



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 23rd Sept 2022

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

Visiting Christians light up church

Last Tuesday, 20th September, we were delighted to welcome back the Visiting Christians, who entertained and informed the children with their dramatic re-enactment of the biblical story of the Walls of Jericho. The children listened beautifully and raised the roof with their singing. Huge thanks to Annie, Phil and Mike who will be taking Collective Worship every other Tuesday (vicar David and our new Curate, Kieron, will be taking Worship on alternate weeks).



Clubs back with a bang!

This week has seen the start of autumn term clubs and it has been wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying the huge variety of clubs on offer – from Spanish to Glee; football, netball and running, as well as Drama. Choir, Gardening, Art and Junior Duke of Edinburgh will all start next week.

If your child is not signed up for any clubs, we'd ask you to encourage them to get involved. Having interests outside the classroom is so good for your wellbeing and gives children another focus in life. Our aim is for every child to attend at least one club each term – it's not too late to sign up! If after-school is a problem, why not sign up for a lunchtime club – Running and Lower School football are on Friday lunchtimes!

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:	Reggie: excellent effort in reading!	Hendrix: for his fantastic cave painting!
Unicorns:	Ralph: having such a positive attitude to learning.	Leo: for always trying his best, even when things get tough.
Chameleons:	Megan MJ: being a Unicorn in art, creating beautiful water-colours work.	Manu: for beautiful art work in history.
Owls:	Shahala: a real team Bee helping everyone in class be ready to learn.	Arnas: always ready to learn.
Spiders:	Eaden: really pushing herself with her learning and seeking to improve.	Kara: for persevering in Maths.
Tortoises:	Luka: being positive, cheerful and resilient in all his work.	Dulcie: demonstrating resilience and bravery.
Leopards:	Amelia: a beautiful William Morris inspired painting.	Finley: for super focus in class this week.
Peacocks:	Caspar: always applying himself in every task and trying his best.	Delilah: pleasant and a helpful member of the class.
		Peacock Class: for showing excellent perseverance throughout the week.
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>		Leopard Class were this week's winning class with an average of over 21 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Leopards!
<u>Attendance Champs</u>		Cats scoop the attendance award this week with 98.5% attendance. They win an extra break! Great work, Cats!
<u>Summer Reading Challenge</u>		Well done for passing the challenge of reading six books over the summer: Oliver, Sophia, Eden, Aliya (Y3); Echo, Olivia, Jasmine, Sophia (Y4); Gabriella (Y5); Acacia, Harry, Amelia (Y6) and to Lannie and Logan B for taking part.

WORLD GARDEN PHASE 2: PEACE GARDEN

This week our team has been working hard to lay down the hard landscaping for our new Peace Garden. The aim of the Peace Garden is to provide pupils and adults at school with an outdoor space to sit amongst nature, chat with friends and reflect. Prior to the pandemic, a team of pupils, parents, governors and staff planned this phase of the World Garden and, using pupils' designs, we agreed on an Islamic theme to the garden, with symmetrical lines and fragrant planting, including lavender and rosemary. Now that the landscaping is in, we will be inviting pupils to plant up the area in the coming weeks and we hope to be able to use it soon. If anyone makes benches or knows anywhere we could buy them at discount, please let Mr Ranger know. Huge thanks to our Groundsman, Rich Daniels, for his tremendous efforts this week; to Mr Lintell and Mr Ranger for their help and to Ben and Ande from Onsite for coming in their own time to provide invaluable support and expertise to the project.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
27 th Sept 3:30pm	Football matches at Strode for Girls' and Boys' teams.
28 th Sept 3:30pm	Football matches at Millfield for Lower School teams.
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.

DOUBLE ACT SOLVE PUZZLE

Year 6 Leo and his sidekick, Miss Hopkins, have been **resilient** this week in their quest to solve a 500 piece puzzle. At times they were frustrated by the challenge but they refused to give up and, after four different sessions, finally slotted in the final piece on Friday. Well done to the persevering, persistent pair of puzzlers!



Would you like to be a School 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.

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!).

What are you up to?

A huge well done to Rhiley in Year 6 who was voted Player of the Match after last weekend's game vs Bridgwater VPR. Rhiley plays in goal for Ashcott FC.

Keep up the great work, Rhiley!

STEP BACK TO THE 80's

If any parents/carers out there fancy a step back in time for some classic 80's tunes, the Bulletin recommends the RBL Club in Street tonight. Parent and friend of St. Ben's, DJ Rebecca Jallow will be getting you on the floor with some top tunes from yesteryear and it's only £1 to get in.



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:

info@glastonburyscouts.org

WANTED! BOTTLES

We are working on a project to commemorate the Queen and are in need of empty plastic bottles.

The bottles need to be clear plastic and either 1.5 or 2 litre capacity.

Please rinse them out after use and bring them into the office next week.

Many thanks in advance.