



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 4th March 2022

World Book Day Special

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

COVID RESTRICTIONS EASE

This week has seen the easing of Covid restrictions which has felt wonderful. We hope that everyone is growing used to the new drop off and collection system. While I appreciate that it is not easy for all parents and carers of Year 3 and 4 pupils to come down onto the playground, we think it is keeping the children much safer as it makes it far easier to monitor the back gate.

In school, staff are no longer wearing masks and we returned to upper school and lower school collective worship in the Hall, which was superb (please see the feature below right).

While this all feels great, we must remember that if we experience significant Covid numbers, we may run the risk of having to return to safety measures. With this in mind, we would encourage you to keep your child off school if they have any of the symptoms of Covid. If they test positive on a Lateral Flow Test, they can come back to school if they test negative on Day 5 and Day 6 after the original test. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr Ranger via Class Dojo or on (01458) 831811.

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Thursday 3rd March saw the 25th World Day and our pupils and staff celebrated with various activities and some fabulous costumes. Please see page 2 for a special photo feature.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP RESUMES

It was a great joy to welcome back our Visiting Christians this week and they celebrated with a lovely Collective Worship all about St. David, the patron Saint of Wales. A huge thank you to Annie, Phil and Mike and well done to Daniel who was the star of the show.



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Thursday 3rd March saw World Book Day and a great opportunity to inspire our young readers.

English Lead Mrs Brown challenged all pupils and staff to dress as their favourite book character (and for those that are not keen on costumes to transform a potato into a fictional character). There were also a range of book-based activities on offer throughout the day including a whole school story that each class got to add to. We also had a very special guest as Selina Gunn visited from Glastonbury Library to put the children through their paces with her book quiz and inspire them to sign up for Library membership. Well done to everyone for their amazing efforts and a huge thank you to Mrs Brown for organising the day.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Reuben: continued hard work in all lessons.	Nathan: improving confidence in class.
Unicorns:	Flora: being so brave and reading her story to the whole class.	Jemimah: for caring, for being a nice friend and for being kind.
Owls:	Evie: independent Leopard In all her work.	Alfred: super ideas for whole class story.
Spiders:	Ethan W: resilient Tortoise especially in Maths.	Eyed: always trying his best and always being cheerful.
Tortoises:	Toby Mi: improvement in handwriting and presentation.	Ethan: consistently positive mindset.
Leopards:	Lucas: super work on fractions this week and last week.	Rhiley: great work on World Book Day.
Peacocks:	Sonny: Super resilience in Maths this week.	Tyler: Such a super attitude to his work.
	Freya: Being a creative Unicorn and having excellent ideas in her writing.	Evie: For fantastic effort and improvement with her handwriting.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		Cat Class are Champs this week with an average points score of 15 points! Well done Cats, enjoy your extra break.
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		Unicorn Class are attendance Champs this week with an awesome attendance of 99.2%. Well done, Unicorns an extra break for you!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>		Target Master: Luka (Year 4); Hundred Club: Alif and Ena; 200 Club: Max and Venus (all Year 6); Millionaires' Club: Alif (Year 6).
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Bronze Awards: Alex, Ruby, Max, Ethan W, Felix, Simeon, Finley, Luka, Ethan H, Bessie, Jenson and Eli (Yr 4); Sophie and Frankie (Yr 5) Silver Award: Holly, Kyla, Grace, Lilith and Lily (Year 5)

WORLD BOOK DAY AWARDS

A huge well done for all your fantastic efforts. The winners were...

	Most creative/best costume	Best dressed potato
Cat Class	Skye as Isadora Moon	'Superpotato' by Sofia W
Unicorn Class	Sammy as Fantastic Mr Fox	Mr Funny by Theo
Owl Class	Rosalee as Violet Beauregard Freddie as King Henry VIII	No entry
Tortoise Class	Lilith as the House on Chicken's Legs	No entry
Spider Class	Hazel as Diary of a Wimpy Kid, the book	Roly Poly Bird by Harry Cruwys
Leopard Class	Ena as Petra from Our Castle by the Sea	Slime (David Walliams) by Isabelle R
Peacock Class	Safiye	Dementor by Lucas



ST. BEN'S HAS TALENT!

Our pupils all have their talents, whether it be art, PE, design, computing, Maths, English, Music or another field of expertise. This week, a few young sporting stars have come to Mr Ranger's attention. Alex in Year 4 is a star swimmer who caught the eye during his club's recent 'Dual in the Pool'. Meanwhile, talented Kaya in Year 6 is an incredible trampolinist who bagged herself two silver medals in a recent county-wide competition in Bath. Not to be outdone, Jacob in Year 3 won Player of the Match last weekend as he scored goals and provided assists for his team Wessex Vipers. Well done all! If you have a talent or skill you would like to share, why not let Mr Ranger know and you could feature in next weeks' newsletter!



AVA JOINS LIBRARY

Following the visit of Selina Gunn from the Library team, who inspired our pupils on World Book Day, Year 5 pupil, Ava, wasted no time in signing up for library membership. Why not join her as a member of Glastonbury Library; simply visit the library with a parent to get signed up!



Change to INSET Day

We had planned to hold an INSET Day on 25th April 2022, but this has been changed to **Monday 25th July 2022**. Many of our pupils have missed considerable chunks of learning through Covid-related absence and we are keen to take advantage of every day we can. **After Easter, we will now return to school on Monday 25th April and pupils will break up for the summer holidays on Friday 22nd July.** St. John's Infant School are taking the same action so that we can be consistent as a school community. Please contact Mr Ranger with any questions or concerns.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Looking ahead:	
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th March	Year 5 Osmington Bay Residential
Monday 4 th April	Parents' Evening: 3:30 – 5:30pm
Thursday 7 th April	Parents' Evening: 5:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 8 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 25 th April	Return to school – NO INSET – see note above.