



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 29th April 2022

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

## Hot chocs with the Head

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April last term's recipients of Headteacher awards got to enjoy a hot chocolate with the Head and an extra playtime. The worthy winners had a wonderful time and are already working hard to earn their next award. Please see our photo feature on page 3.



## Netballers reach new heights!

Congrats go to our incredible Netball Team who, this week, came an amazing 5<sup>th</sup> in the county as they took on teams from across Somerset. Well done to the team who played brilliantly and to Mrs Brown, who has worked extremely hard to coach the St. Ben's team to this level. Thanks, too, to Mrs Lawford, who drove the minibus to the Taunton tournament.



## Talented poet recognised at local festival

St. Ben's pupil, Freida, in Year 6 has caught the eye of judges at The Burnham Book Festival with her poem 'Night of the City' Freida. A delighted Freida was awarded a certificate for her work and had her excellent poem published.



### Night of the City

Freida Boyer

The moonlight is on.  
Glowing street lamps flicker like candlelight,  
Ghostly birds swoop and fly over buildings,  
Shadows are watching me.

Yellow eyes are glaring.  
Tip-toeing around me like spies,  
My growing pupils darting in every direction;  
What's behind me?

City noises in my ears:  
A fire engine is ringing a road ahead.  
One stream of red in the darkness;  
Someone in trouble.

My toes burning cold.  
The wind speaks softly through my fingers,  
My bones are shaking underneath.  
The trees are waving at me.

The buildings are sleeping.  
All weary flowers are tightly shut,  
Only one tired car winding home,  
Ignoring the church's lonely chimes.

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<b><u>Class:</u></b>	<b><u>Teacher's Award</u></b>	
<b>Cats:</b>	Manu: for independence in swimming.	
<b>Unicorns:</b>	Unicorn Class: For impressing the teacher with their independence and patience in swimming.	
<b>Owls:</b>	Mya: For a massive improvement in her 6 times table tests. Layla: Fantastic progress learning 6 times tables.	
<b>Spiders:</b>	Charlie: outstanding conversion of percentages, decimals and fractions.	
<b>Tortoises:</b>	Rhiley: For great enthusiasm in our singing.	
<b>Leopards:</b>	Layla: Such a fantastic attitude to all her work.	
<b>Peacocks:</b>	Amy: A positive attitude and great focus towards all learning.	
<b><u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u></b>	TBC next week.	
<b><u>Attendance Champions</u></b>	TBC next week.	
<b><u>READING AWARDS</u></b>	Target Master: Jakob in Year 3	
<b><u>LEARNING BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u></b>	Bronze Awards: Leo C (Year 5) Silver Award: Daisy (Year 3); Delilah, Acacia and Spencer (Year 5).	
<b><u>100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE SPRING TERM</u></b>	Year 3: Mason B, Jasper, Flora, Jemimah, Jacob R, Jake, Sammy, Oliver, Skye, Megan H, Megan M-J and Xahli Year 4: Freddie, Alfred, Nova, Bessie, Layla, Eyed, Harry, Monika, Sol and Eaden. Year 5: Freddie, Aisha, Zander, Amelia, Rhiley, Alanna, Lily M, Toby M, Spencer, Acacia and Kyla. Year 6: Frankie, Bobby, Evie, Freya, India, Faeth, Lilu, Ollie, Venus, Dylan, Silas and Fay.	
<b><u>OTHER AWARDS</u></b>	Netball Team for their incredible achievement – see front page! Well done to Kaya, Venus, Tyler, Isabelle M, Ena and Sonny.	

### Dates for your diary:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event/Activity:</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Bank Holiday: School closed
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs – please do not book any time out in this week!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee Party for all pupils – 1 – 3pm: Red, white and blue theme.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school after half term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	BenFest – an evening of music and entertainment
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holidays



## Hot chocs with the Head

(Cont'd from front page)



Mr Ranger would like to thank Mrs Lawford, Ms Branton, Miss Lock, Ms Ball, Mrs Allen and Miss Chouings for their help with the hot chocs.



## Year 5 learn about tolerance and diversity

This week, Year 5 had a very special visitor as Martha Anachury de Bruxelles from SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality) to talk to the children about being more accepting of those from different backgrounds and ethnicities.

With the current events in Eastern Europe, this was a timely reminder that we should always choose kindness and respect over ignorance and intolerance. Martha also ran a staff meeting and will be back later in the term to work with Year 6. Huge thanks to Martha for her time and expertise and for helping us to become an even more tolerant place to learn.



## PTFA Burger Sale a smash hit

**Huge thanks** to our wonderful PTFA and staff for their efforts at today's burger and hotdog sale. The food was tongue-tinglingly tasty and we raised almost £290 to spend on our pupils!





## JUBILEE COMPETITIONS

We have two Jubilee competitions currently running; the first is the Glastonbury in Bloom poster competition (deadline 4<sup>th</sup> May) and the other is our St. Ben's Platinum Pudding competition, for which Miss Switzer is challenging pupils to create a tasty pudding for the Queen (including a recipe and picture). More details will go out next week, but get planning...

## Meet the Glastonbury Dragons this Sunday!

Echo in Year 3 is helping her parents with a stall this weekend and it sounds like a lot of fun. Why not pay them a visit...

It takes place at the Abbey (access via Magdalene Street – NOT main entrance); gates open at 10am and close at 5pm. There will be dragon themed stalls, a Glastonbury Country Market (with home baked goodies) and entertainment throughout the day). What's more entry is FREE! Check out this link for more details:

<https://facebook.com/events/s/glastonbury-dragons-may-fayre/1019503165608939/>



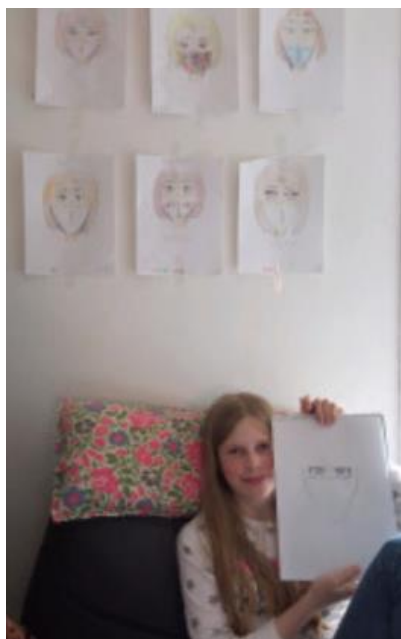
## What are you up to?

### Our regular slot on what our pupils are getting up to at home

This week our focus is on a hard-working swimmer and a talented artist. First up, Lilah in Year 3 has been toiling hard to improve her swimming and has been rewarded with her Stage 1 certificate.

Next up, it's Year 5 and Lilith, who has been proving that practice makes perfect as she aims to improve her anime drawing – I'm sure you'll agree her efforts have been worth it!

Well done to both of you and keep up the hard work.



If you have a hobby or interest that you would like us to feature on the newsletter, we'd love to hear from you. Message Mr Ranger on Class Dojo or speak to your child's teacher...