



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 11th February 2022

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

## COVID UPDATE

Following the government announcement, we are hoping to return to relative normality after half term. I will contact you next week to let you know arrangements from 28<sup>th</sup> February, but, in the mean time we still have cases of Covid at school so must prioritise the safety of our school community and continue with the current risk measures in place.

Thank you for your understanding and please continue to keep your child at home if they display any symptoms of Covid. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr Ranger on 01458 831811.

## COULD YOUR WRITING WIN PRIZES?

We have some fabulous writers at St. Benedict's and I would encourage them all to visit the Burnham Book Festival website and enter one of the competitions (including categories for under 11's and 11-15's in short stories and poetry). All are free to enter and have cash prizes as well as the exciting opportunity to be published in an anthology. The closing date for entries is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, so why not check it out this weekend.

For more, visit:

<https://burnhambookfest.co.uk/competition/>

## Children's Mental Health

Our pupils' wellbeing is of the utmost importance to us. Why not visit the following site to find out more...

[www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/news/watch-our-children-s-mental-health-week-2022-assemblies-with-bafta-kids/](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/news/watch-our-children-s-mental-health-week-2022-assemblies-with-bafta-kids/)

## MEET THE MOTHER OF DRAGONS



We are proud of our wonderfully creative pupils and one person has really stood out in the last couple of weeks. Inspired by the worlds she visits in her reading and utilising her outstanding DT skills, Dragon-obsessed Freya, in Year 5, has fashioned her own 'Dragonarium' which is an incredible sight to behold. Freya's Dragonarium even has its own working lights to illuminate the mind-boggling sights within. Amazing work, Freya!

## MINI-POLICE TAKE ASSEMBLY

Following their recent trip to the Mounted Horse section, the mini-police this week took upper school assembly to share their exploits with their friends in Years 5 and 6 who were hugely impressed with their presentation skills.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Oriella: being a Tortoise when in lessons.	Lilah: super improvement in reading age.
Unicorns:	Arnas: using all the Elli animals all of the time. He is a superstar!	Elsie: for being good at maths this week. For being kind friend.
Owls:	Iris: being a Unicorn in English and topic work. Precious: independent Leopard in maths.	Samuel: superstar mathematician in times tables and fraction work.
Spiders:	Ava: A wonderful persuasive piece of writing.	Eva: achieving six of her English targets.
Tortoises:	Frankie: Always being positive and cheerful in school.	Aisha: Showing flexibility and maturity with her peers.
Leopards:	Ollie: Great independent work in maths.	Sophie: Super contributions to English this week.
Peacocks:	Felicity: Always starting the day with a positive mindset.	Dylan: For such an imaginative idea for a portal story.
		Lyla: For fantastic creativity in her writing.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		Leopard Class are Champs this week with an average points score of 15 points! Well done Leopards, enjoy your extra break.
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		Leopard Class are also attendance Champs once again this week with an awesome attendance of 100%. Well done, Leopards!
<u>SPECIAL AWARDS</u>		A special award for Cody in Year 5 for attending school every day this week – well done, Cody; keep it up!
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Bronze Learning Behaviour Awards this week for Talia, Stella, Lilah and Megan (Year 3) and Harry (Year 5). Silver Learning Behaviour Award for Lilu (Year 6).

## MOANA A BIG HIT WITH YEAR 3 and 4

On Wednesday 9th February, pupils from Years 3 and 4 visited Millfield for a memorable performance of Moana by Year 8 pupils. The children loved the show, which has inspired a love of theatre. It was wonderful to be part of a live audience after so long. Here's a flavour of what our pupils enjoyed:

"My favourite character was Grandma, because she was kind and had a lovely singing voice."

"I liked it when Tekar turned into Tefiti and Moana played the heart of Tefiti in Tekar's chest."

Xahli

"My favourite part was the crab bit and I loved the costumes." Sam

A huge thank you to Millfield for hosting us and to Director Chris Carruthers for the invitation.



*This week, Year 6 has produced some thought-provoking poetry based on the theme of a Portal Door. We have been really impressed with their incredible vocabulary. Here is one of our favourite poems...*

### **The Portal Door**

***By Lyla Elswood***

He adventured beyond the limits of the door, and discovered...

The 32nd day of the 13th month,  
A fracture in our idea of time,  
Leading to abstract abyss.

She adventured beyond the limits of the door, and discovered...  
The independent brigand,  
Reconstructed to be corrupt,  
Instead of pure.

They adventured beyond the limits of the door, and discovered...  
An obedient wolf, awaiting training.  
Mind overtook, by the undiscovered element.

I adventured beyond the limits of the door, and discovered...  
My best memory, disfigured and harsh,  
And myself, contemplating my decisions, never to return...

## **TT ROCKSTARS ROLL OF HONOUR**

Following our challenge on TT Rockstars' Day here is the roll of honour...

	<b>MVP 1</b>	<b>MVP 2</b>	<b>MVP 3</b>
<b>Cat</b>	Lilah	Nathan	Xahli
<b>Unicorn</b>	Jasmine	Jake	Olivia
<b>Owl</b>	Ethan	Simeon	Arthur
<b>Tortoise</b>	Kyla	Rhiley	Austen
<b>Spider</b>	Mohammed	Aisha	Oz
<b>Leopard</b>	Reggie	Freida	Fay
<b>Peacock</b>	Tilly	Lily	Faeth



### **Class results:**

1st: Leopard Class  
2nd: Peacock Class  
3rd: Owl Class





## 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 25<sup>th</sup> April and pupils will break up for the summer holidays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## COULD YOU BE OUR NEW TEACHING ASSISTANT?

St. Benedict's is a great place to work and we have a wonderful team. We are looking for new Teaching Assistants and we would love to recruit from within our school community. If you have some experience working with children or have no experience but think it may be your calling, please let us know. We have a variety of options including volunteering at school, gaining a qualification as you work through an apprenticeship scheme or simply starting as a Teaching Assistant. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mr Ranger on 01458 831811 or send him a message on Class Dojo.

## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 3, 4 and 6 planting hedging on school field – please bring in wellies/old shoes and change of clothes.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 planting Willow Tunnel on field: please bring in wellies/old shoes and a change of clothes.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Windrush Dance workshops in the school hall. Please make sure you have trainers in school.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 to Rural Life Museum
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term (school restarts on Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February)
<b>Looking ahead:</b>	
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Osmington Bay Residential
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents' Evening: 3:30 – 5:30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents' Evening: 5:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school – NO INSET – see note above.