



## ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 20th January 2023

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**St. Ben's School Christian Values:** **Community, Resilience and Kindness**

### YEAR 4 CREATE BRILLIANT BIOMES

This week, Year 4 showed off their Science and Geography skills as they created amazing biomes based on different areas of the world, ranging from desert and grasslands to rainforest and tundra.



### NETBALL TEAM START SEASON

On Monday, the school netball team started their season as they took on Walton at Strode pitches. St. Ben's played well but Walton fielded a strong team and ran out 6-1 winners. Mrs Brown was proud of the team who were a credit to the school.



### CAN YOU HELP WITH FUND-RAISING?

We are keen to raise funds to update and enlarge our popular but tiny astro-turf pitch. We have been quoted at least £25,000 to do this which will take us years to raise. Our current pitch will soon no longer be fit for purpose! Can you help or do you know anyone else that can?

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Yuliia: a fantastic start at St Benedict's.	Jack P: for his fantastic knowledge of 2D shapes.
Unicorns:	Charlie: a positive start to the Spring Term – Well Done Charlie!	Kiyo: was voted for by his class for being really resilient in all of his learning. Tallula: for making connections in Maths.
Chameleons:	Eve: improvement in presentation and handwriting.	Sophia: for being a super, resilient tortoise in swimming.
Owls:	Indie: super presentation in maths.	Sasha: working hard in all subjects independently.
Spiders:	Charlotte: always figuring out ways to help herself and others.	
Tortoises:	Eyed: working hard on his joined handwriting and his sentence starters.	Stacey: for settling into a new school in record quick time!
Leopards:	Sophie: enthusiasm to learning and fab participation! Well Done!	Penny: for a superb attempt at impressionism!
Peacocks:	Belle-Blossom: showing an excellent attitude towards all of her learning.	Daniel: For fantastic progress with his maths work.
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>	<b>Owl Class</b> 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>	<b>Owl Class</b> also scoop the attendance award this week with 97.2% attendance. They win another extra break! Great work, Owls!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	We will do a Book Battle double update next week!	
<u>Learning Behaviour Awards</u>	<p>Bronze Award: Ollie, Isaac, Faye, Jack P, Sam, Reggie, Thomas, Elijah, Marshall, Leo, Tallula (Y3); Mason Tr, Mason Ti, Daisy, Amelia, Archie, Eve, Eloise, Oliver, Skye, Luna, Isabelle (Y4); Zahan, Alex, Ruby, Iris, Louie, Finley, Precious, Ethan W, Harriet, Gabriella (Y5); Leo C, Hazel, Elena, Aimee, Aisha, Orson, Toby Mi, Zander, Sofia, Harry (Y6).</p> <p>Silver Award: Lilah (Y4); Kyla, Acacia, Spencer (Y6). Well done, everyone!</p>	

## The BIG Question

Reported on by Year 6 journalist, Ava Newton

This week's BIG Question was 'Does luck exist?' Here's what our pupils thought...

"Yes, because I'm good at football, but I feel lucky when I score a goal." Bessie, Y5

"Yes, because I feel lucky to be alive and meeting new people." Mason, Y4

"Yes, because some people are lucky and some are unlucky." Oliver, Y4

"Yes and no – sometimes I think I am lucky but some things can help me to get lucky." Raphael, Y3.



# JOIN OUR TEAM

**St Benedict's School PTFA, Glastonbury**

**WHY NOT COME ALONG TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND  
SEE WHAT WE'RE UP TO AND HOW YOU COULD HELP?**

**OUR NEXT MEETING:**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 2PM IN THE MEETING ROOM**

**WE WILL BE DISCUSSING BENFEST AND OTHER FUTURE EVENTS**

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

## READING CHAMPS TO ENJOY NON-UNIFORM DAY

Don't forget to hear your child read at least 5 x each week and sign their book – you will be helping them and their class to victory in our weekly Book Battle!

**Could your child's class be  
victorious?**

The winning class will get a non-uniform day on the last week of this half term!

## Attendance matters

Research shows that pupils who miss school do not achieve as well as their peers who regularly attend. One of the most vital things you can do to support your child is to ensure they have a strong attendance ethic.

The government issued new guidance last year that requires school to be more robust in their challenging of absence, so please be aware that we will contact you if your child's attendance falls below 90% for any reason.

**See page 5 for data on the impact of missed attendance and poor punctuality...**

## What are you up to?

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

This week we've been really impressed with Freddie and Bessie (Yr 5 and 6) for their community-minded work. The intrepid pair were out in Glastonbury last weekend conducting their own litter-pick for which they received a round of applause from the public. Incredible work, both of you!

Eaden in Year 5 has also caught the eye with her incredible silks routines; Eaden trains weekly at the Circus de Silks Club in Street and will be performing in their show on 16<sup>th</sup> February.



## PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT

We are aware that circumstances are always changing for families, particularly with the hardships many of us face at the moment with rising food prices and energy costs spiralling. Please don't forget that your child may be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant which could help you with their school costs. More than 1 in every 3 of our pupils are already in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant and they are benefitting from opportunities that may include:

- Subsidising trips,
- Subsidising uniform,
- Eligibility for Free School Meals,
- Accessing other opportunities such as cultural experiences.

It is very simple to apply and it may offer you, and your child, some much needed support. Please contact our office on 01458 831811. We look forward to helping you.

## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> January	County finals Boys' Football Tournament at Strode: this will be played within the school day; players will need a packed lunch (letters will go out to selected players).
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Navy STEM Day for Year 6.
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 and 4 to visit Millfield to watch Millfield Prep's production of Matilda (£2 transport cost to be paid on Parent Pay).

# The Guilt-free Dad

WITH ALEC STANSFIELD



**FREE** workshops for Dads with Alec Stansfield.  
In **The Avalon Room**, Upstairs in The Glastonbury Experience  
Courtyard 2-4 High Street, Glastonbury BA6 9DU

You are welcome to our FREE workshop in a community of Dads who want to learn together & experience how to be happy, relaxed & guilt-free.

The Glastonbury Trust together with SS&L are offering FREE workshops to give PARENTS 19+ who are actively parenting, a safe, nurturing space & a chance to look more widely at their personal life, their parental roles & an opportunity to feel more confident & connected to others within their community.



## What do we really NEED as Parents?

**For Dads and all Father figures alike. Saturday Feb 4th 2023 @ 10am - 4pm in The Avalon Room.**

A free workshop for us as Fathers to explore our emotional needs & how we meet them as parents. This will be a day for nurturing Fathers as parents. There will be teaching, guidance, informal conversations, as well as opportunities for sharing experiences of our parenting.

Each attendee will learn the "needs model of well-being" & get the chance to explore our emotional needs & the way we & our children meet those needs & what feelings; thoughts & behaviours arise when they are not met. This light-hearted & friendly workshop will shed light on how, when our needs are not met in balance, we can respond with stress, anxiety, anger, low mood and addictive behaviours. You'll be inspired to meet you own needs with ease & without overwhelm. You will leave feeling calmer & more confident in your role as a Father.

Your tutor Alec Stansfield is a father, stepfather, grandfather & psychotherapist working in the field of solution focused psychotherapy alongside his wife Bindi Gauntlett. Whether you are a Dad or a stepdad, a single dad or a shared parenting dad, Alec will offer you the tools you need to help you & also to help you to help your children.

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\*Eligibility criteria applies.

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