ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 9th October 2026

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

DON'T FORGET!

Harvest Festival:

14th October at 2pm at St. John's Church

Autumn Term Parents' Evenings:

Wed 14th October: 5:30 – 7:30pm,
Mon 19th October: 3:30 – 5:30pm,
Wed 21st October: 3:30 – 5:30pm.

School Photos:

Friday 16th October (can **ALL** children please come in school uniform and bring PE kit to change into if they have PE on Friday).
Thank you

CAN YOU HELP?

We are keen to erect two 'lean-to's' and we need your help. We don't have the budget to buy in labour, so we wondered if any enthusiastic and skilled parents may be able to volunteer or do it for mates' rates? We can order resources!

Please contact Mr Ranger if you or someone you know can help!



SKIPPING NINJA STRIKES ST. BEN'S!

We kick-started this week with an energetic visit from the Skipping Ninja, aka Pete Thompson. Pete shared his world records and motivated every pupil to try their hardest and keep going even when things are tough. He also put them through their skipping paces. Thanks, Skipping Ninja!









ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Class:	Headteacher's Award	Teacher's Award
Cats:	Saeed: for super independent work in maths.	Vinnie: for working hard ALL the time.
Unicorns:	Sophia: for working really hard to improve her learning behaviour.	Richard: for amazing independence in maths.
Chameleons:	Olivia: for showing huge focus and great positivity in our Maths lessons.	Franklin: for superb use of rhyming couplets in our poetry.
Owls:	Henry: for superb effort and presentation in all his work.	Teddie: for super focus and concentration in Maths and English.
Spiders:	Saoirse: for a smiley disposition and positive attitude to all she does.	Raphael: for always trying his best in all he does.
Tortoises:	Ruben: for his beautiful handwriting and presentation in his golden write.	Verity: for her perseverance in maths.
Leopards:	Amelia-Rose: for always maintaining a high standard of work.	Charlie A: showing excellent resilience with his learning this week + refusing to give up.
Peacocks:	Lily Pay: for always presenting her work beautifully.	Marley: for working so hard at improving his handwriting.

Class Dojo Champs	This week's champions are Tortoise Class with 18.8 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Tortoises!
Attendance Champs	This week's champions are Leopard Class, with 98.3% attendance. Well done, Leopards, you get an extra break next week!
Book Battle Champs	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 76 %, Unicorn - 81 %, Owl - 78%, Chameleon - 97%, Spider 93 %, Tortoise 93 %, Leopard 86 %, Peacock 97% Meaning that this week's champs are Chameleon and Peacock classes with 97%.
Values' Awards	Libby: for ALWAYS showing kindness to everyone around her. Bryony: for always demonstrating our school values and for being a role model to all.
Reading	AR Target: Cassie, Leilani and Rupert (Yr6).

DRAMA SPACES

We still have a few spaces in Drama Club if your child would like to sign up.

To join, or for more information, please call Maxine Ridout on 07850 445540.

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. Please Mr Ranger or the Office Team on 01458 831811 or via Class Dojo.

LOWER SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM MILLFIELD FRIENDLY

On Wednesday, the Lower School Boys' football team visited Millfield for friendlies vs Millfield and St. John and St. Vigor. The boys played well and represented the school brilliantly against some very strong opposition. Well done to all players and thank you Mr Lintell and Mrs Varney for taking them.



INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

This year's Inspire workshops continued this week, with Year 5 parents coming in to join their children to learn about the curriculum and work together on their shoe project. Please try to attend your child's Inspire Workshop if you can – it's a great opportunity to meet your child's teaching team and find out about the year ahead.





