



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: Friday 5th November 2021

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St. Ben's School Christian Values for this term: **Community** and **Peace**.

COVID UPDATE

Thank you all for your support this week. We remain in Amber measures for the next week after which Public Health Somerset will review the situation and we will update you. If we remain in Amber measures beyond next Friday, we will be unable to undertake any trips, which will affect Year 4's scheduled trips to Caerleon – we will update you as soon as we know more, but please be assured that we will provide you a full refund if this is the case. There will also be no swimming next week.

While we remain in Amber measures, please continue to do the following:

At the first sign of any symptoms in your child (including cold symptoms and stomach pains) please isolate them and order a PCR test. They may return to school if their PCR result is negative.

Please ensure that you adhere to the period of isolation advised when you receive a positive test – it has come to my attention that some pupils attended Hallowe'en events and activities even though they had been advised to isolate – this kind of selfish behaviour will mean the virus spreading and us remaining in Amber measures for longer.

Please continue to wear face masks when on school premises and remember that we are not allowing parents and carers in the school building for the time being, but that doesn't mean we don't want to hear from you – please contact us via the phone or a Class Dojo post! Once again, thank you for your understanding and your support of our hardworking and dedicated team.

OUTDOOR GROUP ENJOY SUNSHINE

Mrs Tidball's and Miss Lock's Outdoor Group were working hard on Wednesday as they prepared for Remembrance Day next week. They were lucky enough to be greeted by some November sunshine!



STORY AND MOODBOARD COMP INSPIRES SPOOKY ENTRIES

Our half term upper school competition to write a spooky story and/or create a mood-board was inspired by the visit of author Lucy Strange. Thank you for your entries which are *terrifying*! The judging panel have a hard task ahead of them...



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Skye: being ready and respectful.	Amelia: for super reading over half term.
Unicorns:	Mason B: great improvement in learning behaviour – Well Done!	Isabella: being a kind and helpful friend.
Owls:	Harry: Spider connections in Maths. Charlotte: Spider connections in English.	Nova: super revolting recipe in English. Holly: super revolting recipe in English.
Spiders:	Daniel: a mature and positive attitude.	Oz: for amazing role play in topic.
Tortoises:	Amelia: always making the right choices and a superb attitude towards school.	Anna: thoughtful work in English.
Leopards:	Tyler: great independent work in Maths and helping others in English.	Edward: for his beautiful handwriting.
Peacocks:	Henry: being a spider in Maths and being very accurate with his work.	Frankie: for always looking out for those around her.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		This week it's once again UNICORN CLASS who has won themselves an extra break-time with the best Class Dojo points average! Well done!
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		This week's Attendance Champs are CAT CLASS with 99.2% attendance this week! Great work, Cats!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>		Target Masters: Erin (Yr 6); Freya and Caspar (Yr 5); Luka (Yr 4), Eloise (Yr 3) Hundred Club: Venus (Year 6) and Caspar (Year 5) Star Pointers: Louie (Yr 4); Aaron, Caspar, Romeo and Tristan (Yr 5).
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Well done Ena for achieving her Bronze award!

SPURS PRODUCE FIREWORKS FOR TOBY

This was a special week for one of our Year 5's. Toby from Spider Class got to watch his beloved Spurs play live for the first time on Thursday evening, when they took on Dutch team, Vitesse Arnhem at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in North London. Little did Toby know what a game it would be! Spurs were 3-0 up after 30 minutes including goals from Toby's heroes, Son and Kane, before Vitesse hit back with two goals of their own. In the second half there were three sendings off, including the Vitesse goalkeeper! What a match!

Toby, who had the night of his life, said that the atmosphere was electric inside the packed stadium.



GET READY TO ROCK...soon!

We have postponed our TV Rockstars Day, which was scheduled for Friday 12th November. We are keen to celebrate it as a whole school event, so will wait until we are out of Amber measures. Put your rock on hold!!



