equipment to themselves. The reason for the special reward was Cat Class's remarkable run in our weekly Book Battle which saw every child read 4 x per week (or more) for two weeks in a row. Cats were also joint top this week as they hit 96%. Well done, Cat Class, you're reading heroes! For winning this half term's challenge, Cats get to come to school IN MUFTI NEXT THURSDAY!



Don't forget to read 4 x a week every week to help your class in the Book Battle. You could be enjoying extra breaks like Cat Class!



INSPIRE WORKSHOPS – HOLD THE DATE

Each year we run Inspire Workshops to give parents/carers the opportunity to come in and work with their child and learn all about the year ahead. We share information and expectations for the year and you will get to tackle a task linked to your child's curriculum.

Please try to join us. All sessions will be in the School Hall. Save the date:

Spider Class: Wed 23rd Oct at 9am

Tortoise Class: Thurs 24th Oct at 9am

Cat Class: Wed 6th Nov at 2pm

Unicorn Class: Thurs 7th Nov at 2pm

WANTED: COMMUNITY-MINDED BUILDER/DIY-ER

Could you erect a lean-to for us? We are trying to create an area to store the pupils' outdoor play equipment and would like to erect a basic lean-to, attached to the side of a building. Sadly, we have no money for the project but can provide the materials. Could you spare a few hours to offer your expertise to your local school?

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 21 st Oct 3:30 – 5:30pm	Parents' Evening – please sign up for a slot ASAP.
Tues 22 nd Oct - am	Year 6 to author event at Cedars Hall, Wells
Tues 22 nd Oct 5:30 – 7:30pm	Parents' Evening – please sign up for a slot ASAP.
Wed 23 rd October at 9am	Spider Class Inspire Workshop
Wed 23 rd October: 2pm	Harvest Festival at St. Benedict's Church – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 24 th October ALL DAY	Cat Class in mufti as a reward for winning the Book Battle this half term.
Thurs 24 th October at 9am	Tortoise Class Inspire Workshop
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.
Wed 6 th November at 2pm	Cat Class Inspire Workshop
Thurs 7 th November at 2pm	Unicorn Class Inspire Workshop

WELLS Festival of Literature

18 – 26 October

You may not be aware, but Wells Festival of Literature is a volunteer run charity which funds educational projects in local state schools and colleges. As a school we have been extremely fortunate to benefit from many of their initiatives: free books, theatre trips, author visits into schools, Poems by Post, also the fantastic author event for year 6 pupils, when children are able to buy a new book for £2! They even pay for the coach!

If you are interested in their programme for this year's events, please click on the link below. <https://www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk/>

All the profits from the Wells Festival of Literature are spent in local schools like ours.



The wonderful Wells Festival of Literature team have supported St. Ben's in so many ways, from helping to fund our Book Vending Machine, to funding author visits.

