



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: Friday 8th October 2021

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

IT'S HARVEST SEASON

This week, pupils in Mrs Tidball's Outdoor Group got to harvest the bounty from their raised bed.



Having planted the pumpkin seeds back in the spring, it was a long wait to reap the rewards, but we're sure you'll agree it was well worth the wait...

MEET OUR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP TEAM

Every Tuesday, we have Collective Worship at St. Benedict's Church and it is run by either our vicar, David, or our Visiting Christians, Annie, Phil and Mike. We'd like to introduce you to them...

We are Annie and Phil Wynter-Crofts and are known to the children in school as the Visiting Christians. We regularly take Collective Worship in St Ben's church along with Mike Derbidge. Annie is a Licensed Lay Minister in Glastonbury and a chaplain in Wells Cathedral and has been involved with Open the Book for more than 20 years in Chester schools. Having moved down to Somerset, we're delighted to be able to continue bringing Bible stories to school children. Phil is now retired and is a very enthusiastic helper.

Our intention is to have lots of fun and Mike certainly helps that along with his action songs!



Annie and Phil (and friends). Mike and David will appear in our newsletter soon...

PTFA AGM

We warmly welcome any parents and friends of St. Benedict's to attend our AGM at 1pm next Wednesday (why not come along before Harvest Festival? Our PTFA are keen to hear your ideas for fund-raising this year and there'll even be a tea/coffee and a biscuit or two! See you there!

HARVEST FESTIVAL Wed 13th Oct @ 2pm

Please join us at St. Benedict's Church at 2pm next Wednesday for our Harvest Festival. We would respectfully ask that you keep to the chairs provided and wear a mask in church as part of our efforts to keep our pupils and staff safe. We will have a collection for dried food with all donations going to the Foodbank.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Sophia: independence and resilience.	Xahli: Super reading and independence.
Unicorns:	Shahala: Independent Leopard.	Sammy: For making everyone smile.
Owls:	Eyed: Making Spider connections in Maths	Layla: Being a kind and caring friend.
	Dulcie: Creative Unicorn in English.	Alex: Working hard and being a Bee.
Spiders:	Aisha: Improved attitude to reading.	Ned: A great start to St. Benedict's.
Tortoises:	Alfie: Being a kind and supportive friend.	Olivia: Huge improvement in arithmetic.
Leopards:	Layla: Being a resilient Tortoise.	Pearl: Beautifully presented Maths work
Peacocks:	Max: Adapting to school – Chameleon.	Amy-Jane: Fantastic attitude to school.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>	This week it's PEACOCK 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 LEOPARD CLASS once again with 98.2% attendance this week! Great work, Leopards!	
<u>Accelerated Reader</u>	Target Master award: Oliver, Year 3. Well done, Oliver!	

PUPIL VOICE: This week... Anti-Bullying With your roving reporters, Ena, Lyla and Venus



On Monday, our assembly was based on a charity that helps bullying, we watched a video that explains what anti-bullying ambassadors are. We went around asking adults and children about their thoughts on bullying:

Aalaa M- "Why be racist if we're all different?"

Freya C- "Bullying is bad, some people bully just for their satisfaction and sometimes it's because something is going on in their home life, but that still doesn't make it ok."

Mrs Roberts- "Bullying is the start of something bigger, report it STRAIGHT AWAY."

Alfie R- "We didn't have any anti-bullying in our old school and that made it hectic."

Frankie L- "Anti-bullying stops people going home crying."

Jasmin D- "If you see someone bullying another child, tell them to STOP!"

Theo G- "Ask a bully why they are bullying, they might not know what they're doing is wrong."

Harry N- "You should support whoever is being bullied, be their friend!"

Tilly A- "I feel like anti-bullying will bring the school together as a community."

Safiye K- "Anti-Bullying will make the school a better place."

Mr Ranger- "It is really important to stand up to bullies – the best way to do this is to tell someone it's happening. We all deserve to feel safe and happy at school. Don't let bullies win – tell an adult!"

Our school has a new student role where there are 'Anti-Bullying Ambassadors' which means during break-time and lunchtime, you can go to them if you're being bullied. Remember, bullying is an action that intentionally hurts someone physically or mentally in a repetitive way. An Anti-Bullying Ambassador can be from any class, from any year group. You'll know when you see one because they wear special pin badges to represent themselves. Stay Safe Everyone!

Eco-Bricks – saving the planet one bottle at a time

In a recent Collective Worship, our focus was the environment and we all discussed how we can do our bit. One way is to save your plastics, instead of throwing them away. As a school, we agreed that we would try to create eco-bricks at home, then bring them into school – we plan to make a wall out of them in our World Garden. If you are keen to have a go, please visit:

ecobricks.org and click on the 'what is an ecobrick?' link.



Here's Silas with his Eco-brick.

Silas and his family created the perfect eco-brick by making sure he pushed down the plastics inside the bottle as far as they could to ensure the bottle feels solid all over. Why not start your own eco-brick this weekend!

Focus on Community

One of our school values this term is **Community**.

Do you know someone in our community that goes above and beyond? Do you or your child do something to help others in the community? We'd love to hear from you so that we can feature you in our newsletter. Please contact Mr Ranger on Class Dojo or catch him outside.

RECYCLE YOUR CRISP PACKETS

We are the area crisp packet recycling centre, so instead of throwing away those empty crisp packets, why not bring them into school and help to save the planet a packet at a time! Our recycling drop-off container is located in the foyer of the front entrance.

Please put your packets in a carrier bag and simply place them in the large bin in the corner of the foyer. For every 1000 packs we send off, we get to make a £10 donation to a charity of the children's choice.



Why not join our PTFA!

Our fabulous PTFA are back up and running, planning events and activities to raise money to provide opportunities and resources for our pupils. Coming up...

Fri 8th Oct - Hotdog and Hot Chocolate sale in the playground after school.

Wed 13th Oct - AGM at 1pm in the school hall. All welcome: why not come along and get involved – you'll get a tea/coffee and a biscuit, too!

Sat 27th Nov - Frost Fair: please support us! Buy your hotdogs, burgers, bacon rolls and drinks from our stall.