



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 15th July 2022

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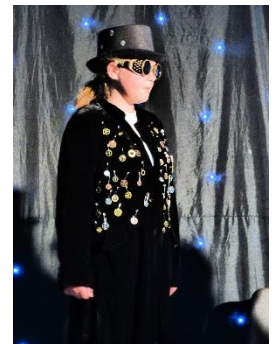
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St. Ben's School Christian Values for this term: Trust and Forgiveness.

YEAR 6 PUT ON THE GREATEST SHOW

Year 6 put on a show to remember on Wednesday as they brought the house down not once but twice. In the afternoon, the audience comprised the whole school and Year 2 as well as some special guests from the St. Benedict's Care Home. In the evening, a warm school hall was packed out with parents and carers. On both occasions, the Year 6 pupils were magnificent; the production, entitled 'The Greatest Show' highlighted what a talented Year 6 we have and they made the audience laugh out loud at the comedy and gasp at the quality of the dialogue and singing. WELL DONE, YEAR 6! You were amazing. Thanks to the Year 6 team for organising, directing and providing awesome costumes!



WIDER CURRICULUM SUPER THURSDAY

Thursday 14th July saw two year groups out of school on trips: Year 4 ventured to Carymoor to work on their Science detective skills while Year 5 went back in history as they visited Glastonbury Abbey for a Tudor Day. A great day was had by all!



Measures for Monday's Heatwave

Monday is due to be sweltering, so we will put measures in place to keep everyone at school safe. These include:

- Children encouraged to wear cool clothing – no school uniform,
- Limited time outside and no active games,
- Extra breaks and time in shade,
- No time upstairs – Bee Hive out of action.

Please ensure your child has the usual protection of hat, sun-cream and water bottle.

ST BEN'S SIZZLING SPORTS DAY

Friday 15th saw the return of spectators to a St. Ben's Sports Day for the first time since 2019 and it was an occasion to remember. This year's theme was the Commonwealth Games and teams were named after Commonwealth countries. Bathed in glorious sunshine, it was the turn of the Lower School first, with Year 5 running events brilliantly. There was a great turn-out and parents, carers, friends and family cheered on enthusiastically. The pink/purple shirted India team ran out eventual winners. In the afternoon it was the turn of the Upper School with staff members running events with aplomb. Again the crowd were vocal with New Zealand team parents demanding maximum effort. In a close run battle, it was the whites of Fiji who were victorious. Huge thanks to everyone who watched, who helped and to all that took part – it was a fabulous day!



High Drama as Pupils Act up a Storm

On Tuesday, parents got to watch their children perform as our superb Drama Club Teacher Maxine Ridout-Prime presented an end of year extravaganza. First up, Year 4

Ethan gave a wonderful recitation of a poem to a delighted audience that included parents, grandparents and Mr Ranger. His performance was polished and confident and Ethan, who admitted to being 'very nervous' before the recital, was very proud of his work and said he looked forward to doing it again soon. Next up, the pupils of

Drama Club produced a spectacular dramatic adaptation of a poem entitled 'My Imagination Nation' by Maxine in which they took on the role of different characters in their imagination. Year 3's Megs and Jakob and Year 4 Zahan set the stage alight and performed brilliantly, relishing every second in the spotlight. As the piece ended the audience broke into rapturous applause. Well done, all! You were awesome! Huge thanks to Maxine for her inspirational work!

The work that Maxine does with our pupils is incredible and we have seen clear evidence in school that drama club members are more confident, present their views and ideas more clearly and tend to have greater self-esteem. Maxine is hoping to run Drama Club again next year, so sign up ASAP – first come first served!



Above left: Maxine and Ethan. **Above right:** Members of this year's Drama Club take to the stage

What are you up to?

This week we have a Judo player who has passed her first grading and a talented goalkeeper who has scooped another award...



First up, it's Lily from Year 6 who is new to Judo but has already got her first belt – a red belt, third grade. This week we also salute Alex in Year 4 who has been awarded Players' Player of the year by the Wells U9 team.

Huge congratulations to both of you – keep up the great work!



Please join us for...

Events coming up for you to attend:

Glee Club Performance on the Playground: Monday 18th July at 2:30pm

Pantastic (Production Club Performance): Wednesday 20th July at 6:30pm

Leavers' Assembly: Friday 22nd 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!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week we've selected two photos of the week. The first one was captured when Year 5 released their butterflies after following after following them through their life cycle and the second was shot at Sports Day today. Which do you like best?



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Next week:	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS and NO BEN'S DEN on FRIDAY
Monday 18 th July at 2:30pm	Glee Club Performance to parents in playground
Tuesday 19 th July pm	Headteacher's Tea Parties
Wednesday 20 th July	Production Club present Peter Pan
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers' Assembly (pm) Break up for Summer Holidays
Monday 5 th September	Pupils return to school