



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: Friday 17th Sept 2021

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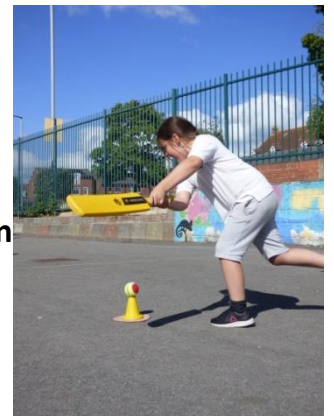
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St. Ben's School Christian Values for this term: **Community** and **Peace**.

ST. BENEDICT'S PUPILS IN PE PARADISE

As part of our commitment to offering our pupils a broad and balanced curriculum, we are very keen to take learning outside whenever possible and this week saw every year group enjoying a variety of outdoor lessons. Featured in this week's Bulletin is PE – our new PE coach, Mr Lintell has been a smash hit, delivering PE lessons, DASH sessions, Ben's Den (along with our chief of fun and games, Miss Catchpool) and also providing sporting opportunities at lunchtimes. In addition, Year 3 and Year 5 got to try their hand at cricket, courtesy of local Chance to Shine coach, Mark...



Sumdog's Somerset Maths Competition

Maths Lead, Mr Kelland, writes...

We have entered years 4-6 into the Somerset Maths Contest on Sumdog running from 24th September to 30th September. Please see Class Dojo post for more.

During the contest:

Children should simply play Sumdog's mathematics games. As they do so, they'll answer questions that contribute to their score.

- The class's score is the average number of correct answers across the students who take part.
- Students can play at school or home, at any time during the contest week.

Our children are exceptional mathematicians and we hope that they will enjoy taking part in this competition.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We were delighted to resume Collective Worship in church this week with David leading our session which focused on Community, one of our school values for this term. Please put Harvest Festival (Friday 15th Oct) in your diaries.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Megan: Being a Leopard in all learning.	Skye: Being Ready, Respectful and Safe.
Unicorns:	Orrin: Being a Bee in all learning.	Flora: Always being ready to learn.
Owls:	Arthur: Being an Owl – focused and ready.	Luka: Super descriptive 'Frost' poem.
Spiders:	Daniel: outstanding and positive attitude.	Freddy: Excellent focus and presentation
Tortoises:	Lucas: Resilient Tortoise in Maths lessons.	Toby: Great Science knowledge and participation.
Leopards:	Lucas: Great enthusiasm towards all work.	Ena: Fantastic bowling in rounders.
Peacocks:	Tilly: Creative Unicorn when using vibrant language in her poetry.	Freya: being a kind and considerate friend.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		This week the class who amassed the best Class Dojo points average is LEOPARD CLASS who win themselves an extra break-time!
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		Our very first Attendance Champs are also LEOPARD CLASS with 100% attendance this week! Well done, Leopards, you win another extra break! What a week for the Leopards! Well done all!

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.

CLUBS START ON MONDAY

Don't forget that after-school clubs start on Monday (20th Sept).

Collection for all clubs is from the playground entrance at 4pm (except Drama Club which is 4:30pm).

Please make sure your child has the relevant kit for their club.

If they can't make it, please make sure you let the office/club leader know via Class Dojo. Many thanks.



PUPIL PREMIUM

I'm aware that circumstances have changed for many of you and we're delighted to be able to support with this through the Pupil Premium Grant. If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG), they have the option to receive a free school meal; they do not have to do this (they may prefer to continue to bring in a packed lunch).

In addition, they will receive support with school trips, school uniform, and will be given various opportunities throughout the year, including free or subsidised trips, music lessons and other events and activities.

There is absolutely no stigma attached and we already have over 60 pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, whose parents appreciate the extra support. There is nothing to lose, but could be a lot to gain!

For more information, please see our website, message us on Class Dojo or call the office on 01458 831811.

CAN YOU LEAVE YOUR CAR AT HOME?

Returning to our usual back gate collection this week has made us question how we could improve the end of day collection arrangements. We are considering alternative collection arrangements for pupils/parents who walk/bicycle or scooter into school. More on this next week. Please note that you may enter and exit the playground via the Benedict Street side entrance to the school. In the mean time, please consider leaving your car at home if you can.



St Benedict's SEN team

Is your child on the Special Educational Needs register and you want to know about the support we have available at St Ben's?

Maybe you have concerns about your child's learning or development and want to see how we can help.

If you have any questions about your child's needs, or our support, please ask me (Ms Kirby – Spider class teacher and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator – SENDCo). My SENDCo days are Thursdays, and I will be running a fortnightly drop in service from 2:30pm to 3:15pm every other Thursday, so you can come and ask any questions you may have. Alternatively, message me on Class Dojo or ring the office to set up a meeting or ask any questions. I am here to help!

PROJECT TO DEVELOP YEAR 3 OUTDOOR AREA

**Calling all tradespeople/DIY
experts!!**

Would you be willing to volunteer your skills to help us develop the outdoor area for Year 3? We are keen to get our pupils outside as much as possible and Mrs Anderson and Miss Switzer have developed a plan for an outdoor learning area. If anyone has any expertise/potential for cut price/donated resources in any of the following areas, we would love to hear from you:

- Astroturf,
- Timber
- Constructing sheltered areas,
- Construction of outdoor furniture using recycled items e.g. pallet furniture.

For further information or to offer help/expertise, please call Mr Ranger on 01458 831811.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE THE CRISP PACKET RECYCLING CENTRE FOR GLASTONBURY?

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.



YOU COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We are really keen to welcome parents/carers into school as volunteers to hear readers/read to children. Our aim is to have at least one adult allocated to each of our 7 classes (but two would be incredible!). Could you spare a couple of hours or even a morning once or twice a week? Your time would help improve a child's skills, confidence and opportunities in life. If you are keen, or would like more details, please message Mr Ranger on Class Dojo or call him on (01458) 831811. Thanks to all those who have already volunteered.