



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: Friday 15th October 2021

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St. Ben's School Christian Values for this term: **Community** and **Peace**.

CELTIC TRIBE ATTACKS GLASTONBURY

Thursday 14th October saw the school attacked by a horde of tartan-wearing Year 4 Celtic warriors. Led by the fearsome Chief Bradshaw they wreaked havoc around school, terrorising other year groups. In-between times, they made bread, sculpted clay-ware and created model villages. We're sure you'll agree, they really looked the part!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival this week was a colourful and joyful celebration of food and song watched by a packed audience.

Pupils from all year groups spoke of what harvest means to them and Year 6 sent out a clear message that we have enough food in the world for no-one to be hungry.

Many thanks to Mrs Coton who organised the event and thank you to Church Warden Liz Pearson and her team for hosting us at St. Benedict's Church. Thanks also to all the parents and carers who took the time to join us.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats: Unicorns: Owls: Spiders: Tortoises: Leopards: Peacocks:	Reuben: hard work and focus in all lessons Stanley: Improved learning behaviour. Zahan: Teamwork Bee during Celt Day. Eaden: Being a Leopard: home research. Belle-Blossom: Great arithmetic work. Lucas: Resilient Tortoise in Arithmetic. Alanna: Resilience in swimming and Maths. Venus: Imaginative, creative journey tale. Lily: Being a resilient Tortoise.	Nathan: Being ready, respectful and safe Luna: For always trying her best. Ethan W: Super Golden book story. Evie: Helpful making Carynx on Celt Day. Freya: Super work and a great week! Leo H: Excellent Maths work. Oaken: Trying hard with presentation. Isabelle: For being a good friend. Alesha: Fantastic attitude towards PE.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>	This week it's CAT CLASS who has won themselves an extra break-time with the best Class Dojo points average! Well done, Cats!	
<u>Attendance Champions</u>	This week's Attendance Champs are PEACOCK CLASS with 98.8% attendance this week! Great work, Peacocks!	

PARENTS' EVENINGS

**Tues 2nd Nov and Thurs
4th Nov**

Please look out for the letter going home today regarding Parents' Evenings after half term. These will, once again, be online, so please sign up for your slot and be ready and waiting next to your device at the agreed time. If your child is on the SEND register, your child's teacher will contact you to arrange a longer time slot. If you are not sure, please contact their class teacher on Class Dojo.

COVID UPDATE

We will update you on the latest COVID guidance via Class Dojo, so please keep checking our posts daily. In the meantime, if your child is suffering from/sent home with any illness, including upset stomach, we would recommend you give them a Lateral Flow Test to rule out COVID. Many thanks.

Girls' Football Team Kickstart season with impressive display

Our Girls' Football team set a very high standard this week with a brilliant showing in the local schools' football tournament. With talented players from Years 5 and 6 on show, they got off to a solid start with a 0-0 draw with Elmhurst A. Edwards starred in goal, making some great saves, while McGuire and Teakle provided a defensive wall, with Foucher, Newton and Rohun stepping up when needed. Match 2 saw a stunning 3-0 victory over Elmhurst B, with McGuire and Iglesias (2) catching the eye with superb goals. In midfield Hembury, Warren and the tireless team captain, Elswood, were full of running and Hembury's mammoth throw was a constant weapon. Game 3 saw a defeat to St. Paul's but this did not dampen the spirits of our magnificent team, who impressed from start to finish. Thank you to Mr Lintell and Mr Ranger for managing the team.

The Girls' League starts soon...



RECYCLE YOUR CRISP PACKETS

We are the area crisp packet recycling centre, so instead of throwing away those empty crisp packets, why not bring them into school and help to save the planet a packet at a time! Our recycling drop-off container is located in the foyer of the front entrance.

Please put your packets in a carrier bag and simply place them in the large bin in the corner of the foyer. For every 1000 packs we send off, we get to make a £10 donation to a charity of the children's choice.



Coming up next week...

A reminder that next week sees Bikeability and an author visit. Bikeability is for Year 6 pupils that have signed up (they know who they are!) Don't forget your bike and a waterproof, Year 6!

On Wednesday, we are welcoming author Lucy Strange to school. Lucy will be talking to Year 5 and 6 about her writing and there is a chance for pupils from Year 5 and 6 to buy copies of her book. Please see ParentPay for more details.

Focus on Community

One of our school values this term is **Community**.

Do you know someone in our community that goes above and beyond? Do you or your child do something to help others in the community? We'd love to hear from you so that we can feature you in our newsletter. Please contact Mr Ranger on Class Dojo or catch him outside.

Free School Meals Vouchers

This half term, we will once again be providing either Tesco's or Morrisons' vouchers to those parents whose child/ren are in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM).

Our fabulous office team should have contacted you this week, but if you have not heard from them, please call on 01458 831811. We aim to get the vouchers out to you for the middle of next week.

Queen's Jubilee – Extra Bank Holiday for schools... but not yet!

As the Queen's Jubilee falls on a Bank Holiday next year, all schools have been given an extra day's holiday this academic year. The choice for Somerset schools was 22nd October 2021 or 26th July 2022. I have spoken to the other Headteachers in Glastonbury and **St. Benedict's, St. John's and St. Dunstan's have all opted for Tuesday 26th July 2022.**

This means that all our pupils must attend school on Friday 22nd October, after which we break up for one week's half term holiday.