



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 11th March 2022

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

5 GO TO DORSET

Year 5 are heading off to Dorset on Monday as their week-long residential takes them to Osmington Bay. A very excited Year 5 can't wait for the trip to start and organiser, Mrs Coton, is equally enthusiastic as it is two years since Year 5 have made the trip.

Get some sleep over the weekend, Year 5 and we look forward to seeing you at the regular start time on Monday morning.

Readers of the Bulletin should prepare themselves for a photo special soon!

PARKING PROBLEMS

A number of parents and carers have reported concerns about the parking at the back of school and expressed their worries about reckless driving. We would politely ask that you bear the following in mind when parking:

- Please be mindful of children crossing,
- Please drive very slowly,
- Please reverse slowly and carefully,
- Please turn off your engine while parked,
- Please be respectful of other drivers.

Also, we would ask that you do not smoke or vape directly outside school.

Pupils show compassion for Ukraine

The Glastonbury community has rallied around to send aid to Ukraine and our pupils were asked to send some cards of support to arrive with the care package. As ever, their creativity and compassion shone through. Thanks to every pupil for their efforts –it is always uplifting to know that someone cares and your cards will hopefully bring a smile to someone who is finding life difficult.



RECORD BREAKY CAKEY

This afternoon's cake sale in aid of Year 5's Osmington residential raised an impressive £141.03. This is a record total for a St. Benedict's cake sale! A huge thank you to parents and carers for queuing so patiently to spend your hard-earned money. Year 5 now have less than £100 to raise to pay off the trip. A huge thank you to all staff that helped and particularly to the tireless Ms Ball for running the sale. Finally, a MASSIVE well done to all bakers and buyers who brought cakes in – we couldn't have done it without you!

ST. BENEDICT'S WELCOMES YEAR 2

Last Friday (4th March) Year 5 had some very special visitors as all of Year 2 came to enjoy some reading time. It was wonderful to welcome the Year 2 pupils and staff for the afternoon and the children soon got down to sharing their books with the Year 5's answering any questions that the Year 2's might have about life at St. Benedict's.

This is the first of many visits for the Year 2's as we seek to make the transition between St. John's and St. Benedict's as seamless as possible. Forthcoming links between the schools include Year 3 attending Year 2's Easter Bonnet Parade, a PE session for Year 1 and all of St. John's visiting St. Ben's for their Sports Day in the summer term.



VISITORS BRING HALL TO LIFE

On Thursday 10th March, the school Hall was brought to life by some very talented visitors; Susie, Sylvia and Flora, along with their instruments, had the children and staff tapping their toes and even dancing in the aisles as they treated them to a range of Jewish folk music. The trio encouraged audience participation and pupils were soon singing and dancing along to the infectious music. The visit was part of the Jackdaw project, which Music Lead Mrs Coton has signed up the school for and, following the whole school session, a group of our very own talented musicians got to spend time with our visitors in preparation for a concert at the Cheese and Grain in Frome on Tuesday 22nd March. Thanks to the Jackdaw project and to Mrs Coton for making the visit possible; it is always so inspiring to hear live music!



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Mason Ti: Perseverance with handwriting.	Megan MJ: Super participation in Music.
Unicorns:	Jacob P: Using the Elli animals all of the time, in all of his learning.	Luna: For being a kind friend. For trying hard in Maths this week.
Owls:	Liam: Making super effort in our Maths work on fractions.	Charlotte: Working really well in all subjects with a smile!
	Freddie: Spider making connections in Maths.	Dulcie: Achieving many of her English targets.
Spiders:	Freddy: Absolutely fantastic reading and enthusiasm about reading!	Zander: Trying hard to reflect and showing increased maturity.
Tortoises:	Olivia: Being a resilient Tortoise in Maths.	Spencer: For being an independent Leopard in his Maths this week.
Leopards:	Ed: Absolutely brilliant work in Maths – understanding algebra	Leopard Class: Such a fantastic attitude during Mock STAs week.
Peacocks:	Amy: Always having an excellent attitude towards her learning.	India: For putting the needs of others before her own.
<u>Values Award</u>		Lyla Elswood for living the school values: Community: for her excellent work with Year 3 pupils during hedge-planting on Wed.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		Spider Class are Champs this week with an average points score of 15 points! Well done Spiders, enjoy your extra break.
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		Cat Class are attendance Champs this week with an awesome attendance of 98.2%. Well done, Cats; an extra break for you!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>		Target Master: Lilah and Oliver (Year 3); Aimee (Year 5). Hundred Club: Freya (Year 5). Millionaires' Club: Kyla (Year 5).
<u>LEARNING BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Bronze Awards: Year 3: Olivia, Owen, Jacob, Jemimah, Hartkey, Shahala, and Jasmine. Year 4: Eyed, Gabriella, Louie, Emily, Freddie, Harry, Charlotte, Noah, Monika, Chester and Arthur. Year 5: Aisha, Cole, Zander, Lannie and Caspar. Silver Awards: Sammy (Year 3); Florence and Dulcie (Year 4).

Football teams impress at Millfield

On Monday 7th March, St. Ben's took two Lower School football teams to face Millfield. For many of the players it was a debut performance and they played brilliantly, with Austin, Turel and Richards catching the eye with their goal-scoring exploits. Well done to all players and thank you for the parental support. Thanks also to Mr Lintell and Mr Ranger for taking the teams to Millfield.



St. Ben's Netballers Hit Form

Report by Ena and Venus

St. Ben's 11 Elmhurst 1

On Tuesday 8th of March, the 'Benedict Beasts' travelled by Mini Bus to their third match, in which they beat Elmhurst 11-1. It being the first match they won, they felt brilliant about themselves, and they walked home with a victory on their backs and a Kit Kat in hand. They even came up with a song!



Goal shooters and Goal attackers: Izzy M (6), Amy H (3) and Kaya (2) were constantly on the ball and shooting every minute, boosting our score. Venus and Ena savagely defended the other team's goal and as a result, they only managed to score once. Tyler and Ed were everywhere helping anyone they could at any time (Edward even nobly stepping out in the last third when it got tense). All together St Bens (11) and Elmhurst (1) played fairly and with good sportsmanship.

Here are some comments we got from the team;

Tyler, "We won because of teamwork, also, my fingers felt like they were going to fall off at the end of the match because I was trying to grab the ball so much!"

Kaya (the captain of the team): "It was worth the win for the Kit-Kat at the end."

Edward: "The other team played well but we still won and I think we should be proud of that."

Izzy: "I'm very proud of everyone in our team."

Ena: "I really enjoyed playing and the match really boosted my self-esteem."

Venus: "I feel like this match has really boosted our confidence as a team and I hope we play like this in the future."

Amy: "It was overall a really great time and it was amazing winning 11-1."

We also have a quotes from our team coach, Mrs Brown and Mrs Lawford, who very kindly drove us to the netball match.

Mrs Brown: "I was very proud that the children played as a team and I knew our victory was coming."

Mrs Lawford: "the match was very good and entertaining, and I can tell the children were having fun."

As you can probably tell, this week was a very good week for the 'Benedict Beasts'. They played as a team and everyone stepped up to the challenge.

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.