



## ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 18th November 2022

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

### GREEN INFLUENCERS GET TO WORK

This year, a group of Year 6's are getting to grips with the school grounds as part of a 'Green Influencers' project. Run by Sophie Cooper of the Somerset Wildlife Trust, the team meet on Thursday afternoons to work together on the school's composting. The end goal is to be able to compost as much of our waste as possible. As you can see, our green-fingered gang are set to transform the way the whole school looks at composting.



### YEAR 5 GROUP HAS BIKEABILITY

A group of Year 5's were put through their paces on Thursday and Friday as instructor Mark taught them all about safety on our busy roads. Miss Chouings was on hand to help out as the children excelled on two wheels. Well done them all and thanks to Miss C and Mark.



### BOOK BATTLE – WEEK 2

Week 2 of our BOOK BATTLE sees **CHAMELEON CLASS** crowned as CHAMPIONS. A huge well done to them – 88% of them read 5 x per week than any other class. They win an extra break and are now in the lead to be the non-uniform day class at the end of the half term!

This week's results:

Cat Class: 29%

Unicorn Class: 50%

Chameleon Class: 88%

Owl Class: 47%

Spider Class: 58%

Tortoise Class: 50%

Peacock Class: 58%

Leopard Class: 50%

*Help your child's class to win next week by reading with them 5 x or more and signing their book to show it.*

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
<b>Cats:</b>	<b>Courtney:</b> Super instructions on how to trap a sabre-toothed tiger!	<b>Blossom:</b> For a fantastic first week in Class Class!
<b>Unicorns:</b>	<b>Ralph:</b> Being an amazing ray of sunshine and always working so hard.	<b>Austin:</b> For being a resilient tortoise.
<b>Chameleons:</b>	<b>Theo:</b> Independent leopard writing a fantastic Boudicca biography.	<b>Jacob R:</b> Always working hard and being cheerful.
<b>Owls:</b>	<b>Amelia:</b> Excellent attitude to reading and determination to score 100% in every quiz.	<b>Lilah:</b> For her super science investigation.
<b>Spiders:</b>	<b>Alex:</b> Being enthusiastic, eager to learn and always curious!	<b>Brandon:</b> Great improvement in his balancing skills in PE.
<b>Tortoises:</b>	<b>Mya:</b> Always being positive and cheerful in school.	<b>Simeon:</b> Being a resilient tortoise in his Maths this week.
<b>Leopards:</b>	<b>Alanna:</b> For a steady improving attitude, especially in Maths.	<b>Amelia:</b> For consistently good learning habits.
<b>Peacocks:</b>	<b>Harry:</b> Adhering to the school rules and being a tremendous role model for others.	<b>Sirus:</b> For using excellent methods when modifying a spreadsheet.
<u><b>Dojo Points Champs</b></u>		Spider Class were this week's winning class with an average of 28 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Spiders!
<u><b>Attendance Champs</b></u>		Chameleons scoop the attendance award AGAIN this week with 97.2% attendance. They win an extra break! Great work, Chameleons!
<u><b>Book Battle Champs</b></u>		This week's Book Battle Champs are Chameleons – 88% of them read 5 X per week; more than any other class – they get an extra break and are one step closer to their very own non-uniform day; great reading, Chameleons!
<u><b>Other Awards</b></u>		Target Masters for: Ethan c, Grace, William and Lily (Y6), Star Pointer awards for: Luna-Lily, Jack R, Ollie and Ralph (Year 3). Bronze Behaviour Awards: Lilah, Blaize, Eyed, Simeon, Monika, Sol, Olivia H, Grace, Ava, Spencer, Penelope. Well done, Everyone!

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM PLAY TWICE IN A WEEK

Our valiant Girls' team played twice this week as they sought to catch up on postponed matches. On Monday, they faced Meare with Year 4 Eloise making her debut. St. Ben's ran out 8-0 winners after an incredible performance. On Tuesday they faced a tougher test against a very strong Ashcott side.

Goalkeeper AM put in a top performance and St. Ben's had to defend at the end to see out a hard-fought 0-0 draw, with captain Hembury covering in defence after injury had forced Pizlo off early. St. Ben's now sit top of the league and face a tricky final match against Butleigh to finish their season. A win will see them crowned champions!



**Left:** The team that faced Meare on Monday.

**Right:** The team that faced Ashcott on Tuesday.





## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 visit to Glastonbury Abbey
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Rural Life Museum 'Takeover Day' – selected pupils to attend.
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Girls' Football match vs Butleigh at Strode Pitches: 3:30pm kick off
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir to sing at Wells Cathedral – time tbc
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service at St. Benedict's Church – pm.
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christmas Nativity Play at St. Benedict's Church
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas parties and break up for Christmas Holidays.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Return to school after holidays

## What are you up to?

**Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are getting up to out of school.**

This week we celebrate Lilith in Year 6 who presented her incredible crafting work to the whole school on Friday. Artistic Lilith loves to do decoupage and showed us a selection of notebooks that she has designed front covers for. Lilith hopes to run a stall at BenFest later in the year.

We also heard from Victoria in Year 5 who won an Iron Athlete competition for bike riding while in Poland. Victoria bagged herself a very impressive medal.



### **Pictured Left:**

Lilith shows off her notebooks.

### **Pictured right:**

Victoria proudly displaying her medal.



## GOVERNORS ENJOY WIDER CURRICULUM WALK

On Wednesday, a group of our school governors came in to take a wider curriculum walk around school. They were very impressed with the breadth of our curriculum and enjoyed seeing children engaged in French, Computing, DT, History, Geography, and Science. The governors were really impressed with the children's knowledge of their learning and the links they made to previous learning and also with their general learning behaviour. They enjoyed their afternoon so much, they are planning to return later in the year. Thank you to all governors who took the time to visit us – it was great to have you come to visit our lessons.



## JOIN OUR CLUB

We are creating a new display on our outdoor display board (outside Year 3), all about out of school clubs and we need your help. Does your child attend a club out of school – circus skills, football, rugby, drama, singing, dance, cubs, brownies, scouts? We'd love to hear about it and try to attract other pupils to attend!

All you need to do is get us a poster/flyer for the club and we'll be happy to advertise your club and help you attract new members.

Please let Mr Ranger know – ideally an A4 poster would be best to catch the eye!

## **BACK GATE CLOSES AT 8:45am**

A reminder that the back closes at 8:45am each day, so please ensure your child is in school before this. Would all parents/carers ensure they have left school by 8:45am to allow teachers to start the school day.

## **SNACKS AND LUNCHES – A REMINDER**

A reminder that pupils' break-time snacks must be fruit or vegetables – ideally in their raw state rather than packaged.

We have seen a lot of sweets in school at lunchtime this week – a reminder that as part of our healthy eating approach, pupils should be eating a balanced lunch, so please minimise the sugary food/chocolate and try to ensure you pack some fruit in their lunch box to complement their sandwich/main lunch. Finally, don't forget it's water to drink and not squash! Many thanks.

### **Arthur's Court Care Home is Recruiting!**

**We are looking for staff to join our dedicated team in our friendly and vibrant care home:**

**Domestic Staff**  
**School hours available!**

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