

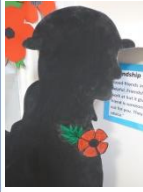


ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 12th November 2021

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

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

COVID UPDATE

Today's update from Public Health has advised all schools in Somerset to remain in Amber Measures, so St. Benedict's will be following this guidance. A letter has gone home with every pupil today explaining what this means and I have posted this letter on Class Dojo this afternoon.

I think the picture is starting to improve, so I am hoping that if we can continue to make a real effort over the next few weeks, then numbers should be right down ahead of the festive season.

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!

With the latest news in mind, we are hoping to revert to extra-curricular clubs in bubbles (as we did in the summer term), starting w/b 22nd November. We will communicate our plans to you on Monday. Please note that there will be no clubs in the w/b 15th November, except DASH and Ben's Den.

Please note that there will be no swimming while we are in Amber Measures and that any planned trips will be postponed.

Once again, thank you for your understanding and your support of our hardworking and dedicated team.

Mr Ranger

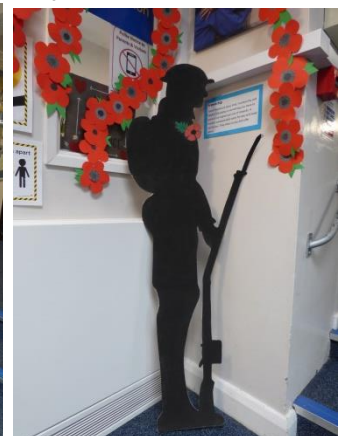
ST. BENEDICT'S REMEMBERS



On Thursday 11th November, pupils from Year 6 along with staff and Mr Ranger, joined local dignitaries and members of the local community in paying their respects at the War Memorial outside St. John's Church at the eleventh hour. The children represented the school beautifully and listened respectfully as vicar David marked the occasion with a few well-chosen words.



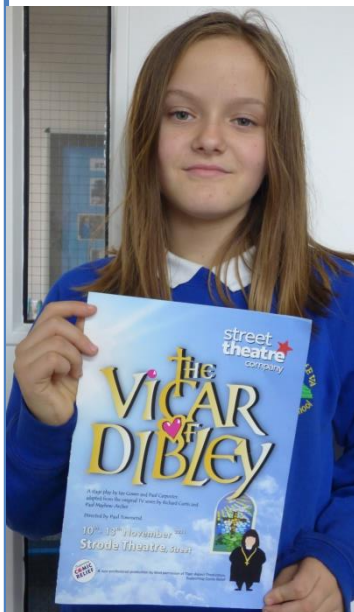
Back at school, pupils and staff created a moving display outside the office to show their respect to the fallen and pupils, and staff joined together at midday to commemorate the day.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Mason Ti: always trying to be independent.	Mason Tr: trying hard with presentation.
Unicorns:	Jamie: being a Chameleon and working hard to improve his handwriting.	Jessica: working so hard on her reading.
Owls:	Bessie: Creative Unicorn in drama when acting our Boudicca play. Simeon: Spider making superb connections learning about Boudicca.	Freddie: always being ready and enthusiastic to learn. Felix: always having a positive attitude to all his learning.
Spiders:	Ava: always respectful and ready to learn.	Charlie: lovely writing about 'Little Pele'.
Tortoises:	Aaron: positive attitude to all his learning.	Leo C: super descriptive writing.
Leopards:	Malika: being a Spider in Maths making connections and answering questions.	Nina: great independent work.
Peacocks:	Faeth: being a Presentation Peacock.	Bobby: for fantastic effort and progress with his reading.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>	To follow next week...	
<u>Attendance Champions</u>	To follow next week...	
<u>READING AWARDS</u>	Target Masters: Mason B, Jake, Isabelle, Shahala (Yr 3); Layla and Zahan (Yr 4).	
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>	Well done Fay for achieving her Bronze award!	

TALENTED LYLA LIGHTS UP THE STAGE



We know our pupils are a talented bunch and this week the spotlight is on one of our brilliant Year 6's, Lyla.

