



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 7th January 2022

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St. Ben's School Christian Values for this term: Hope and Compassion.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back, everyone, and Happy New Year to you all. The children have settled into the new term really well in this three-day week and we are all excited about the learning adventures ahead of us between now and Easter. At the moment we are erring on the side of caution in terms of school trips out of the area, but we are returning to swimming next week and I am keen to offer our pupils as many experiences as possible as part of our commitment that, through our broad and balanced curriculum, they should appreciate, "Life in all its fullness." (John 10:10).

Clubs nurture talents

Check out this incredible work by Miss Switzer's Year 3 Art Club based on a 'Winter' theme. It is now displayed in the Hall.



We are really passionate about celebrating your child's talents and interests, so please keep your eye out for our Clubs' letter going home today and make sure you sign your child up for a club this term.

COVID UPDATE

We remain in Amber Measures so our safety measures, including staggered starts and using both entrances, remain in place.

The most recent guidance is as follows:

Since Wed 22nd December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on Day 6 and Day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than Day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these tests are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result.

Please use the dedicated NHS website for support and advice. As a school we cannot advise on when an isolation period should finish.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

Please help us to contain the virus by keeping your child off school if they show the following symptoms:

- A raised temperature,
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste,
- A new, continuous cough.

Many people who have tested positive for Omicron have exhibited cold-like symptoms.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Mason: Helping friends with English work.	Sofia: a confident start to 2022.
Unicorns:	Elsie: A positive start to the new year.	Stanley: For being kind and for making others laugh.
Owls:	Alex: Independent Leopard in all subjects. Ruby: Independent Leopard in all work and a Team Bee in class.	Emily: Resilient Tortoise in Maths Arthur: Working hard in all subjects, and especially English.
Spiders:	Aimee: Consistently good behaviour and asking for help! What a star!	Rosie: Being a hard-working, beautifully behaved pleasure to teach. Well done!
Tortoises:	Josh: Super ideas for a character description.	Alanna: A resilient Tortoise in Maths.
Leopards:	Ena: An excellent, creative attitude across the curriculum.	Layla: For super work in Maths on + and – fractions.
Peacocks:	Harrison: Excellent input in classroom discussions.	Lucas: For a fantastic first week back after Christmas.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		This week's champions are TORTOISE CLASS – an extra break for them!
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		This week's champions are UNICORN CLASS with an attendance of 98.6% – an extra break for them!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>		Target Masters: Zebedee (Year 3); Mya (Year 4); Aisha and Lilith (Year 5). Star Pointers: Chester and Eli (Year 4). Venus in Year 6 has joined the Millionaires' Club and tells us that her favourite book ever is Watership Down. I've added it to my reading list!
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Bronze Learning Behaviour Awards this week for Alanna (Year 5) and Silver award for Venus (Year 6).

YEAR 3 ARTIST WHOSE WORK IS OUT OF THIS WORLD

Megan in Year 3 has impressed her peers and her teachers with her incredible artwork since September and this week she brought in some of her pieces from home to show her friends. All we can say is that we think her work is 'out of this world'! Keep up the brilliant work, Megan.



PUPIL VOICE: This week it's NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Your roving reporters are Venus, Lilu and Ena

A new year usually means a New Year's Resolution so we have spoken to the pupils and staff of St. Benedict's to work out what their goals are this year.

Our resolutions are:

Jasmine, Year 3 – to read more books,
Eli, Year 4 – Less screen-time,
Kyra, Year 4 – Get better at gymnastics,
Lily, Year 5 – ride her bike more,
Lucas, Year 6 – Improve his coding skills,
Izzy, Year 6 – Be kinder to animals,
Mrs Tidball – be kinder to herself and drink less Prosecco,
Mr Ranger – write more letters to people (and eat less chocolate).

Do you have a New Year's Resolution? Why not let us know so that we can feature yours in next week's edition of our newsletter!