



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 30th Sept 2022

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

St. Ben's Green Machine

On Monday, we welcomed Green Mentor, Sophie Cooper, from the Somerset Wildlife Trust. Sophie came in to launch an environment project that will benefit St. Ben's for years to come. A group of Year 6's are being identified to take part in the scheme which will be focused around composting at school.

Our pupils are very eco-aware and this is an excellent way for them to recycle our waste products at school and produce compost material that can be used on our World Garden and elsewhere around school.

We can't wait to see more of Sophie in the near future. Watch this space for details of Project Compost!



FOOTBALL FIESTA

This week has been a football fiesta with four teams representing the school at football. On Tuesday it was the Upper School with the Boys' team taking on Brookside and triumphing 8-2, with goals from Toby (4), Noah (3) and Tristan. It was an imperious performance and an excellent start to the league. Unfortunately the Girls' opponents failed to show so their game was postponed and will be played soon. On Wednesday it was the turn of the Lower School as two teams took on Millfield in an away fixture. Despite the heavy rain, there was some outstanding football and the teams did us proud, registering three wins, a draw and a loss. Many thanks to Millfield for hosting and for the delicious football tea afterwards. Well done to all the players that took part.

There will be no matches next week, but fixtures will resume the week after.

Pictured below, the Lower School teams that took on Millfield.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Faye: being an independent Leopard during Maths and always trying hard!	Darcie: making an excellent start to 'boxing up' the Stone Age boy story!
Unicorns:	Nicolae: trying so hard with his learning.	Tallula: for being a positive ray of light.
Chameleons:	Blaize: working as a Spider – making connections in all his Maths.	Talia: for fantastic learning behaviour – all week!
Owls:	Stanley: independent Leopard in English: super adjectives and definitions.	Luna: working really hard in Maths.
Spiders:	Bobby: a fantastic portrait in Art.	Holly: for fantastic rounding to 10, 100, 1000, and 10,000.
Tortoises:	Monika: writing a super sonnet and for being a presentation Peacock.	Coco: for a really great effort writing her sonnet.
Leopards:	Acacia: always being READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE in every situation.	Lily: for a bright and happy attitude to everything!
Peacocks:	Charlie: being a presentation Peacock; excellent progress with his handwriting.	Aisha: for excellent reasoning skills in Maths.
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>		Leopard Class were this week's winning class with an average of over 26 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Leopards!
<u>Attendance Champs</u>		Unicorns scoop the attendance award this week with 95% attendance. They win an extra break! Great work, Leopards!
<u>Other Awards</u>		Well done to EH in Year 6 for supporting a younger pupil – she wins our 'Happy Face Award'. Congratulations to Nicolae, Jack R, Mason T and Talia for their Busy Bee Awards for their excellent work in Nurture Group and Outdoor Group – great work, everyone!

SCHOOL WELCOMES POLICE PARKING PATROL

We were delighted to welcome the police to both the front and back of school as they responded to our request to monitor parking at the end of the school day. A big thank you to the police team and a reminder to all parents to park carefully and safely and to be patient rather than parking dangerously. Also, a plea to all parents to walk/cycle to school if it is possible – this is so much healthier and will help to alleviate the parking issues we experience.

Many thanks.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
3 rd October pm	Local visit to Millfield for Art trip – selected pupils have letters.
5 th October	Year 6 to St. Dunstan's all day – parents/carers should please take to and collect from St. Dunstan's.
5-7 th October	Bikeability for selected pupils who have signed up – please check your bikes are roadworthy!
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.

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!).

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.

Scouting for a new Club?



4th Glastonbury Scout group are keen to invite new members, Beavers from age of 6 meet at the Scout hut Thursdays 5. 30pm - 6. 45pm. Cubs From age of 8 meet at Scout hut Thursdays 7pm - 8pm and Scouts from age of 10. 5 meet on Wednesdays 7pm -8pm for fun, friendships, confidence building and new skills. If you are interested our email address is:
info@glastonbury. 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.

What are you up to?

This week we are reporting on three talented pupils who are working hard to get one step closer to their dreams. First up is Year 4 Mason, who has received many awards for his ballet and Modern dancing. Mason trains at Street and loves to dance – he told us all about in Collective Worship on Friday. Next is Year 3 Sophia who has just landed a part in Strode Theatre's pantomime this year; stage-savvy Sophia is already a veteran of many performances and is set to light up the show! Last, but by no means least is Year 5 Sol who has had his first piano lesson with Ms Holt this week – as you can see from the picture, Sol is loving getting to grips with his new skill. Well done to all of you and keep working hard!

