



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 24th January 2025

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

PARENT DROP-IN CAFE

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us on **28th January at 2pm in the School Hall** for a session on Wellbeing. We are delighted to have Rosie Carroll from the Mental Health Support Team to speak about wellbeing and what services are on offer and we can also offer a cup of something hot and a tasty biscuit or two!

Mr Ranger and Mrs Newbury will be there and are available for a chat over a cuppa. Please let Mrs Newbury know via Class Dojo if you wish to attend and we will reserve you a place.

CLUBS A BIG SUCCESS

As ever, we are really proud of the wide range of clubs we are running this term; here is a flavour of what happened on Thursday after school...



ART GROUP VISIT GALLERY

Last Friday, a group of keen artists got to visit Millfield's Atkinson Gallery to appreciate some beautiful works of art before producing their own master-pieces. Huge thanks to Millfield for hosting, to friend of St. Ben's, Sue Wootton, for setting up the trip and to our Art Lead, Miss Switzer, for organising it.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Harrison: for always being a kind and helpful member of Cat Class!	Holly: for her neat handwriting and Lovely presentation.
Unicorns:	Paisley: for working carefully in maths.	Raphael: for great answers and improved confidence in class discussions.
Chameleons:	Sophia: approaching tasks positively and explaining her thinking clearly.	Amelia-Rose: contributing brilliant ideas and for fantastic detail in her writing.
Owls:	Kara: excellent observations and careful illustrations in history and art topics.	Reuben: for always working studiously and contributing well to class discussions.
Spiders:	Charlie W: for an improved, positive attitude towards school life!	Aiden: for being an excellent Year 5 role model always.
Tortoises:	Nico: for super focus and great work in the big pool at swimming this week.	Jack P: for a great week at St Ben's. It's a pleasure to welcome you to Tortoise Class.
Leopards:	Reuben: for always being ready to learn and wanting to do his best!	Jake: for receiving feedback with a positive attitude.
Peacocks:	Talia: for always using excellent manners in class.	Paige: for always working really hard in all subjects.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 28.2 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Spiders!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Cat Class with 95.5% attendance. Well done Cats, 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 – 97 % , Unicorn - 93% , Owl - 84% , Chameleon - 83 % Tortoise –58% , Spider – 90% , Leopard - 88% , Peacock - 96% Meaning that this week's champs are Cat class with 97%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Jessica P: for helping her peers in maths when they were stuck. Eve: for community/kindness: for always being a support for others.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	ELSA Awards: Tristan, Aivah (Y3); Pippa and Cassie (Y4) and Courtney (Y5) Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Savannah, Tabby, Zara, Harry, Mazuita, Leah-Bluebell (Yr3), Ruby, Eli (Yr4), Isaac, Yuliia, Tallula, Mila, Logan GL, Taran, Aliya (Yr5), Eloise, Archie, Owen, Charlie H, Amelia, Akishar, Lillah, Flora, Stanley, and Kyle (Yr6) Silver: Aiden, Jaxon, and Logan B (Yr5).	

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
24 th – 26 th January	RSPB Garden Birdwatch – sign up at https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch
Tues 28 th Jan at 2pm	Parent drop-in Café (Wellbeing focus) in the School Hall
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th Feb	Year 5 Osmington Bay residential
Wed 5 th and Thurs 6 th March	Year 6 London residential
Fri 7 th March	World Book Day @ St. Ben's
Mon 17 th and Wed 19 th March	Parents' Evenings – save the date
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter
Tues 22 nd April	Start of Summer Term

