



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 1st April 2022

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

ST. BEN'S PUPILS INSPIRE THE SCHOOL TO SAVE ENERGY

This week the winners of our Energy Saving Poster Competition were decided by our pupil panel (the School Council). They were looking for designs that not just caught the eye but also sent an important message about saving energy. This has never been more important than now, as energy prices soar affecting schools as well as households in our community and across the country. Our winners all received an Easter egg as well as a certificate to mark their achievement. The children's designs showed their understanding of this issue on a global scale, featuring ice caps melting and the plight of animals such as Polar bears. Well done to all winners and thank you to the School Council. Photos to follow next week...

PARENT AND CARER SURVEY

A reminder to you all that our parent and carer survey is open until Monday 4th April and that everyone completing a survey will be entered into our prize draw to win a Morrisons or Tesco voucher for £30. Think of all the Easter eggs that could buy! To complete the five minute survey, please click on this link:

<https://forms.gle/YmADpXZk7ZXqe68U9>

EGGS-ELLENT ART WORK CATCHES THE EYE

Talented Year 4 pupil, Precious, has been hard at work this week producing this piece of 'eggs-ellent' art work in the Bee Hive. Precious' incredible eye for detail left Mrs Tidball 'shell-shocked'. 'Cracking' work, Precious!



Covid Isolation period now 3 days for children

As of today (Friday 1st April), the DfE guidance states that the isolation period for any person under 18 will be three days, so if your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test, they may return to school after three days. For adults, the isolation period remains five days. If you have any questions about any matters relating to Covid, please contact Mr Ranger.

Parents' Evenings Next Week

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to school for Parents' Evenings next week. These take place on Monday (3:30 – 5:30pm) and Thursday (5:30 – 7:30pm) and there will be teas and coffees on offer to warm you up as you wait. If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late; simply message your child's teacher on Class Dojo and they can agree a slot for you.

We will contact any parents who are unable to attend to book up a slot as we feel it is really important for every child to feel they are represented by an adult at home so that we can share their achievements and also discuss any areas to work on together.

St Benedict's School PTFA

Friday 29th April
After school in the playground

Burger - £2.75
Cheese Burger - £3.00
Hotdog - £2.50
Veggie option available

Pre-order and pay via ParentPay
before Thursday 28th April
Limited availability on the day
Cash or card on the day



April Fools' pranks catch out pupils

Pupils across St. Benedict's were caught out by different teacher pranks on Friday 1st April as Mr Ranger and the staff spread a little mischief. Pupils in Year 4 and 5 swapped their trainers around as part of an investigation into balance and co-ordination for the Left and Right Foundation (LARF).



Meanwhile Year 3 pupils put their index finger on their nose for ten minutes to explore the impact on learning.



A horrified Year 6 were briefly under the impression that they would need to attend school for the Easter Holidays under a new government directive. They broke into cheers when they learned they had been fooled!



The children are plotting their revenge!

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Skye: Superb attention to detail in all her illustrations.	Reuben: Superb effort to improve his handwriting.
Unicorns:	Theo: Being really respectful to adults and his peers.	Cattleya: Being an independent Leopard all week.
Owls:	Victoria: Independent Leopard in English and Maths. Rosalee: Resilient Tortoise, working hard in English and Maths.	Noah: Working really hard in all subjects – being a really curious Cat. Katie: Resilient when planning her English.
Spiders:	Cole: Excellent questioning in class.	Lannie: Huge improvement in reading age.
Tortoises:	Kyla: Excellent subject knowledge in RE.	Aaron: outstanding progress in Reading.
Leopards:	Freida: Being such a curious Cat, always answering questions.	Venus: An excellent story starter.
Peacocks:	Olivia: Being a resilient Tortoise and showing fantastic determination with her work.	Evie: For an excellent attitude towards her maths work.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		Owl Class are this week's champs with an average of 13 points each! Well done, Owls; enjoy your extra break!
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		Peacock Class are this week's champs with 98.6% attendance! Well done, Peacocks; enjoy your extra break!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>	Target Master: Aalaa (Yr 6); Belle-Blossom (Yr 5); Amelia, Jessica, Indie and Jacob (Yr 3) Millionaires' Club: Caspar (Year 5). Caspar is a Millionaire for the second time over – welcome to the Two Million Club' Caspar!	
<u>LEARNING BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>	Bronze Awards: Oliver, Mason Ti, Jessica and Indie (Year 3); Katie (Year 4); Fern, Oz, Sofia and Leo (Year 5); Tyler and Olivia (Year 6) Silver Award: Eaden and Luka Chester (Year 4).	
<u>OTHER AWARDS</u>	Well done Sol (Yr 4) for being Mrs Tidball's 'Busy Bee of the Week'.	

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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
Monday 2 nd May	May Bank Holiday: School closed
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.
Friday 1 st July	BenFest – an evening of music and entertainment

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

This week's stars are in Year 4; Nova and Alex have both hit the headlines with their sporting endeavours. Nova achieved her red belt in Kickboxing from Somerset Kickboxing Academy for her fantastic martial arts skills while Alex earned his team's MVP award after his incredible man of the match displays two weeks running helped his team finish an impressive second in the league.

Well done both of you – we're all proud of your achievements!



Are you a musician, a baker, a linguist or a sportsperson? Do you have another skill or interest?

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.