



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 8th April 2022

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

HAPPY EASTER!

This has been a long and at times very dark term, but we have reached Easter! Thank you for your support and understanding this term as we have navigated through Covid rules, storms and torrential rain. In spite of all the challenge we have had some fabulous learning adventures and we are so proud of all our pupils and the resilience they have shown.

Have a wonderful Easter Holiday and find some time to relax and have fun (and enjoy those Easter eggs!). See you all when we return on Monday 25th April.

Happy Easter!

Please see our Easter Story workshops photo feature on Page 2.

Netball Team Tournament Triumph

St. Ben's Netball team ran out winners of the local schools tournament on Thursday 7th April. Victories over Elmhurst and XXX saw them reach the final in which they crushed Hugh Sexey's 11 – 3. The victorious squad travel to the county finals next to take on Somerset's finest! Well done everyone and a huge thank you to coach Mrs Brown and Mr Lintell and Minibus driver Mrs Lawford.



Year 3 Join St. John's for Easter Bonnet Parade

On Thursday 7th April, Year 3 pupils and staff joined St. John's children for their Easter Bonnet parade at St. John's Church. Easter themed hats were the order of the day and, as you can see from the photo, our Year 3's turned up prepared! St. John's pupils were on top form entertaining a packed audience with their beautiful singing and it was wonderful to see Vicar David MacGeoch back, taking the service.



NURTURE GROUP SPREAD LOCAL CHEER

See Page 5 for the full story



Easter Story Workshops Inspire Pupils

On Monday and Tuesday this week, pupils from all year groups made the short journey to St. Benedict's Church to participate in Easter Story workshops. The workshops were run by Diana Greenfield and her wonderful team and focused on the different stages of the Easter Story.



A huge thank you to Diana, Annie, Phil, Roger, Di and Michele. We appreciate you volunteering your time so generously to bring the events of 2000 years ago to life and make them relevant to our pupils in 2022. We think you are all stars!



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Stella: Asking and responding to questions with enthusiasm at church.	Xahli: for superb participation at church.
Unicorns:	Indie: writing a creative and brilliant golden write about trolls.	Orrin: for being a curious Cat in his learning.
Owls:	Coco: creative Cat writing her quest story. Noah: real team Bee and working hard in all subjects.	Chester: working really hard to writing a super quest story. Rosalee: working super hard on timetables.
Spiders:	Sirus: for excellent clay work and instructions.	Aisha: being cheerful, positive and helpful all the time!
Tortoises:	Lily M: a positive resilient and cheerful week!	Toby Mo: for helping others in Maths.
Leopards:	Maryanne: a beautifully presented non-chronological report.	Reggie: great English and Maths homework.
Peacocks:	Bobby: being an independent Leopard and showing excellent focus.	Alif: for being a keen and enthusiastic reader.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		Tortoise Class are this week's champs with an average of 12 points each! Well done, Tortoises; enjoy your extra break!
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		Leopard Class are this week's champs with 94.5% attendance! Well done, Leopards; enjoy your extra break!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>	Target Master: Flora, Jacob P and Jake (Yr 3); Eyed and Nova (Yr 4); Grace (Yr 5). Millionaires' Club: Kyla – 2 million club! (Year 5). Tilly (Yr 6). Star Pointer: Luka, Alfred, Katie (Yr 4); Grace, Joshua, Anna (Yr 5).	
<u>LEARNING BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>	Bronze Awards: Oaken and Freya (Yr 5). Silver Award: Harry and Layla (Yr 4); Sophie (Yr 5); Lily (Yr 6). Gold Award: Florence (Yr 4)	
<u>OTHER AWARDS</u>	Netball Team for their incredible achievement – see front page! Well done to Kaya, Venus, Tyler, Isabelle M, Ena and Sonny.	

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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 27 th May	Break up for half term
Monday 27 th June	INSET Day
Friday 1 st July	BenFest – an evening of music and entertainment
Friday 22 nd July	Break up for Summer Holidays

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



Vegetarian/Vegan options available – please
contact the office via Class Dojo to let them know.

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

Last week the winners of our Energy Saving Poster Competition were decided by our pupil panel (the School Council).