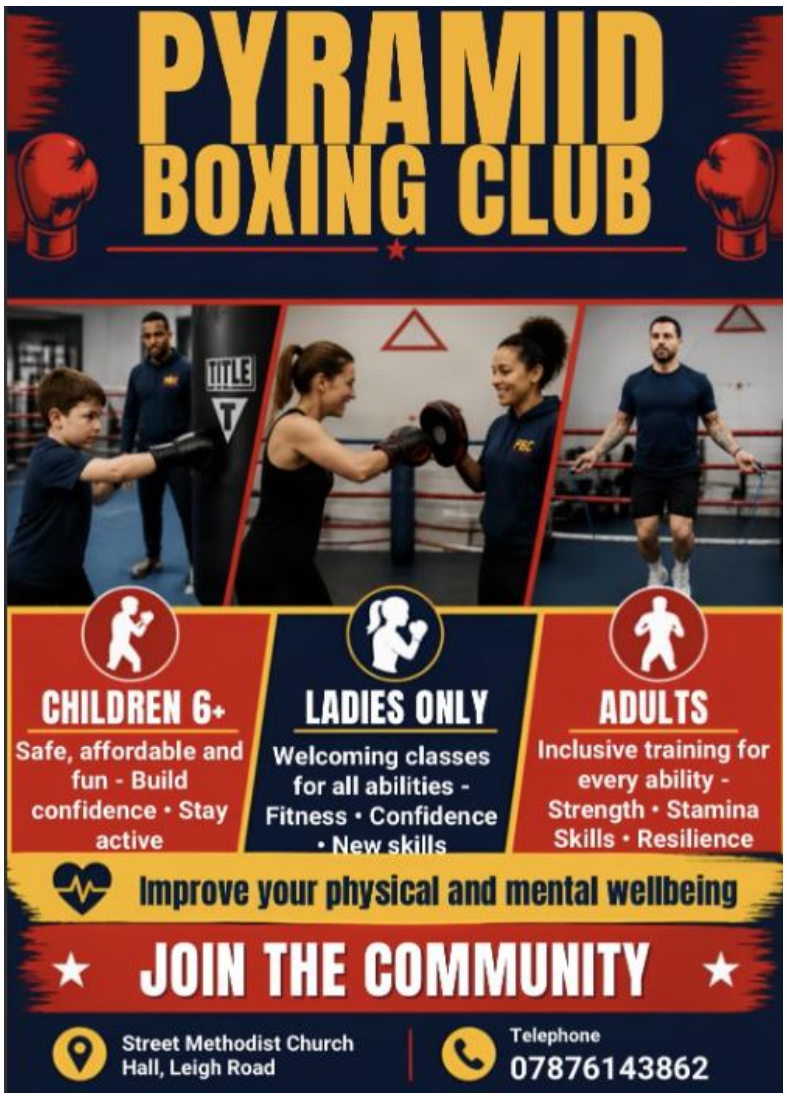
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CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

We have noticed a growing trend of parents using AI to generate complaints. As a school, we try to be as approachable as possible, so we would urge you to send us a Dojo message or request a meeting or a chat if you have an issue; we will do our best to resolve any concerns you have. When done via AI, your messages are generally very long and your concerns come across as far more formal and take us much longer to address, which is time we could be spending with your child, or you. Please reach out to us and help us to resolve your issues quickly and in a collaborative way.





JAMES PACKER MUSIC

Why Drumming Lessons with James Packer?

Choosing the right instrument and instructor is a fantastic way to support your child's musical journey, confidence, and cognitive development. Here is why signing up for drum lessons with James Packer at St. Ben's is a brilliant choice:

* Expert, Local Instruction: Lessons are led by an experienced, patient multi-instrumentalist, ensuring a supportive and encouraging learning environment.

* Holistic Skill Building: Beyond just learning to keep a beat, drumming builds exceptional coordination, focus, reading skills, and rhythm, all while boosting self-esteem.

* Tailored Approach: Every student learns differently. Lessons are custom-tailored to suit your child's unique pace, musical tastes, and goals, whether they are playing just for fun or working through structured grades.

* Fun and Engaging: Drumming is an energetic and deeply rewarding outlet that lets kids channel their creativity, relieve stress and learn new skills and hobbies

Contact the school or James Packer directly.
Jamespacker1@Hotmail.co.uk
£6 for a paired 20 minute lesson.
£12 for an individual 20 minute lesson.