



## ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 8th July 2022

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**St. Ben's School Christian Values for this term: Trust and Forgiveness.**

## BENFEST ROCKS! (and raises £2700!)

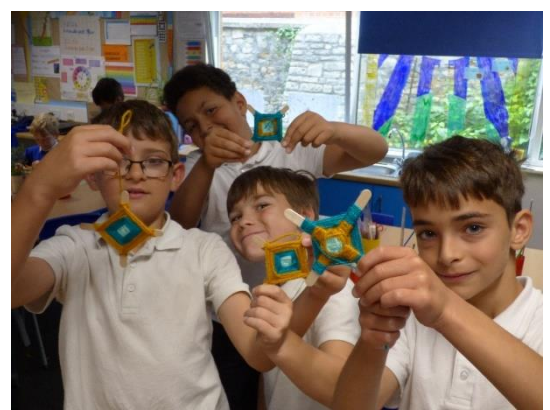
Last Friday's BenFest was a huge success with massive crowds drawn in by the tempting smell of pizzas and burgers and the lure of live entertainment of all different genres. Our talent show winners each got a performance slot and there was also time for jazz, opera, belly-dancing, solos and duets, with the evening rounded off by our very own Miss Grenter. In between times there was an auction of fabulous cakes baked by parents and members of the PTFA and a raffle with an array of wonderful prizes. Meanwhile, away from the stage, there was entertainment in the form of stalls run by Year 5 as well as zorbing and a bouncy castle on the field. Add in an ice-cream van and a lively bar and it all amounted to the best festival a person could wish for. Oh, and amidst all the fun, we raised £2700! Huge thanks to everyone that helped and to Tina, Trudi, Sharon, Rich and Elliott, our wonderful PTFA for the hours of planning – it was worth it! If you would like to join our awesome PTFA, please contact the office to register your interest...





# WELLBEING DAY BRINGS A SMILE TO ST BEN'S

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July saw our whole school wellbeing day with pupils in every year group learning about the different strands of wellbeing and what they can do to promote strong mental health in their lives and those of people around them. Activities included making God's eyes, creating Forest School theme parks and the culmination of the Lifebeat project which Year 6 have undertaken with sculptor Fiona Campbell and Drama maestro Maxine Ridout-Prime, in which pupils have created their own ELLi animals from wire. The Wellbeing Day was organised by Miss Switzer who was delighted with pupils' reaction to it. The children also loved the day, Lilah told us, "I liked the flower image because it reminds you to go outside and get air in your lungs," while Mason said, "I enjoyed God's Eye weaving because it made me feel calm." Thanks to Miss Switzer for planning the day and to the wonderful Lifebeat team for their time and expertise.





## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Letty: a positive attitude to wellbeing day.	Manu: for helping others with their God's Eye weaving.
Unicorns:	Theo: making outstanding progress in reading.	Unicorn Class: for showing great resilience to change.
Chameleons:	Max: being a 'team bee' – helping classmates stick making 'God's Eyes'.	Eyed: for making a great start on his golden write. He remembered to use lots of the key parts from the Lorax in his own version.
Owls:	Ruby: fantastic independent leopard always pushing herself to learn move.	Zahan: being resilient tortoise in all subjects and forever smiling.
Spiders:	Caspar: excellent and insightful participation in wellbeing day.	Belle-Blossom: outstanding resilience during assessments.
Tortoises:	Josh: super work on Wellbeing Day.	Acacia: for always working her hardest.
Leopards:	Tyler: great focus during Wellbeing Day and creating beautiful artwork.	Dylan: for 100% effort on his weaving.
Peacocks:	Faeth: being a team bee, supporting others in the Year 6 production.	Max: being a 'Creative Unicorn' on the sound desk.
<u>Class Dojo Points</u>		Spider Class are this week's champs with an average of 14 Dojo points each. Enjoy your extra break, Spiders!
<u>Attendance Champs</u>		Peacock Class are this week's champs with an attendance of 95.7%. Enjoy your extra break, Peacocks!
<u>Values Awards</u>		Iris for being a fantastic member of our school community (she collected 26 buckets of litter at BenFest). Noah, for compassion – showing kindness and understanding to all his class mates.
<u>Learning Behaviour</u>		Silver Award: Mason Tr, Eloise, Sophia (Yr 3); William and Lucas (Yr 5).
<u>Reading Awards</u>		Star Pointer Awards this week for Amelia and Archie (Y3) and Ava (Y5).

## Glastonbury in Bloom – Judging time!

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, we were visited by judges from the 'In Bloom' panel as part of this year's Glastonbury in Bloom campaign. Tour guides Aisha, Oz and Freya did a fabulous job of talking the judges through the various flower-based initiatives at St. Benedict's and the tour culminated in the churchyard with the panel admiring our raised bed, which has been tended by Year 5 pupils, including Ava, Aaron, Leo, Rosie and Acacia. Well done to all of you and thank you for representing the school so brilliantly. Freya, Oz and Aisha received a special award for their super tour-guiding.



## What are you up to?

Our weekly feature on what our pupils are doing at home. This week we say a huge 'well done' to Ena, Dulcie and their cousin, Elizabeth, for holding a homemade cake and card sale last Saturday at 'Pitfest' in Pitney. All produce was made by the girls. They raised an incredible £280.75 in aid of charities helping Ukrainian refugees. Awesome work, girls! We also salute Jamie in Year 3 for scooping the award for his football team's Most Improved Player for under 8's. Great work, Jamie! Finally, a huge WELL DONE to Alanna in Year 5 for passing her recorder book one. She now moves onto Book two – excellent work, Alanna!



## Please join us for...

### Events coming up for you to attend:

**Year 6 Performance:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm

**Sports Day** – next Friday (15<sup>th</sup> July)

**Lower School** (Year 3 and 4): 10am

**Upper School** (Year 5 and 6): 1:30pm

**Glee Club Performance on the Playground:**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm

**Pantastic (Production Club Performance):**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm

**Leavers' Assembly:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: time tbc (pm)

## Parking at the back of school

It has been brought to our attention that there are some issues with parking at the back of school. Concerns raised include the fact that people are not parking properly in bays and that they are blocking entrances and exits. I know it can be frustrating, but please be patient when collecting and if there is not space when you turn up, please wait until there is. Also, a reminder, in the interests of our children's health, not to leave your engine idling when you are waiting and not to smoke outside the school gates.

Your support is hugely appreciated. Thank you!

## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Play: evening performance for parents & carers
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Trip to Carymoor; Year 5 trip to Abbey
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day: Lower School am; Upper School pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm	Glee Club Performance to parents in playground
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Production Club present Peter Pan
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly (pm) Break up for Summer Holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Pupils return to school