ART CLUB'S BEAUTIFUL DRAW-WING

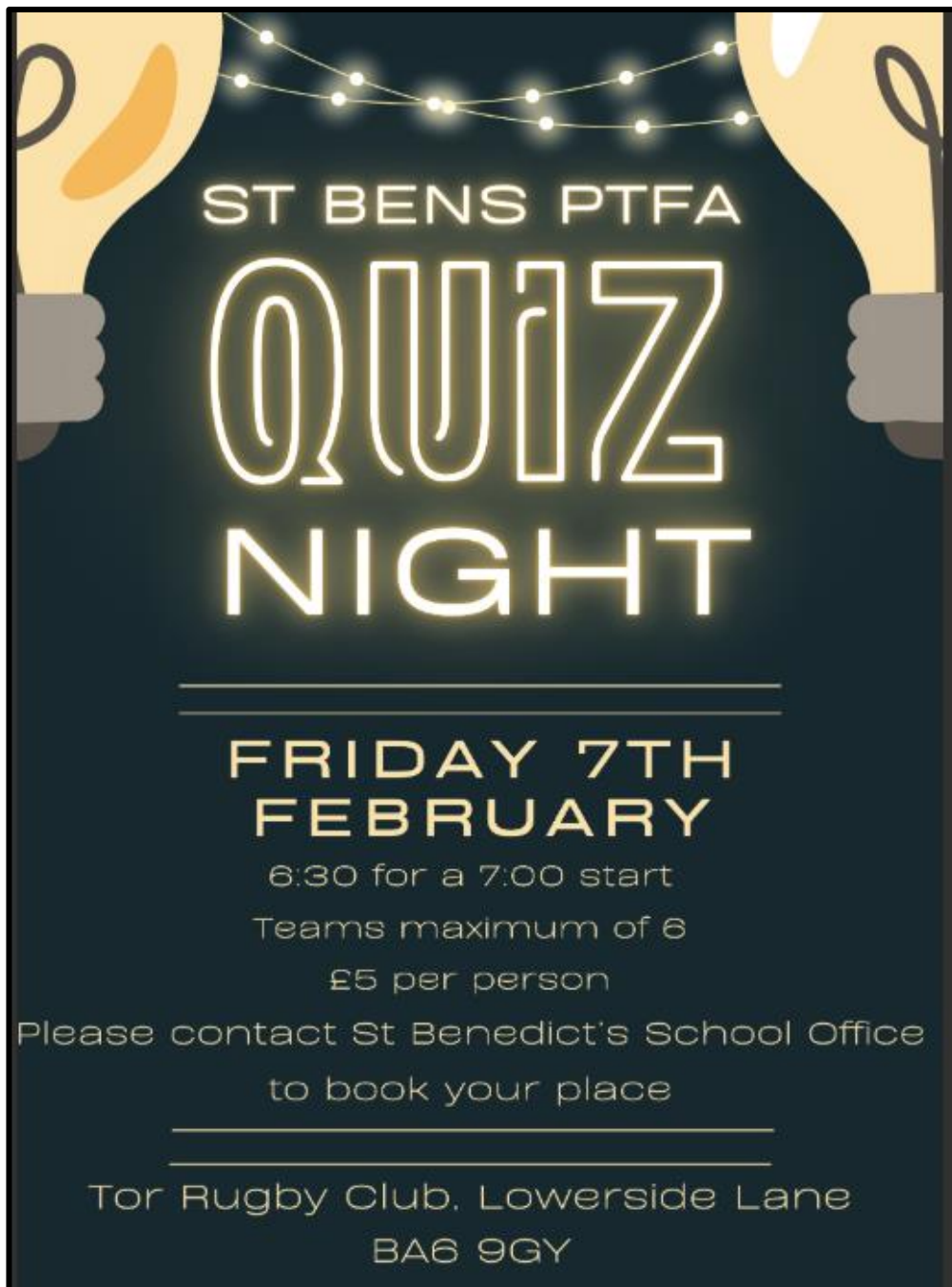
This week, Lower School Art Club were inspired by our BIG Question linked to the RSPB garden bird watch this weekend (24th – 26th January). As you can see, we have some very talented artists and Miss Mills is very proud of their attention to detail...



OUR FURRY, FOUR-LEGGED MEMBER OF STAFF

We are very fortunate to have a four-legged member of our team who cheers everyone up just by entering the building. Nula, our Reading Therapy Dog, (along with her two-legged owner, Vicky) has been visiting St. Ben's fortnightly since last year and has worked with a wide range of pupils, bringing joy to everyone (except the cleaners!)





FREE bite-size workshops to help separated parents successfully co-parent

We encourage parents to attend these free online sessions run by Ruth James from Somerset County Council. The focus for each session is to give parents practical tools they can use to help themselves, and their children cope better with their separation/divorce. There are 3 bite-size workshops focused on different topics, you are welcome to come to all 3 – there are 2 of each so your ex-partner can also go along if that is applicable.

Date & time	Topic	Link
Wednesday 29 January 7 PM-8 PM	A separated parents' guide to successful co-parenting communications	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073016704849?aff=oddtcreator
Tuesday 4 February 7 p.m.-8 PM	Helping your children navigate separation and divorce	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073104998939?aff=oddtcreator

Updated area with information and support for separated parents:

I have updated the online web support for separated parents: [Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Support For Separated Parents](#)