Their eye-catching designs will be displayed around school to remind us all to turn off lights and power around school. The winners are:

Skye, Daisy, Owen, Theo and Jemimah
from Yr 3;

Chester and Sam from Yr 4;

William, Kyla, Romeo and Hazel from Yr 5;

Lilu, Freida, Felicity and Lyla from Yr 6.

Well done to all of you!

Year 4 go on Egg Hunt

Year 4 have been on a seasonal hunt this week, using their map skills to locate Easter eggs.



The children worked in groups to find their treasure. Ms Bradshaw was incredibly impressed with their geography skills.



PARENT AND CARER SURVEY

Our Parent and Carer Survey closed on Monday, with 83 of you having completed the questionnaire. Thank you so much for taking the time to do this, your feedback will help us to appreciate your view of our school and to improve St. Benedict's as we move forward together. We will look at the results in the next few weeks and summarise them for you – more to follow after the Easter Holidays. The winners of the prize draw are:

The parent/s of Megan Maddock-Jones and the parent/s of Freddie Harrison-Lowndes. Well done to you both and enjoy your vouchers.

Year 3 receive new outdoor space thanks to Mr Daniels

Year 3 has a brand new outside area courtesy of our groundsman, Mr Daniels (and sons!). The Year 3 team and Mr Ranger have been keen to use the space at the back of the Year 3 block and Mrs Anderson created a plan and a wish-list which Mr Daniels has brought to life. All the materials for the project were provided by CRS who generously discounted the cost to the school. **Thanks to Mr Daniels and CRS for helping to transform our space.** We are now keen to plant up the area and create seating and working space for the pupils. If anyone has any outdoor furniture or large planters they wish to donate, please let us know.



Mr Daniels surveys his amazing work...

Year 5 gardeners tend to raised bed

Every week a group of Year 5 pupils visit St. Benedict's churchyard under the watchful eye of gardener Claire Crumpton and TA Ms Ball. This week the group performed their duties brilliantly and earned a Dojo point each from Claire. Well done, everyone!



NURTURE GROUP SPREAD CHEER

(cont'd from front page)

Mrs Tidball's Year 3 Nurture Group have been spreading community cheer this week as they visited St. Benedict's Care Home to deliver heart-warming Easter cards with uplifting messages for the residents.



The Care Home were so touched by the children's act of compassion that they gifted them a bag of Easter treats to say thank you.

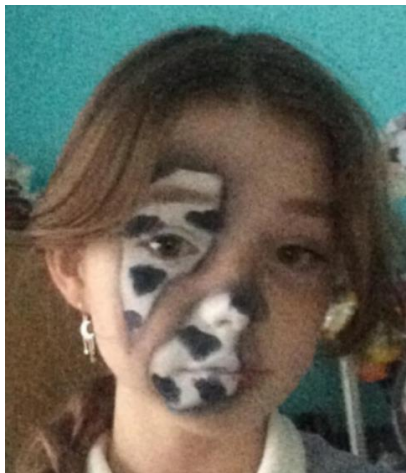
Community is one of our school values and this was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to truly live the values.



Thank you to all members of Nurture Group and to Mrs Tidball for organising the project. We would also like to thank St. Benedict's Care Home for their generous Easter gifts.

Talented Rosie set for stardom

Year 5 Rosie has an unusual hobby... she loves face-painting and has her eyes set on a career in make-up for films/theatre. Looking at her incredible work, below, we have no doubt that Rosie is set for stardom. Keep up the amazing work, Rosie!



Parents' Evening washed down with tea and coffee

Parents' Evening was a great success this week and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers, especially as it has been so challenging to open up the school in the past two years – for some it was their first time inside St. Benedict's!

The refreshments were a very popular addition to proceedings – a huge thank you to our governors (Chair Jo Boughen-Hunt, Vice Chair Bill Burrow and Staff Governor Jane Daniels for staying on to meet parents and serve teas and coffees – we really appreciate you giving up your time.

Massive thanks to Tina Lawford of our PTFA who also served up drinks on both evenings. If you would like to become a Governor at St. Benedict's or join our PTFA, you would be most welcome. Please call the office on (01458) 831811 for more information on either role.