Lyla is starring at Strode Theatre in a stage adaptation of the popular TV series, the Vicar of Dibley. The play is running from Thursday 11 – Sat 13th November and Lyla is loving the buzz of acting to a live audience.

Lyla is part of the 'Taking the Space' drama group, based at the United Reform Church in Street and run by Maxine who also runs our after-school Drama Club on Tuesdays. If you are interested in joining 'Taking the Space', classes run on a Monday evening. Why not ask Lyla for more details...

OUTDOOR GROUP SHOW THEIR TALENT

Mrs Tidball's outdoor group were creating magic again this week as they set their artistic talents to making a beautiful, reflective piece of work, based on Remembrance Day, out of the leaves from our trees at school. We think it's incredible!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARENT GOVERNOR?

Care about St. Benedict's? Like to have a say in how the school is run? Why not become a parent governor?

If you would like more information on this fulfilling role, why not give Mr Ranger a call on (01458) 831811, or drop him a post on Class Dojo.

COME AND SEE US AT THE FROST FAYRE

Visiting the Frost Fayre this year?
Why not come and see us!

This year's Frost Fayre is on 27th November and we have a stall outside the school selling burgers, hotdogs and bacon baps.

So when you're feeling peckish, please make our stall your first port of call...
and tell your friends!

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.

Autumn Update from the School Nurse Team

Hello, our names are Maggie (Mclinden) and Victoria (Carnegie), we're your School Nurse Team. We want your child to be the healthiest they can. We can help with things, like bed wetting, healthy teeth, managing infections, emotional wellbeing, healthy eating and exercise.

We hope you've all had a good half-term break, it's the time of year when there are lots of infections about but there's a lot you can do to help keep your children as healthy as they can be.

- The annual school flu immunisation programme takes place between Oct & Dec co-ordinated by the School Age Immunisation Team (SAINT) at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, please consider agreeing for your child to take part. [Tel: 0300 323 0032](tel:03003230032).
- To minimise the spread of seasonal bugs, think 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it' for sneezes and keep up with regular handwashing.
- Please support School manage covid local outbreaks by observing any changes put in place, they're there to keep us all safe.
- If you're worried about your child being ill contact your GP / NHS 111. You can also check out The Spotty Book 2021 produced by NHS England & NHS Improvement SW (online).

If you have a question for us, we have a confidential text messaging service called ChatHealth (text 07480 635515). This is open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm and is staffed by the School Nursing team.

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Pupil Voice... This week's topic is
Remembrance Day
Your reporters are Ena, Lilu and Venus



The 11th of November is Remembrance Day, when we commemorate people who died in the wars. Usually, people commemorate by wearing red poppies, flowers that grew in fields in France in the World Wars. The Royal Legion Poppy Appeal started in 1921, a few years after World War I ended.

Our school sold a range of poppy related items for the pupils to buy. The products included: Rulers, Snap bands, Illustrated rubbers, Rubber bracelets, Reflectors, Pencil sharpeners and a range of other things. And of course the poppies themselves (paper ones).

On the 11th of November at 11:00 in the morning, the whole of year six went up to St John's church for a 2-minute silence outside the church to respect the people who sacrificed themselves for our freedom.

Here's what the adults thought:

"Year 6's behaviour was exemplary" -Mrs Brown, Leopard class teacher.

"The children were amazingly respectful during the 2-minute silence." Mrs Allen, TA.

"I'm incredibly proud of how respectful our Year 6 pupils were and I am so glad they were invited to take part because I think it is really important for them to understand the importance of Remembrance Day" Mr Ranger

Year 6 also wrote Remembrance Day poems. Here is one of our favourites:

Remembrance Day

*Remember the fighters who fought in the war
Every year for what they saw
Memories we hold in our minds
Every year we try to be kind
May they be remembered
Be solemn for the fight.
Every year for keeping their light
Red as poppies red as blood.*

By Freida