



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 26th November 2021

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

COVID MEASURES TO CONTINUE UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Our current measures will continue until the Christmas holidays due to the high Covid levels across Somerset. This means we will continue with the staggered start and end times and different entrances. In school, we will not mix bubbles inside, but will continue with the current arrangements for break-times and after-school clubs.

I will contact you next week regarding arrangements for Christmas activities and events. Mr Ranger

BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM KICK OFF SEASON

St. Benedict's Boys' football team kicked off their season with a 4 -2 defeat against a very sharp Brookside team. The St. Ben's team took a first half lead with a lovely finish from Moon, but Brookside pressure paid off and they scored a succession of goals to take a 4-1 lead in the second half. St. Ben's rallied with a late consolation from Selby. The St.

Ben's defence was immense with Khan and Witcombe repelling attack after attack and keeper Wardle pulled off some outstanding saves. On a testing afternoon, the attitude and resilience of the St. Ben's team were outstanding throughout.



Gothic Story competition entries spook judges

Before half term, Year 5 and 6 had a visit from inspirational author, Lucy Strange. Following this, Mr Ranger set two challenges; to write a gothic/spooky story and to create a mood-board.

The entries were of an incredibly high quality, terrifying the judges and giving them a tough challenge. Due to the level of the work it was agreed that all entrants would receive a prize.

The winners of each main prize were:

- Best spooky/gothic story, Year 5: Freya
- Best spooky/gothic story, Year 6: Venus
- Best mood-board, Year 5: Hazel
- Best mood-board, Year 6: Tilly
- Runner-up mood-board: Lyla, Year 6
- Best illustrations in a story: Freddie, Yr 5
- Best character development: Kyla, Year 5
- Best creature in a story: Ena, Yr 6
- Best story twist: Lilith, Year 5
- Best inter-textuality: Aimee, Year 5

Huge congratulations to all who entered and enjoy reading your prize books! A huge thank you to the Wells Festival of Literature who very generously donated prizes for all entrants.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Archie: improved participation in DT.	Sofia: brilliant teamwork making lanterns.
Unicorns:	Luna: effort to improve reading and maths.	Jake: effort in maths and being safe.
Owls:	Alfred: resilient tortoise, always working really hard in all his work.	Rosalee: working really hard, writing a lovely golden write.
Spiders:	Bobby: super independent leopard, working really hard in all his work.	Mya: always trying hard in all her work with a smile.
Tortoises:	Sophia: a wonderful 'finding' story in the whole school write.	Harry: huge improvement in his presentation.
Leopards:	Lily: always having a positive attitude.	Acacia: a resilient tortoise in Maths.
Peacocks:	Isabelle: teamwork and enthusiasm in PE.	Lilu: beautiful handwriting in golden write.
	Felicity: independent leopard reading.	Frankie: Always being ready to learn.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>	This week's winning class is SPIDER CLASS ! Well done Spiders, you get an extra break next week!	
<u>Attendance Champions</u>	This week's attendance champs are LEOPARD CLASS with a 99% attendance. It's an extra break for them!	
<u>READING AWARDS</u>	Target Masters: Mason Ti (Yr 3); Nova and Dulcie (Yr 4); E, Caspar and Aimee (Yr 5). Caspar also becomes our latest member of the Millionaires' Club for reading one million words so far in Year 5 – AMAZING work, Caspar!	
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>	Well done Layla (Yr 4) and Grace (Yr 5) for achieving their Bronze award! Certificate coming soon, Grace!	

YEAR 5 ENJOY POLICE VISIT

On Wednesday 24th November, our Mini-Police team were visited by members of the local police team, as well as another star guest... a police van. The Mini-Police agreed to share the experience with the rest of Year 5, who all enjoyed a tour of the van and got to hear the (deafening) siren at close quarters. Many thanks to Mel, Paul and Sergeant Tom for the visit...



CHRISTMAS LUNCH DONATIONS

Every Christmas we offer every pupil in school a hot Christmas dinner which historically has been funded by local businesses. Would your organisation like to contribute towards this? We have many disadvantaged pupils at St. Benedict's and in the festive season why not spread a little cheer? If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Mr Ranger via Class Dojo or on (01458) 831811. Thank you.

FROST FAYRE

**DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR BURGER
AND HOTDOG STALL DURING
TOMORROW'S FROST FAYRE!**

WE'LL BE OUTSIDE SCHOOL!

**COME AND CHEER US UP WITH A WARM
SMILE AND LET US WARM YOU UP WITH
SOME TASTY TREATS!**

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.

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 What makes you happy

By your Year 6 roving reporters

We, the year six journalism group went around the playground asking children and adults what makes them happy. Happiness is very important to our school, and the school try their best to make everyone happy. Here is what makes the students, and teachers happy.

Hazel, Year 5 says: "School makes me happy."

Aisha, Year 5 says: "My dog and my phone."

Miss Greuter, TA says: "Music and reading."

Miss Lock, TA says: "Spending time with my grandchildren."

Lucas, Year 6 says: "Hanging out with my mum."

Layla, Year 4 says: "Hugs from my friends."

Mrs Tidball, Learning mentor says: "Prosecco."

Katie, Year 4 says: "Ice cream makes me happy."

Fin, Year 4 says: "Playing with my friends."

Farewell pupils, teachers and parents, have a wonderful day!!

By The Journalists

What makes you happy? Why not let us know and we can put some of your responses in next week's newsletter.