



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 16th Sept 2022

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

THE BIG QUESTION

This year we will be focusing on a BIG question every week and this week's question has inspired lots of discussion and debate. Following the death of the Queen, the question was, **'What would you like to be remembered for?'**. Please see some of the children's answers on page 3.

We are keen for the BIG question to be discussed at home, too. Can you find a slot in your busy lives to talk about it with your child; the aim is to model how important it is to discuss and debate – to put your view forward and also to listen to the ideas of others.

We're really keen to hear parents and carers answers to the BIG question – please message Mr Ranger on Class Dojo if you would like to share your thoughts, or those of a member of your family.

HELP NEEDED!

From **Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd September** we will be creating our new Peace Garden (phase 2 of our World Garden) on the school field. Our Groundsman, Rich Daniels, will be overseeing the project but he desperately needs help with labouring. Staff members may be able to help with the odd day, but we'd love some parents too! **If you are fit, able and enthusiastic and are able to volunteer anything from one day to all five days**, please let the office know on (01458) 831811. Thanks in advance for your support.

No school on Monday

Next Monday will be a Bank Holiday as the nation pays its respects to the Queen. This will be an historic occasion that will be talked about and replayed for years to come. For anyone going to London, travel carefully and come back safely.

Clubs start next week

Don't forget that clubs start next week – please remind your child to pack the correct kit and remember to collect them promptly from the back gate after their club.

Would you like to be a Governor?

Would you like to be part of the team that support and challenge the school? We have vacancies for a parent governor.

If you would like more information or to apply for the role, please contact Mr Ranger for more details on (01458) 831811.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR READING

As a school, we are passionate about reading and last year we welcomed a number of volunteers to hear children read. This had such an excellent impact that we are keen to build an even greater team of volunteers this year? Could you be our next recruit? Can you spare a few hours (a morning?) a week to help to develop our pupils' skills? It is a rewarding role working in a really friendly school. Please post Mr Ranger on Class Dojo for more info.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Jack C: being a resilient Tortoise in Maths.	Mark: always being ready to learn!
Unicorns:	Elijah: always trying hard in everything he does.	Kara: for persevering in Maths.
Chameleons:	Nathan: being a curious Cat answering questions in Science.	Daisy: for excellent work in English.
Owls:	Jasmine: being a Bee – a real team player.	Olivia: For excellent poetry.
Spiders:	Freddie: working so hard and being consistently focused – Fantastic!	Ruby: for a wonderful reading of Shakespeare's Sonnet 18.
Tortoises:	Gabriella: fantastic progress in swimming this week.	Corey: for a positive and cheerful start to St. Benedict's.
Leopards:	Olivia: superb determination to improve her writing.	Sophie: For her excellent ideas and contributions.
Peacocks:	Romeo: showing excellent flair in his writing	Elena: for growing in confidence and independence.
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>		Owls were this week's winning class with an average of 18 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Owls!
<u>Attendance Champs</u>		Owls also scoop the attendance award this week with 98.3% attendance. They win another extra break! Great work, Owls!

Singing Workshop Inspires Pupils

At St. Benedict's, we are committed to offering a broad and balanced curriculum and we are keen to offer children a wide range of experiences. This week, we enjoyed a singing workshop delivered by two visitors from the Somerset Youth Choir. Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 were put through their paces and their beautiful voices echoed around St. Ben's bringing joy to the school.

We have many wonderful singers and an invitation was issued to all of them to join the Somerset Youth Choir, which is a club that



runs outside of school. If your child is interested, please see the flier that went home, or contact Mrs Coton for more information.

MINI-POLICE – YEAR 5

Year 5 had some very special visitors on Wednesday as three members of the local Police team came to speak to them about applying for this year's programme. Year 5 pupils have until next Wednesday (21st September) to hand in their application forms before 18 are selected. Good luck, everyone, and best handwriting!



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Monday 19 th Sept	National Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral.
Tuesday 20 th Sept	Return to school; after-school clubs begin.
20 th Sept 9am	Spider Class INSPIRE workshop – parents in to work with pupils
22 nd Sept 9am	Tortoise Class INSPIRE workshop – parents in to work with pupils
11 th October 9am	Owl Class INSPIRE workshop – parents in to work with pupils
12 th October 9am	Chameleon Class INSPIRE workshop – parents in to work with pupils
13 th October 9am	Leopard Class INSPIRE workshop – parents in to work with pupils
14 th October 9am	Peacock Class INSPIRE workshop – parents in to work with pupils
20 th October 9am	Year 3 INSPIRE workshop – parents in to work with pupils
Friday 21 st Oct	INSET Day: School closed to pupils.

Poetry Perfection

This week, Year 4 and Year 5 have been focusing on poetry. Year 5 have been working on reciting poetry (based on Shakespeare's Sonnet 18), while Year 4 used poetry to describe anger. Here's Olivia's poem, which really caught the ear!

Firing Boiling Red Anger

Crush the sun with all my might!
Squash the moon like a thunder strike.
Exploding volcanoes that burst out lava,
Crumble the world to bits of fire.
Turn the clouds black like the sky
Shooting stars crash to the ground like rocks,
Hurricanes twirl faster and faster,
The sky turns red, then goes to bed to the tweet of the birds.

By Olivia, Owl Class

Olivia has truly been a Creative Unicorn – what amazing poetry, Olivia – you really painted a picture in our minds.

The BIG Question

This week's BIG Question is **'What would you like to be remembered for?'**

Following lots of discussion and debate, here are some of our favourite answers...

"For being a kind-hearted person."

Daisy, Year 4

"For being Me (and the next David Attenborough)" **Freya, Year 6**

"For being a wildlife protector."

Sophia, Year 3

"For being the crazy singing Harry Potter lady!" **Miss Grenter**

"For being an officer of the law."

Austin, Year 3

"For being amazing at drawing."

Hendrix, Year 3

"For kindness and caring for others."

Charlotte, Year 5

"As a doctor." **Chester, Year 5**

"For being good at baking." **Miss Mills**

"For being a good friend." **Aimee, Year 6**

What are you up to?

This week our focus is on a Year 4 swimmer. Jasper in Owl Class has achieved his Stage 2 award from Strode Swimming Club, where he attends lessons. Well done, Jasper – keep up the great work! Also featured is Sirus, who treated the whole school to a live demonstration of his remote controlled dragon; a project that he had taken 12 hours to complete over the summer holidays.



PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT

The Pupil Premium Grant is government funding available to schools for any eligible pupils.

Approximately 35% of our current pupils are already eligible, but we want to make sure that as many children can benefit as possible.

The money is paid to the school and allows us to subsidise many things at school including trips, uniform, events and activities. It may also mean your child can access extra support with academic and cultural opportunities.

We are aware that circumstances are changing for many families. If you think you may be eligible, we'd love to hear from you; please call the office, or Mr Ranger for an application form (this is one side of A4 and very simple to complete!).

Scouting for a new Club?



Situated in Benedict Street, the 4th Glastonbury Scout Group have space for new members. They meet on Thursday evenings (Beavers Group 5:30pm; and Cubs at 7pm) and get up to lots of brilliant fun and adventures on their way to earning their badges.

On Thursday 13th October, they are hosting an open evening so that you can have a taster and find out more. Why not get along and see for yourself!

For more details, contact:

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