



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 25th March 2022

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

COVID NUMBERS RISE

Unfortunately Covid numbers are once again on the rise and we have had pupils and staff off school this week. To halt the spread of the virus, we would urge you to keep a close eye on symptoms and test your child if they are displaying symptoms. If they test positive they should retest on Days 5 and 6; if these are both negative they may return to school. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Keep an eye out for our new mural!



See page 2 for more details

PARENT AND CARER SURVEY

A reminder to you all that our parent and carer survey is still open and we would appreciate as many responses as possible. The deadline to take complete the survey is Thursday 31st March and the link is:

<https://forms.gle/YmADpXZk7ZXqe68U9>

St. Dunstan's Head pays a visit

Our Year 6 pupils are now starting to think about life after St. Benedict's and on Friday 25th March, St. Dunstan's Headteacher Lynda Bevan came to visit for a Q and A session that helped to put our pupils' minds at ease. The children came up with some really thoughtful questions and impressed Mrs Bevan with their behaviour and attitude.

UPPER SCHOOL VISIT ST. DUNSTAN'S

Years 5 and 6 got to spend the afternoon at St. Dunstan's on Friday 25th March as they visited their local high school for PE sessions. During the afternoon, they enjoyed workshops on Dodgeball and Lacrosse amongst other sports. They were coached by staff from St. Dunstan's as well as willing helpers from Year 9 and Year 11. Thank you to all at St. Dunstan's for organising the visit and making us feel so welcome.

Year 6's next transition visit to St. Dunstan's will be on 8th April when they will take part in Music, Drama and English activities.



Mural continues

Talented artist Laura Harrison has been working hard on our new mural this week and it is nearly complete! The fabulous mural is located in the year 5 and 6 cloakroom and features all our ELLi animals. Laura will be working with some pupils from different year groups next week to finish off the mural. We are so grateful to Laura for sharing her time and talent and for inspiring the next generation of artists.



ST. BEN'S RAISES £200 FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

On Monday 21st March pupils and staff at St. Benedict's wore odd socks and bright socks to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. As well as helping to celebrate difference and diversity in our community, this was also an opportunity to raise some money for a very worthy cause – Ups and Downs, a locally based Down Syndrome charity. We managed to raise an incredible £200, so a HUGE thank you to all of you for your generosity!



Jackdaws Music Project

On the evening of Tuesday 22nd March, musicians from across the school performed live at the Cheese and Grain in Frome as part of a Jackdaws project. This followed on from our visit by the talented Hop Skotchne Trio two weeks ago. The pupils really enjoyed the event and relished the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and Music Lead, Mrs Coton, who organised the St. Benedict's involvement in the project was delighted with the evening. She told the Bulletin, "It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to be inspired by and play alongside talented and established musicians and they had a fantastic evening." Huge thanks to Mrs Coton and also to Ms Bradshaw who gave up her evening to drive the minibus to Frome.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Manu: a mature and positive attitude to his learning this week.	Eve: enthusiasm towards her new science topic; being a superb role model.
Unicorns:	Jemimah: working hard to improve her learning behaviour.	Flora: for being kind and caring for her friends.
Owls:	Jenson: resilient Tortoise, working well and using his timer well. Elijah: independent Leopard in all his work.	Holly: real team Bee helping children and adults so cheerfully. Simeon: super hard worker in English and Maths.
Spiders:	Ava: an absolutely fabulous reading assessment.	Romeo: huge improvement in his arithmetic.
Tortoises:	Oaken: being a resilient Tortoise in our assessments this week.	Alfie: great work in science this week and impressive resilience.
Leopards:	Aalaa: excellent home working.	Ollie: for being an expert computing consultant.
Peacocks:	Lucas: being a 'Curious Cat' and asking lots of inquisitive questions.	Philip: for excellent participation.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		Winners to be announced next week!
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		Winners to be announced next week!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>		Target Master: Charlotte and Alex (Yr 4); Max, Alif and Tilly (Yr 6). Hundred Club: Erin (Year 6). Millionaires' Club: Kyla (Year 5).
<u>LEARNING BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Bronze Awards: Jacob R and Jacob P (Year 3); Alfred and Rosalee (Year 4); Frankie (Year 5). Silver Award: Coco, Finley and Chester (Year 4). Gold Award: Dulcie (Year 4).

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Looking ahead:	
Monday 4 th April	Parents' Evening: 3:30 – 5:30pm
Thursday 7 th April	Parents' Evening: 5:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 8 th April	Year 6 Transition Event at St. Dunstan's
Friday 8 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 25 th April	Return to school – NO INSET – see note above.
Mon 9 th – Thurs 12 th May	Year 6 SATs – please do not book any time out in this week!
Friday 27 th May	Jubilee Party for all pupils – 1 – 3pm: Red, white and blue theme

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? A focus on out of school events and activities

This week's stars are all from Year 3; Jake, Jasmine and Owen. Football-mad Jake got to see his beloved Man City play Southampton in the FA Cup and triumph 4-1.

Meanwhile multi-talented Jasmine gained her Level 5 swimming award and also picked up a gold and bronze medal for trampolining.

Not to be outdone, Owen bagged a man of the match trophy for his outstanding defensive performance helping his team, Ashcott Under 7s, keep a clean sheet in their recent victory! Well done all of you!

If you have a hobby or interest that we could feature in the Bulletin, why not share it with your class teacher or with Mr Ranger so that we can tell the rest of the school.

