



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 13th May 2022

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

Year 6 SATs Heroes

A HUGE well done to Year 6 for tackling this week's SATs with such resilience. The tests took place from Monday –Thursday and saw Year 6 pupils taking on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS), Reading and Maths tests.

We are very proud of the children and their excellent attitude towards this week. On Friday 13th they all celebrated with a SATs breakfast – see picture below. Thank you to the Year 6 team who have been magnificent and helped to keep the pupils motivated this week. Thanks also go to the staff and volunteers that helped invigilate and support with reading this week – your time and patience has been much appreciated. **More photos on Page 3...**



Year 5 singing project

Year 5 are taking part in a singing project which will culminate in a performance at Wells Cathedral. Music specialist and Choir Master Naomi MacLeod-Jones is visiting on Thursdays to put the children through their paces ahead of the performance in June and they're loving the experience. Oz told the Bulletin, "It's exciting – I love the singing activities," and Aisha said, "I like the music exercises; it's fun trying to reach the high notes." We are very grateful to Naomi for inspiring our pupils and we can't wait for the performance.



St. Ben's in Bloom

Our grounds are starting to bloom as these photos show. A huge thank you to our groundsman, Mr Daniels, for his hard work.



Jubilee Disco on Friday 20th May



A reminder that we have a Jubilee Disco on the evening of Friday 20th May from 6pm – 8pm. All children are welcome and tickets are available via ParentPay at £2.50 per ticket. Please note that only pupils from St. Benedict's School may attend.

In line with the Jubilee, the theme is red, white and blue – we look forward to seeing your outfits!

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

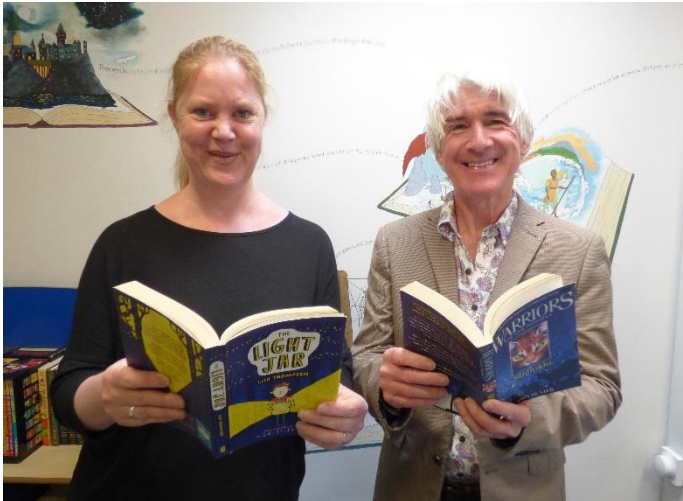
<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Mason Tr: being a super star and helping our new friend settle in school.	Lari: for a brilliant start to St Ben's.
Unicorns:	Mason B: working hard to improve in all areas.	Jamie: improving his resilience at swimming.
Chameleons:	Monika: being a presentation Peacock! Beautiful handwriting!	Max: for always being ready to learn!
Owls:	Alfred: resilient Tortoise, consistently improving his sound check scores.	Eaden: super focus in all her lessons.
Spiders:	Ned: impressing me with his focus and independence in Maths.	Romeo: huge work improving spelling and grammar.
Tortoises:	Anna: great enthusiasm in science and trying to have a 'plastic-free' lunchbox.	Toby: for enthusiastic participation in science and singing.
Leopards:	Silas: an excellent attitude throughout the Year 6 SATs week.	Isabelle: for an excellent attitude in all her SATs tests.
Peacocks:	Philip: adapting well to change and doing so with a smile on his face.	Harrison: for being a 'Resilient Tortoise' and always trying his best.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		Owl Class are Champs this week with an average points score of 26 points! Well done Owls, enjoy your extra break.
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		Leopard Class are attendance Champs this week with attendance of a flawless 100%. Well done, Leopards, an extra break for you!
<u>Values Award</u>		This week's winners are Olivia and Mason Ti from Year 3 who have both showed forgiveness to others. Well done!
<u>LEARNING BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Bronze Awards: Tristan, Lucas and Joshua (Year 5); Pearl (Year 6). Silver Award: EH, Aaron and Anna (Year 5); Erin (Year 6). Gold Award: Ena (Year 6). Well done, all!

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Tuesday 17 th May	Aviation Day – an event aimed at inspiring our pupils into different career paths.
Friday 20 th May	Cricket Workshops for Years 4, 5 and 6.
Friday 20 th May	Jubilee themed School Disco – 6 – 8pm
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 6 th June	Return to school after 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

Volunteer Readers make a world of difference

During the spring term, a number of volunteer readers joined our team. Their role is to hear children read and, in some cases, to read to children. Their work has made a huge difference to all of these young readers and we are seeing pupils make accelerated progress due to this extra support, alongside the excellent work happening in lessons. A huge thank you to Kirsty, Graeme and Sue for supporting Year 3, to Sarah and Kathleen for helping Year 4 and to Simon, Gill and Therese for their work with Year 5. If you would like to join our team of volunteers and can give at least an hour of your time per week, please contact Mr Ranger on Class Dojo or on 01458 831811. We would love to hear from you.



Kirsty and Graeme are volunteering heroes in Year 3

Aviation Day takes off on 17th May

Next Tuesday we will be welcoming visitors from Bristol Airport and South Gloucester Airport as part of our drive to educate our pupils about different careers.

One of our parents, Katie Maddock-Jones has organised the visit and we can't wait to welcome Katie and her team to St. Ben's. More on this in next week's newsletter...



Year 3 Values' Awards winners

This week's Values Awards go to two Year 3's who have been living our school values. This term's values are Trust and Forgiveness and Mason from Cat Class and Olivia from Unicorns have both shown forgiveness to other pupils. Forgiveness is a key Christian belief and we are really proud of both pupils for being such excellent role models. Well done Olivia and Mason.



SATS SNAPS



What are you up to?

This week our focus is on two Year 5's and a Year 6.

First up, it's **Harry and Ethan in Year 5**; as an Arsenal fan, I had been determined not to talk about football after Thursday evening, however Harry and Ethan's success has changed my mind! The lads have led their team, Ashcott FC to triumph in the Taunton Bowl! Huge congratulations boys – incredible work!

On a completely different note, **Tilly in Year 6** has developed her crafting skills into a business; Tilly's talent is wand-making and her paper wands are absolutely magical. We are so impressed with Tilly's wands that we have agreed to let her have a stall at BenFest to sell them, so be sure to pay her a visit when you come along on 1st July!

