



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 17th June 2022

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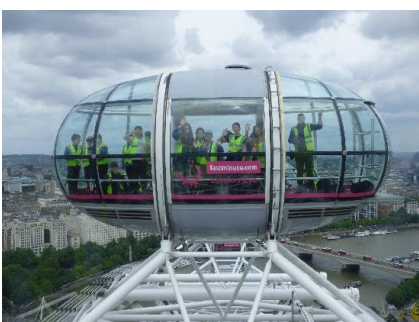
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St. Ben's School Christian Values for this term: Trust and Forgiveness.

YEAR 6 HAVE A CAPITAL TIME IN LONDON

Year 6 had an incredible time when they visited London for their residential trip last week. As well as visiting parliament and the Natural History Museum, they got to experience London from above on the London Eye and had a mouth-watering feast at the Giraffe Restaurant. A brilliant time was had by all! A huge thank you to Mrs Brown, Mr Kelland and the Year 6 team for organising and running such a fabulous trip.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

| <u>Class:</u> | <u>Headteacher's Award</u> | <u>Teacher's Award</u> |
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| Cats: | Lari: Trying really hard with his letters and a positive attitude to learning. | Archie: For using his words to express how he is feeling Well done! |
| Unicorns: | Jacob: Trying hard to improve his reading levels. | Mason: Giving up his time to help others. |
| Chameleons: | Mya: Being a times table super star & always being so supportive! | Katie: For a huge improvement in her attitude to learning! |
| Owls: | Felix: Independent Leopard always finishing his work thoroughly. | Elijah: Always working hard and joining in all activities, being a helpful friend. |
| Spiders: | Sirus: An outstanding performance at Wells Cathedral. | Hazel: For an outstanding performance at Wells Cathedral. |
| Tortoises: | Olivia: Standing out from the crowd with your confidence and passion in our singing at Wells Cathedral. | All of Tortoise Class: For an outstanding performance in Wells Cathedral. |
| Leopards: | Erin: Her outstanding artwork. | Ena: For writing an informative recount. |
| Peacocks: | Felicity: Being a creative Unicorn as part of our lifeboat project. | |
| <u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u> | Leopard Class are Champs this week with an average points score of 19 points! Well done Leopards, enjoy your extra break. | |
| <u>Attendance Champions</u> | Peacock Class are attendance Champs this week with attendance of 98.3%. Well done, Peacocks, an extra break for you! | |
| <u>Accelerated Reader Awards</u> | Target Master: Aaron (Year 5), Lilu, Ena and Tilly (Year 6), 100 Club: Venus (300 Club), Millionaires' Club: Dulcie (Year 4), Tilly (Year 6) and Alif x 2 (Year 6). | |
| <u>LEARNING BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u> | Silver Awards: Mason B, Stanley (Yr 3); Sam (Yr 4); Mohammed, Harry, Aimee, Ethan, Olivia and Noah (Yr 5); Harrison (Yr 6). Gold Award: Lilith and Lily (Year 5); Lilu and Elliot (Year 6). | |

Free Masons Donate to All-Weather Pitch

This week two special visitors brought Mr Ranger a cheque for £1500 towards our fund-raising for a new all-weather pitch. William Fraser and Tom Nutt handed over the cheque to a very grateful Mr Ranger on behalf of the members of the Dunstan's Free Mason's Lodge.

Our current astro-turf pitch is now in poor condition and starting to become a hazard. Initial estimates indicate that a good quality (and larger) replacement for our current pitch will cost in excess of £25,000, so if any of our readers know of anyone who may wish to contribute to this project, which will benefit our pupils' physical and mental wellbeing, please let Mr Ranger know.



Year 5 on song at Wells Cathedral

Year 5 have been participating in an inspirational music project which culminated in a spine-tingling performance at Wells Cathedral on Thursday. St. Ben's joined together with two other schools at the cathedral to perform the songs they had been learning, singing on their own and harmonising with the other schools. They were also accompanied by choristers in a really moving afternoon of song. Year 5 pupil Rhiley claimed it was 'the best day ever' and Music Lead Mrs Coton was also delighted with the day, telling the Bulletin, "it was such a fabulous occasion; the sound was stupendous and it was great to see so many children joining in." Spider Class teacher Ms Kirby was equally impressed, "It was exceptional! We are so proud of the children who really held their own – even against the choristers!" The final word goes to Naomi McLeod-Jones, who taught the children ahead of the concert, "I was completely staggered by the extra effort and enthusiasm that went into their singing yesterday; I thought they were total superstars and it was the biggest joy for me to hear and watch them sing yesterday."



