



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 14th January 2022

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

## SUN BRINGS PUPILS OUTSIDE

We are now into the swing of the Spring Term with pupils in all year groups working hard across our broad and balanced curriculum.

Some beautiful sunshine since Wednesday (albeit freezing temperatures) has brought the children outside and the playground and field have been busy with pupils learning and having fun. One of the highlights of this week has been the Headteacher's tea parties – see page 2 of the Bulletin for our photo special. Year 4 started swimming this week with many pupils citing this as their favourite part of the week.

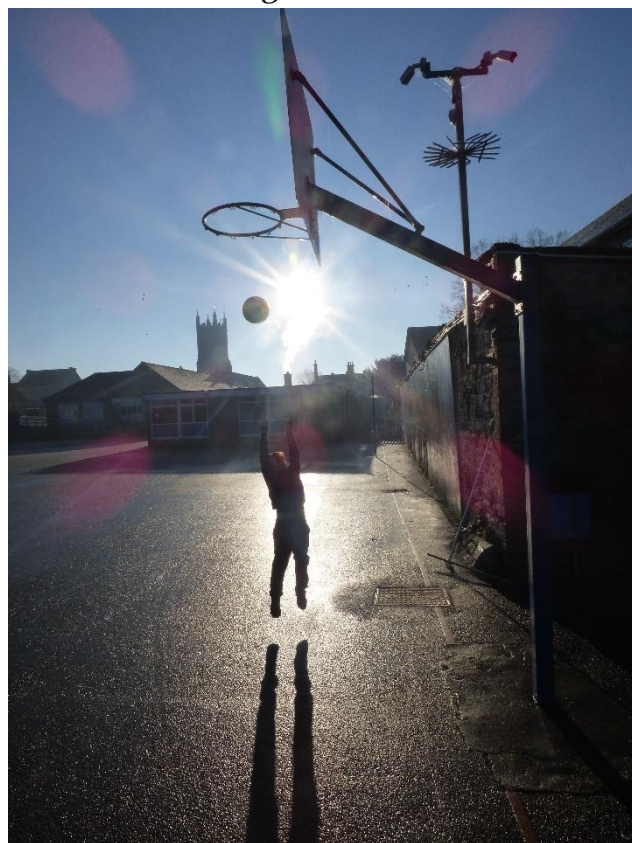
## Clubs start next week

Clubs start next week (w/b 17<sup>th</sup> January) and we have a wide range of activities on offer, as ever. From Art to Gardening and from Choir to Chess, there is plenty on offer. Factor in Girls' Football, Drama Club, Spanish, Multi-skills and Coding and every child at St. Benedict's has the opportunity to broaden their horizons and learn a new skill, or two!

Good luck to our Netball Team who take part in the Local Schools' Netball League this term. Mrs Brown has them well drilled after participating in her Autumn Term club and we know they will represent St. Ben's with pride. Reports of future matches will be featured in the St. Ben's Bulletin – watch this space!

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Here is Cody in Year 5 shooting hoops in the playground on a frosty Friday morning. He had just swept up some leaves and was letting off a bit of steam as the sun burned through the mist...



## Water Bottles: a reminder

A reminder that we encourage all children to bring a water bottle to school and that their bottles contain water not juice. Water is wonderful stuff – it keeps us hydrated and contains no sugar. If we are aware that bottles contain anything other than water, we will contact parents to clarify the school position on this.