AUTUMN PARENTS' EVENINGS A SUCCESS

Thank you for attending parents' evenings this week – it's really important that our teachers get to speak to parents/carers of every pupil to share all the great things happening at school and update you on their progress. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a slot.

If we don't hear from you in the next week or so, we will contact you.

If your child has Special Educational Needs, it may be that your child's teacher has not met with you yet – they should be contacting you for a slightly longer meeting slot.

WELL DONE TO HANNAH'S HOOFERS

Many of our pupils were involved in a spectacular dance show at half term and received rave reviews from their audiences.

The show was entitled 'Dancers and the Chocolate Factory' and took place on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th October at the McMillan Theatre in Bridgwater. A huge WELL DONE to everyone that took part!



What are you up to outside of school? Why not let us know so that we can feature you in our weekly newsletter...

FROST FAYRE STALLS AVAILABLE

Do you own a local business? Would you like to rent a market stall pitch for the Frost Fayre? We have two spots in the school car park available to rent for the Frost Fayre on 27th November. Please contact Tina Lawford in the school office (01458) 831811 for more details.

Book Review: The Midnight Guardians

by Ross Montgomery

Reviewed by Lucas in Year 6

I liked this book because it's based in war-time (WWII). It is factual about events such as the bombing of London, the evacuation and the escaping of the Jews from Hitler. As well, I like that it has a fantasy twist to it where goblins and trolls live. The baddies were not just Hitler and the Luftwaffe but the Oak King who wants to make darkness.

The main thing I like about the book is there's a Bengal Tiger named Pendelbury.

Even though it's supposed to be serious as it's wartime, it's funny as I read it, even though Pendelbury makes terrible jokes (that still make me laugh).

A quick summary; the German bombers fly past, it's winter 1940 (during the Battle of Britain) and an evacuee is living with his Grandma and keeps hearing whispers like, "Help us, Col!". He goes to his old cottage home where one of his animal guardians tells him there's going to be a direct bombing run on London. He tries to rescue his sister who is on London. Little do they know that the Oak King is determined to stop them at all costs...



Lucas wins himself a book for his magnificent review!

Has Lucas's brilliant review inspired you to read a book? Why not send us your review for a chance to win a prize?

REMEMBER, REMEMBER...TO BE SAFE!

Bonfire Night is here and I can't wait to see the firework display where I live, but please remember to be safe this weekend. Follow these hints and tips to ensure you have a safe and happy 5th November weekend...

Safety on Bonfire Night

Only adults should set up fireworks and bonfires.

Make sure you stand at a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks.

If a firework hasn't gone off, still don't go near it.

Have a torch, buckets of water and buckets of earth and gloves.

Always wear gloves when you are holding a sparkler.

Hold sparklers at arm's length.

When the sparkler has finished, put it in a bucket of cold water.



Talk about it:

***Why do we have Bonfire Night? What are we celebrating?
Who is the Guy on the Bonfire? When was the first Bonfire Night?
What is special about 5th November?***

HAVE YOUR SAY: VIRTUAL VS SCHOOL-BASED PARENTS' EVENINGS

Having run our Parents' Evenings virtually for the past year, we are keen to know how this works for you?

Feel more comfortable at home?

Prefer to come into school?

Mr Ranger is really keen to hear your views, so we'll send out a parent survey soon, so that we can plan for the future and try to reflect your views on how school operates.

Pupil Voice... This week's topic is **Energy Efficiency**
Your reporters are Venus, Ena, Lilu and Frieda

Energy efficiency means when you save your energy and power. You can do this anywhere. This could include:

- Walking more,
- Turning the lights out when you leave a room,
- Not leaving your TV on standby,
- Taking your device off charge when it's full,
- Saving fuel.

Our school has already played a part in this; we have put in LED lights into the classrooms which cost less and save more energy. Saving your energy is a good for the environment. Think of your carbon footprint, think of the future generation of the planet. If we all do one thing to make our homes more energy efficient, we could make a big impact.

So, how can you make your life more energy efficient?