Lifebeat Wellbeing sessions inspire Year 6

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, our Year 6's were joined by two 'creatives' as they took part in Lifebeat Wellbeing workshops. Sculptor Fiona Campbell and Drama teacher Maxine Ridout-Prime put the children through their paces as they guided them through the creation of wire ELLi animal sculptures that will be situated around school and throughout the grounds. The emphasis was on belonging and tied in with our school value of community. The children had to delve deep into their DT and PSHE skill-set and initially found it challenging to use the pliers to shape the wire, but they soon got the hang of it and the results are hugely impressive. Well done, Year 6!



What are you up to?

Our weekly feature on what our pupils are doing at home.

This week our focus is on five hard-working athletes:

What an incredible week! This week we have five pupils sharing their sporting successes from out of school clubs. Kaya from Year 6 has been impressing with her trampolining skills, taking part in a competition in Bath against athletes from across the county. Zahan in Year 4 has scooped the coveted Players' Player of the Year award at his football team's annual awards ceremony. Bobby from Year 6 has won himself a bronze medal in his very first Judo competition in South Wales. Meanwhile, Lily (Year 5) and Felicity (Year 6) both bagged themselves medals for some exceptional gymnastics work in their competition at Honiton last weekend. Well done to all five of you, you are living proof that hard work brings rewards!



School Thank Local Hero

In Friday's Celebration Praise, the school said a huge thank you to Mr Burns for his delicious Jubilee muffins. Mr Burns donated over 300 muffins to the St. Benedict's Jubilee Garden Party and the children toasted him with three cheers as well as an enormous 'cake card' created by Mrs Tidball and her artistic team of pupils. Mr Ranger thanked Mr Burns for his incredibly kind gesture and presented him with a special edition newsletter with a poem honouring the local hero.



X MARKS THE SPOT

Year 4 smash Multiplication Check

This is the first year for the national Year 4 multiplication check and our pupils have tackled the challenge with gusto! Ms Bradshaw and Miss Mills have inspired our Year 4's with all kinds of tables-based challenges, from singing their tables to well-known tunes (Taylor Swift and Adele songs are still ringing in my ears!) to TT Rockstars challenges.

The Year 4 team, along with Mr Ranger and the wider school are so proud of every Year 4 pupil for trying their very hardest this week and we look forward to finding out how well they have done after our INSET Day on 27th June.

Well done, Year 4!

Football Tournaments – Mon 20th and Tues 21st June

Next week we go football crazy! To celebrate the forthcoming Women's Euro '22 tournament, we are hosting our very own tournaments – **Upper School on Monday** and **Lower School on Tuesday**. Please ensure your child brings their kit and a water bottle. The countries participating in our tournaments are all countries that will be involved in the women's tournament – why not check out some of the games on TV and cheer on our Lionesses!

BenFest: 1st July 5pm – 9:30pm

Would you like a table to sell your wares? Tables available for the following rates:

- Parents/carers: £10
 - Trade: £20
 - If pupils wish to run stalls selling items they have created, they must be accompanied by an adult. There will be no charge for the stall, but the PTFA will take 20% of takings.
- Please contact Mrs Lawford for more information on 01458 831811.

Can you help? We would be very grateful to any parents/carers that can volunteer their time – either setting up during the day or on the evening, running stalls.

Dates for your diary:

| Date: | Event/Activity: |
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| Monday 20 th June | Upper School Euro '22 Football tournament |
| Tuesday 21 st June | Lower School Euro '22 Football tournament |
| Friday 24 th June | Whole School Talent Show Finals |
| Monday 27 th June | INSET Day |
| Friday 1 st July | BenFest – an evening of music and entertainment |
| Wednesday 6 th July | Transition Day – meet new teachers |
| Wednesday 13 th July | Year 6 Play: evening performance for parents & carers |
| Wednesday 20 th July | Production Club present Peter Pan |
| Friday 22 nd July | Break up for Summer Holidays |
| Monday 5 th September | Pupils return to school |