



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 20th December 2024



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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Merry Christmas to you all! We hope you enjoy a peaceful holiday break and thank you for your support in what has been a really busy and exciting Autumn Term.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 6th January. A reminder that a new clubs letter will go out for the Spring Term.

YEAR 3 NATIVITY

Year 3 produced two brilliant nativity performances on Wednesday – please see Page 3 for our photo special...



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

On Tuesday, a packed St. Ben's Church played host to our beautiful Christmas Carol Service in which the children read and sang brilliantly. Huge thanks to Mrs Coton and Ms Greuter/Miss Hopkins for their work with the Choir and Glee Club and to Di Greuter for her moving words.



DISCOS A SMASH HIT

Last Friday's Christmas Discos were a smash hit and a great fund-raiser for our PTFA. Due to our growing pupil numbers, we opted to run two discos, a format which worked really well. A HUGE thank you to the PTFA team and to all the staff and parents who helped out on the night. We raised an impressive £684.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Verity: for her amazing contribution to our nativity!	All of Cat Class: for their super nativity performances!
Unicorns:	Saoirse: a fabulous Caesar! The crowd booed but we were cheering for you.	Unicorn Class: for making us so proud with your nativity performance.
Chameleons:	Amelia: a terrific attitude to everything she attempts even if she finds it tricky!	Olive: for an amazing effort to improve her arithmetic!
Owls:	Bence: for always being enthusiastic about all his work.	Eli: for improved focus and enthusiasm in his work.
Spiders:	Jack R: for working calmly and creatively on his watercolour art project.	Yuliia: for a thoughtful elf application letter.
Tortoises:	Ralph: for being kind, considerate and hard-working all the time!	Logan: for fantastic work in maths all term.
Leopards:	Elsie: a superb Christmas waistcoat in DT!	Amelia: for superb confidence and independence in her arithmetic.
Peacocks:	Oliver: for being a reflective learner.	Talia: being a caring member of our class.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class with 19.2 points per child and they get to enjoy an extra break. Well done, Chameleons!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 97.2% attendance. Well done Peacocks, you get to enjoy an extra break!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 89% Unicorn - 93% , Owl - 77% , Chameleon - 89% Tortoise –54% , Spider – 87% , Leopard - 88% , Peacock - 96% Meaning that this week the champions are Peacock Class with 96%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Jack C: showing all school values; Leo: Resilience in all areas of school life. Flynn (Y3): Incredible kindness – giving money to a child who had lost theirs.	
<u>100% attendance</u>	The following children have 100% attendance for this term! 100% Autumn Term Attendance: Harrison, Tabitha, Ruben, Joseph, Imogen, Florence, Alfie, Flynn, Mazuita, Harry, Olivia (Yr3), Charlie A, Felix, James, Rupert, Amelia-Rose, Lily Pai, Lily Pay, Cassie, Emilia, Daronn, Evie, Isaac, Molly, Bowie, Tania, Aliza (Yr4), Jack C, Luna-Lily, Aiden, Raphael, Sophia, Jesse, Reggie, Tinayeshe, Krish, Aliya (Yr5), Isabelle, Jake, Eloise, Cattleya, Lilah, Mason Ti, Akishar, Xahli, Mason B, Echo, Skye, Megan M, Jacob P and Jamie (Yr6). Well done, everyone – what an achievement!	
<u>Bikeability</u>	Mason Tr, Reggie T, Jamie, Jessica GA, Lilah, Manu, Jasmine, Olivia, Noah, and Dexter.	
<u>Football Awards</u>	Girls' Football League Champions: Eloise P, Eloise S, Meg H, Paige, Jessica G, Daisy, Nellie M, Mia D, Solomiia, and Issy Boys' Football League Champions: Jacob R, Hartley, Dexter, Charlie H, Ralph, Owen, Theo, Raphael, and Mark	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Flynn, Jovial, Lil, Iris, Finn, Jago, Ruben, Joe, Lexi (Yr3), Amelia-Rose, Amber, Bryony, Holly, Eris, Emilia, Bowie, Carmen, Paisley, Isaac (Yr4), Hamish, Jack C, Sadie, Sam, Tinayeshe, Krish, Nico, Mia (Y5), Daisy and Eve (Y6) Silver: John (Y5). Star Pointer reading award: Nico (Y5). AR Target: Keira, Emilia, Verity, Loki (Y3); Mia (Y5). Beehive Awards: Nico (Y5): for showing great cooking skills. Music: Shahala (Yr6): for part one of John Thompson's Easiest Piano Course.	

YEAR 3 NATIVITY IN PICTURES...

On Wednesday, our Year 3's brought St. Benedict's Church audiences to a standstill with their moving Nativity. In the afternoon, the whole school got to see the performance and in the evening it was the turn of parents and friends. Well done to the cast, who were amazing and thank you to the Year 3 team whose efforts ensured a brilliant and moving production.



CUTTING OF THE HOLY THORN

On Wednesday, our Year 6's joined local dignitaries as well as children from St. John's and students from St. Dunstan's to witness the Cutting of the Holy Thorn'. This annual tradition is an important date in the Glastonbury calendar and the sprig of Holy Thorn will be sent to the King for his writing desk Christmas decoration.



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school. This week, we shine a spotlight on Year 4 Aliza who has been starring in the Aladdin panto at the Moonlight Theatre (oh yes she has!). As you can see below, Aliza certainly looks the part! Well done, Aliza and break a leg! We also feature Jacob in Year 6 who has received special recognition from his football club in the form of two awards at their mini-presentation; the awards recognised Jacob's excellent attitude to the game and how he is representing the club's core values. Well done to both of you!



ELFIN SAFETY ISSUES

For the past two weeks we have been visited by some very mischievous elven folk – they have wreaked havoc all over school...



CHRISTMAS LUNCH GOES DOWN A TREAT

On Wednesday this week, the whole school, including pupils, staff and governors, enjoyed an excellent Christmas Lunch, made by Beech Catering and funded by the generous Glastonbury Festival team. On offer was the traditional Christmas fayre of turkey with all the trimmings, or a vegetarian option of vegetable wellington, followed by Christmas Pud or strawberry gateau.

The children loved the meal and enjoyed pulling crackers and donning their santa hats (kindly donated by Millfield). A massive thank you and Merry Christmas to the Festival Team for their generosity and many thanks to the staff and governors who helped to serve up the food (and endured lots of 'cracker' jokes!).



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Monday 6 th January	Start of Spring Term No clubs in the first week back – a clubs letter will go out for the new term!

COME AND GET SNUG
AT THE AVALON CENTRE
KING ST, BA6 9JY

kindly supported by

3-6pm Tuesdays

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