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
<b>Cats:</b>	Reuben: a super attempt at his own Cinderella story.	Daisy: consistently beautiful presentation in her books.
<b>Unicorns:</b>	Zebedee: Putting in lots of effort to improve his reading.	Hartley: Being a kind friend and his great attitude to school.
<b>Owls:</b>	Luka: Independent Leopard in all subjects. Coco: Independent Leopard in Maths and Geography.	Gabriella: Resilient Tortoise, discovering new ways to work in Maths. Monika: Presentation Peacock in all work.
<b>Spiders:</b>	Mohammed: Outstanding effort and brilliant writing in English.	Tristan: Trying hard and being independent all week.
<b>Tortoises:</b>	Austen: Positive attitude to Maths and Science.	Leo H-W: Lots of great work in English and Maths this week.
<b>Leopards:</b>	Nina: Excellent, creative advert using persuasive language to sell a house.	Malika: For fantastic focused work in Maths doing + and – fractions.
<b>Peacocks:</b>	Philip: a fantastic presentation all about him and his friend.	Max: For excellent Computing knowledge.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		To be confirmed next week.
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		To be confirmed next week.
<u>READING AWARDS</u>		Target Masters: Jessica (Year 3).
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Bronze Learning Behaviour Awards this week for Freida (Y6); Iris and Eaden (Y4).

## Headteacher's tea parties bring smiles to chilly faces

Each week one child in every class is awarded a Headteacher's award for standing out in school that week. At the end of the term, Mr Ranger has a Headteacher's tea party to recognise the achievements of these pupils. This may be a hot chocolate with the Headteacher or some extra breaktime. This week, pupils from all year groups that had received a Headteacher award since September got a hot chocolate with all the trimmings and some time outside for extra play. It looks like they had a wonderful time! A huge thank you to Mrs Allen and Mrs Lawford for helping with the hot chocs!



# PASTORAL CARE AT ST. BEN'S

## Mental Health and Wellbeing @ St. Ben's

**Learning Mentor, Mrs Tidball, writes...**

At St Benedict's School mental health and wellbeing is a high priority. We understand the importance of positive mental health for all our children.

We recognise that children's emotional health and wellbeing is just as important as their physical health. We support our children to be resilient and to develop the skills they need to cope with change, setbacks and anything else life has in store.

We support positive mental health through sheltered starts in the mornings, Nurture groups and Forest school as well as one to one sessions, school councillor, art therapist and ELSA sessions.

Our Mental Health Lead in school is Mrs Newbury; to discuss anything further please contact her via Class Dojo.

## SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE

**Introducing Maggie McLinden, our local area School Nurse who is based at St. Benedict's Junior School on Tuesday mornings. If you have a question for Maggie, or need support, please let us know.**

Hello, my name is Maggie (McLinden) and I'm the School Nurse linked to your School. School Nursing wants 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 break over the Christmas period. The press seems to be full of stories about the pandemic and we know that for some children, this has had a huge emotional impact. To support your child, you might want to consider:

- Encouraging them to talk about their worries to a trusted adult,
- Reassuring them if there is a change to their routine caused by the pandemic,
- Focusing on strengths and activities that are outside of the current news to get a balance
- Taking care of yourself so you can be there for them.

More information from the Anna Freud Centre <https://www.annafreud.org/coronavirus-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

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.

Please follow us on Facebook at mendipschoolnurses or Instagram Mendipschoolnurse.



## **PUPIL VOICE: This week's topic is COMPASSION, (which is one of our School Values this term)**

**Your roving reporters are Freida and Fay**

Generosity and compassion are key factors for a kind person which is what St Ben's school aspire to be like. It helps us develop and learn.

This week we interviewed people with the question, 'Who would you give your last sweet to and why?' This would show who they cared for. Here's what they said:

Freya Y5: One of my best friends if they were sad.

Lily Y6: My teacher – Mr Kelland.

Oz Y5: Cole because he's my friend.

Harry Y4: I'd split it in half and give it to my parents.

Luna Y3: I would give it to my friend Jessica.

Miss Ball: My youngest son because he'd give me his.

Mrs Hurd and Miss Murphy: Someone who needed cheering up.

**Who would you give your last sweet to and why?**

## **TT Rockstars Battle of the Bands is back!**

Starting straight after school (Friday 14th Jan) our children will be competing on TT Rockstars in head-to-head competitions.



**Year 3 v Year 4**  
**Tortoise v Spider**  
**Leopard v Peacock**



Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. As part of the competition, children will be able to answer questions in any game type, with the winning class/year group answering the most correct answers per pupil. The competition will end next Friday with certificates being handed out to the Most Valued Players in each competition.