



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 6th December 2024

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

SPREADING FESTIVE GLEE

Yesterday, our wonderful Glee Club visited St.

Benedict's Care Home to spread a little seasonal joy. Under the watchful eye of club leaders, Ms Greuter and Miss Hopkins, they entertained residents and staff with a playlist of rock and pop songs that had their elderly audience dancing in their chairs. Well done to all of Glee Club – you are all stars! Thanks to Miss Hopkins and Ms Greuter for inspiring our next generation of performers!



Grey to Green think Global

This week, our Grey to Green Gardening Group, run by Barney and Mischa of the Food Forest Project were focusing on food miles and how far our fruit and veg travels before reaching our plates. The children were amazed to find that they may be eating avocados from Chile (over 7,000 miles) or asparagus from Peru (over 6,000 miles). They then spent some time planting produce for us to enjoy next year. The last session is next week but we really hope we may see Barney and Mischa again soon!



PTFA FROST FAYRE SUCCESS

A huge well done to our wonderful PTFA who made an impressive profit of **£1300** at last Saturday's Frost Fayre. Massive thanks to the PTFA team and all staff and parents that helped on the day!

NO CLUBS IN LAST WEEK

A reminder that there will be no after-school clubs in the last week of term. DASH and Ben's Den will run as usual – except there is no Ben's Den on Friday 20th December.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Benjamin: for his fantastic commitments to home reading – excellent effort!	Jago: for always being ready to learn and trying his best at everything!
Unicorns:	Harry: for always being helpful and doing the right thing.	Courtney: for always trying her best in her learning – even when it's tricky.
Chameleons:	Charlie R: for superb phonics work and for always trying his best in class.	Charlie A: for super use of personification when describing a storm.
Owls:	Sinead: for fantastic two page spread all about a roman villa.	Sage: for always working diligently – giving everything a go!
Spiders:	Isaac: for working so hard to improve his SPAG knowledge.	Jaxon: for being kind to his peers in and out of the classroom.
Tortoises:	Mila: for super focus and outstanding results in her assessments this week.	Charlie D: for being a resilient tortoise in his assessment tests this week.
Leopards:	Letty: for working incredibly hard to improve her grammar scores!	Isabelle: for being resilient and finding a new love of reading.
Peacocks:	Hartley: for an excellent attitude towards his learning.	Sofia: for excellent effort with her handwriting.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 26.8 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Leopards!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 98.5% attendance. Well done Leopards, 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 – 93% Unicorn - 93% , Owl - 94% , Chameleon - 83% Tortoise –76% , Spider – 96% , Leopard - 100% , Peacock - 93% Meaning that this week the champions are Leopard Class with 100%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Toby and Lillie: both for always showing kindness to others.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	AR Target: Ted, Andy, Tui, George, Saoirse, Tristan (Yr3), Nathan and Amelia P (Yr6); Star Pointer: Joseph, Lissy, and Holly (Yr3) Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Lillie, Ted, George, Tui, Bethany, Saoirse (Yr3), Aliza, Reuben (Yr4), Luna-Lily, Jaxon (Yr5), Mason Tr, Jessica P and Letty (Yr6). Silver: Nellie, Raphael (Yr5) Beehive Award: James: for making good decisions about friendships.	

THE BIG QUESTION

Every Monday, Mr Ranger introduces a BIG Question that is the focus of the week ahead. The whole school then discusses and explores this topic. We would love children to bring this home and discuss it with parents and carers. This week's BIG Question is **'What do you want our Quiet Area to look like?'** Our school governors have very generously donated £1500 to renovating the Quiet Area and we want our pupils to have their say In the new design. Each class will spend some time focusing on this before entries are due by Thurs 19th December.



ST. BEN'S TREE IN PLACE

On Thursday, our very own Christmas elves, Mrs Tidball and Mrs Newbury, decorated the St. Benedict's Christmas Tree, our offering for this year's St. John's Church Tree Festival. Pupils from St. Ben's, including members of the Nurture Group had created the decorations, which are mini reindeers. Kieron was on hand to welcome the tree. You are warmly invited to St. John's Church in the coming weeks to have a look at the tree, as well as the numerous other entries which are all completed by local organisations and businesses. Thank you to Mrs Tidball and our decoration creators – you've done a fabulous job!



FANTASY FOOTBALL

This year we have started a St. Ben's Fantasy Football League and invited pupils, parents and staff (and we've got one ex-pupil). After 14 match days, the league standings are as follows:

1. Sorry Nic Jackson (Jack Hopkins):	805
2. Major League Saka (Mr Lintell):	786
3. Dragon FC (Stanley Macey)	780
4. Hive City (Rupert Macey)	774
5. Liverpool Suck (Jake Salter)	773
6. Kinder Mbeumo (Miss Hopkins)	773
7. Saka's Crackers (Mr Ranger)	767
8. FC Peacock (Mr Kelland)	761
9. Nearly won the Yoros (Rupert Foote)	752
10. Hunts R Us (Mrs Hunt)	749
11. Dexter FC (Dexter Whitcombe)	671
12. Liverpool defo suck (Martin Salter)	669
13. The Highlanders (Andrew Beadle)	665
14. Matt's City (Matthew Sapsford)	614
15. Articulated Chaos (David Baker)	612
16. Mini Hopkins (Meg Hopkins)	608
17. Team Hamish (Hamish Sharp)	589
18. Bry's XI (Donna Cribb)	570
19. Onana What's My Name (M Baker)	516
20. Jacob@Wells (Jacob Richards)	489

Good luck to all managers on match week 15 – we'll do a full report soon...

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school. This week, we star Year 6 Jas who has been inspired by a famous local swimmer. Last week, Jas and her Strode team-mates got to meet Team GB swimmer Brodie Williams who is from Street and trained at the same club; the swimming star even signed her pull-buoy float. Jas, who is already an excellent swimmer, has been inspired to reach even greater heights by Olympian and Commonwealth medal winner Brodie's hard work and dedication.

Let us know what you've been up to and you could be the star of next week's newsletter!



COME AND GET SNUG

AT THE AVALON CENTRE
KING ST, BA6 9JY



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3-6pm Tuesdays

Here you can be creative, make & eat soup together, relax and receive support if you need it. All materials provided.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Tues 10 th December	Mendip League Girls' Football finals at Strode (1-3pm)
Friday 13 th December	School Disco – see poster below for more info...
w/b 16 th December	No clubs this week (except DASH and Ben's Den – no Ben's Den on Friday 20 th December)
Tues 17 th December	Christmas Carol Service at St. Benedict's Church – 2pm
Wed 18 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear your Christmas jumper to school Day for Save the Children • Cutting of the Holy Thorn, • Christmas Lunch • Year 3 Nativity at St. Benedict's Church (2pm) • Year 3 Nativity for parents at St. Benedict's Church (6pm)
Friday 20 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays No Ben's Den
Monday 6 th January	Start of Spring Term



CHRISTMAS DISCO



Friday 13th December
Held in the school hall



LOWER SCHOOL 4-5:30
UPPER SCHOOL 6-7:30

Tickets are £2 and can be paid for on ParentPay. Your ticket includes one fizzy drink. Maximum spending money is £5.

Any parents that would like to come and help at a disco, please contact the office or PTFA Team via ClassDojo