



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 7th Oct 2022

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

Year 3 dig into the Stone Age

As part of their Stone Age learning, Year 3 became archaeologists this week as they dug for artefacts buried deep beneath the earth of St. Ben's! They used their history knowledge to identify spear blades and knives.



ST. BEN'S HAS BIKEABILITY

A group of Year 6 pupils were put through their paces by cycling instructor, Mark MacGregor, to prove that they really do have Bike-ability. The purpose of this training, provided free of charge, is to develop children's road safety and awareness and Mark was impressed with both groups (on Thursday and on Friday). This is such an important, and potentially life-saving skill, so we are really proud of the children who took part. Well done everyone and a huge thank you to Mark and to Teaching Assistant Miss Chouings, who supported on both days.



ARE YOU A ROOFER? DO YOU KNOW ONE?

We have a flat roof that is leaking and we are in desperate need of a roofer to come in and fix it. It is a small roof and we don't think it would take long, but we're struggling to find a local expert. Can anyone out there help?

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

| <u>Class:</u> | <u>Headteacher's Award</u> | <u>Teacher's Award</u> |
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| Cats: | Reggie T: great ideas and contributions to class version of the Stone Age Boy! | Tyler: for his fantastic Maths work on Thursday! |
| Unicorns: | Eden: having a super positive attitude this week. | Elijah: for making connections in Maths. |
| Chameleons: | Sofia: her excellent work ethic in all she does. | Sammy: for excellent Maths adding 4-digit numbers. |
| Owls: | Orrin: resilient Tortoise in Maths. | Cattleya: always working enthusiastically especially singing times tables song. |
| Spiders: | Felix: fantastic use of scientific vocabulary in his parachute experiment. | Evie: huge improvement in confidence and ball skills in PE. |
| Tortoises: | William: an entertaining diary entry of his day at St Dunstan's. | Leo: for amazing team work and listening when making cupcakes. He also gave me one! Thank you. |
| Leopards: | | Freddy: for taking great care over his presentation. |
| Peacocks: | Fern: being an independent Leopard during our visit to St Dunstan's. | |
| <u>Dojo Points Champs</u> | Cat Class were this week's winning class with an average of over 26 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Cats! | |
| <u>Attendance Champs</u> | Owls scoop the attendance award this week with 99.2% attendance. They win an extra break! Great work, Owls! | |
| <u>Other Awards</u> | Reggie N, Sam and Sophia earned themselves Target Master reading awards and Kyla received a Happy Face Award for her work in Years 3, 4 and 5 on Wednesday. Well done all of you! | |

MILLFIELD WELCOMES ST BEN'S ARTISTS

This week, Millfield School welcomed a group of more able St. Benedict's artists. The pupils visited on Monday and were put through their paces by inspirational teacher Mrs Weare who ran a workshop on printing. The children enjoyed the opportunity to look around the gallery before creating their own prints; responding to a piece of work hanging in the gallery. Huge thanks to Head of Art, India Meakin, and to Jenny Weare for inspiring our pupils. The children enjoyed the visit tremendously and hope to return in the future.



Dates for your diary:

| Date: | Event/Activity: |
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| 10 th October 3:30 | Girls' Football Team match vs Ashcott at Strode pitches |
| 11 th October 9am | Owl Class INSPIRE workshop – parents in to work with pupils |
| 11 th October 2pm | Harvest Festival at St. Benedict's Church – parents and carers welcome |
| 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 |
| 17 th October | Parents' Evening: 3:30 – 5:30 pm: refreshments available |
| 19 th October | Parents' Evening: 5:30 – 7:30 pm: refreshments available |
| 20 th October 9am | Year 3 INSPIRE workshop – parents in to work with pupils |
| Friday 21 st Oct | INSET Day: School closed to pupils. |

YEAR 6 VISIT ST. DUNSTAN'S

On Wednesday, Year 6 spent the day at St. Dunstan's as part of their transition to secondary school. They had a really enjoyable day, relishing workshops from across the curriculum, including cooking, science and history. We would like to say a huge thank you to Headteacher Lynda Bevan and her wonderful team for making this possible. Mrs Bevan will be visiting in two weeks' time to answer any questions the Year 6s may have.



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.

What are you up to?

This week we have a Year 5 and a Year 6 pupil sharing their passions with us. First up is Monika who takes part in a Circus Skills Class at Wookey Hole. Monika told the school that she is in the novice class and is working her way up by learning a range of circus skills. We were also treated to a talk by Year 6 gymnast Aisha, who proudly explained what she had received her medals for and talked us through each one; we learned that she is a tumbling queen and there could be more medals to come as Aisha will be competing again in December. Well done, girls, and keep up the hard work!



WORLD GARDEN HELP NEEDED

Next Tuesday, 11th October, our groundsman, Rich Daniels, will be working on the World Garden once again and we have some heavy shifting to be done; if any parents or carers are up for a couple of hours of graft to help us, we would be incredibly grateful – please contact Mr Ranger via Class Dojo, or give the office a call to let us know.

Many thanks in advance!

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!).