



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: Friday 22nd October 2021

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

SOMETHING STRANGE THIS WAY COMES

On Wednesday 20th October, Years 5 and 6 got to spend the afternoon with talented author Lucy Strange. The visit was funded by friends of the school, the Wells Festival of Literature and Lucy was able to offer her novels at the subsidised rate of £2 per book due to the financial support of the local organisation.

Our pupils were mesmerised as Lucy talked them through her craft and her gothic style of writing as well as how she produces mood boards to give her an idea of themes. Following the talk, Lucy stayed on to sign copies of her books for our pupils. Mr Ranger has set a Class Dojo challenge to all upper school pupils to write a horror/scary story over half term and also to create a mood board. There will be prizes in Year 5 and Year 6 for best story and best mood board. We can't wait to be terrified by your spine-tingling tales! A huge thank you to Lucy Strange for inspiring us and also to Bug McKaig and the team at the Wells Festival of Literature.



HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM AND STAY SAFE!

YEAR 6 SHOW THEY HAVE BIKE-ABILITY

A group of Year 6 pupils were put through their paces this week with the aim of achieving their Bikeability award. Under the watchful eye of instructor and examiner Mark, the pupils braved the weather and took to the roads of Glastonbury to learn the skills. We were delighted with their skills and, just as importantly, Mark praised them all for their excellent listening and superb behaviour. Well done, everyone! All the pupils would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mark and also to our governor Mr Derbidge and our TA Miss Chouings, who volunteered to take part.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Oriella: Amazing first half term at St. Ben's	Archie: Being Ready, Respectful & Safe.
Unicorns:	Isabelle: Being a Bee in Maths.	Jacob: Being Ready, Respectful & Safe.
Owls:	Eva: Independent Leopard in all subjects.	Coco: For perseverance in Maths.
Spiders:	Emily: Independent Leopard in English.	Eaden: Her 'Surprise Sparkle Pie recipe.
Tortoises:	Romeo: Engaged and motivated this week	Sirus: Great contributions in English.
Leopards:	Frankie: Positive, resilient, polite and kind	Noah: Writing a great balanced argument
Peacocks:	Fay: Making Spider connections in Maths.	Silas: Independent writing on Dickens.
	Elliot: Performing well in Spider Maths.	Maryanne: Always trying her best.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		This week it's UNICORN 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 SPIDER CLASS with 98.0% attendance this week! Great work, Spiders!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>		Target Masters: Venus (Yr 6), Ethan H (Yr 4), Letticia, Reuben and Xahli (Yr 3). Star Pointers: Louie, Simeon, Zahan and Jenson (Yr 4)
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Well done Venus for achieving her Bronze award!

YEAR 6 PUPIL BAGS FIRST VALUES AWARD

Silas in Year 6 became the first recipient of our new Values award, for pupils who are 'living our values'. Silas showed great honesty and trustworthiness this week. Well done, Silas!



COVID update

This week has seen a sharp rise in Covid cases, both in Mendip generally and at school. Please remember if your child exhibits any symptoms, including cold-like symptoms, a headache, or stomach pains, keep them off school in self-isolation and order a PCR test. Please call the office to let them know.

I would prefer you to be cautious so that we can stop the spread of the virus! We have enhanced cleaning measures in place at school as well as rigorous handwashing regimes.

If your child tests positive on a PCR test during half term, please report it to Mr Ranger via Class Dojo so that we can be prepared for the return to school on 1st November. Have a great break and stay safe!

PARENTS' EVENINGS Tues 2nd and Thurs 4th Nov

Don't forget to sign up for your Parents' Evening slot on either Tuesday 2nd or Thursday 4th November; we'll send home a mini-report for you on Monday 1st November.

If your child is on the SEND register, your child's teacher will contact you to arrange a longer time slot. If you are not sure, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo.

COULD YEAR 4 SCIENTISTS SOLVE THE ENERGY CRISIS?

With questions being asked throughout the country about energy this week, our Year 4's decided to investigate the most effective materials for insulation. Here they are exploring the alternatives...



The children were Curious Cats as they asked brilliant questions!
We think we may have Some top scientists of the future...



GET READY TO ROCK!

TT Rockstars Day is back in its usual position of the Autumn term. We are really looking forward to another day full of fancy dress and times tables on Friday 12th Nov.



PUPIL VOICE with your ROVING REPORTERS... Venus, Lyla, Fay, Frieda and Ena: This week's topic is Role Models

Some people think that role models are just people that children look up to. Well, it's more than that; it's a part of your life that makes you who you are. It inspires you. Role models are people who inspire other people to do something similar and motivate other people to be like them. An example of a role model could be our parents or siblings.

A role model is someone who motivates you to pursue your dreams. Even you could be someone's role model! Even though you may not know who your role model is yet, that doesn't mean you can't inspire people. We've gone around the school to ask people their thoughts and who their role models are:

Edward, Year 6 says: "My grandpa because he gives everything to everything he does."

Hazel and Belle, Year 5 says: "My dream role model would be kind, smart and clever."

Layla, Year 4 says: "My grandparents because they help me with maths."

Oliver, Year 3 says: "My baby brother because he is always laughing."

**So do you have a role model?
Why not let us know and we can give them a shout out!**

GOOD LUCK TO HANNAH'S HOOFERS

Many of our pupils are involved in a dance show at half term and we wish them all the very best. The show, entitled 'Dancers and the Chocolate Factory' is on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th October at the McMillan Theatre in Bridgwater and promises to light the stage up with fabulous entertainment. There is nothing like a live performance, so why not see if there are any tickets left by visiting the McMillan Theatre website. Our very own Miss Switzer joins in on the evening of Friday 29th. Good luck everyone and break a leg!



Music for Miniatures CIO and Magic Penny Productions present...

ALL ABOARD THE GINGERBREAD!

Sun 3rd Oct - Bradford on Avon Sun 31st Oct - Salisbury
 Sun 17th Oct - Nailsea Sat 13th Nov - Keynsham
 Thur 28th Oct - Chippenham Sun 14th Nov - Frome
 Fri 29th Oct - Trowbridge Sat 27th Nov - Bath
 Sat 30th Oct - Street Sun 28th Nov - Chipping Sodbury

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Suitable for children aged 4-11
 Tickets £8 adult | £7 child
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