



## ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 27th January 2023

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

### BOOK BATTLE HEATS UP

#### ALL CLASSES STILL IN THE RUNNING FOR A NON-UNIFORM DAY!

Don't forget to hear your child read at least 5 x each week and sign their book – you could 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!  
So far this term, the weekly winners have been:

- Tortoise Class
- Spider Class
- Cat Class
- Unicorn Class and,
- Leopard Class



***Any class could still claim the non-uniform day as their own, so make sure you read 5 x before you hand in your reading log next week!!***

### BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM FINISH 7<sup>th</sup> IN COUNTY

On Wednesday, St. Ben's Boys' football team braved freezing temperatures to take part in the county finals' tournament, taking on the champions from Bridgwater, Taunton, Yeovil, Bath and Bristol. The standard was high but our boys excelled, winning two matches and drawing one to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in their group. This meant they missed out on qualification, but they should be very proud of themselves and can reflect on a season that saw them crowned Mendip Tournament Champions and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> In the Schools' League. Well done boys!

A big thank you to Mr Lintell and Mr Ranger who are so proud of the team (but suffered frostbite and a lack of hot drink facilities!)



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Jack C: always practising his spellings at home!	Jack R: for trying hard to complete his work this week.
Unicorns:	Marshall: making amazing progress in reading.	Aliya: for being a creative Unicorn.
Chameleons:	Meg H: such a fantastic attitude to all aspects of school.	Skye: writing a detailed dragon information text.
Owls:	Mason B: always working hard in all his work and improvement in handwriting.	Annabelle: settling so well into our class and always super cheerful.
Spiders:	Holly: fabulous fractions and a wonderful attitude to learning.	Bessie: great partner work in maths.
Tortoises:	Harriet: super explanations in History.	Max: for a great improvement in his handwriting.
Leopards:	Josh: superb independence with his Number Stacks.	Austin: fantastic participation in our PSHE discussion.
Peacocks:	Ned: a fantastic attitude towards his learning.	Lannie: for excellent effort with her handwriting.
<u>Values Award</u>	Aaron, Year 6, for showing <b>resilience</b> in everything he does.	
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>	<b>Chameleon Class</b> were this week's winning class with an average of 27 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Chameleons!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	<b>Chameleon Class</b> also scoop the attendance award this week with 98.8% attendance. They win another extra break! Great work, Chameleons!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	Last week's winners were Unicorn Class and this week's Champs are Leopard Class: Well done to both classes (see our Book Battle feature on the front page).	
<u>Learning Awards</u>	Bronze Award: Lucas, Logan B, Taran, Ollie (Y3); Olivia and Echo (Y4); Ned, Cole, Romeo, Rosie and Sirus (Y6). Silver Award: Raphael (Y3); Jasmine (Y4); Amelia, Lilith and Lily (Y6). Well done, all!	
<u>Reading Awards</u>	Target Master: Marshall and Jack P (Y3). A HUGE well done to Spencer in Year 6 for joining the 100 Club and becoming a 4 x millionaire – WOW!	
<u>Busy Bee Awards</u>	Well done to Lari and Jamie (Y4) for being Busy Bees of the Week; Lari caught Mrs Tidball's eye with an amazing start to outside group and Jamie showed great resilience in outside group. Great work, lads!	

## 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?

## PTFA AGREE DATES FOR FUNDRAISERS

Our fabulous PTFA met this Thursday to agree on fundraiser events for the rest of the year. The two events we will be running are as follows:

**Quiz and Pudding Night: Wed 26th April**

**BenFest: Friday 7th July**

We are very keen to have more parents on the PTFA, so please let us know if you can join us for the next meeting on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March from 2–3pm.



# What are you up to?

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

This week we've got a Year 5 pupil with a double talent; not only is Katie a talented trampolinist who has achieved her Level 5 award, but she also creates her own origami works of art. Katie is a member of the Strode Trampoline Club and has attended competitions on her way to amassing awards. Katie spoke to the whole school about her passions and confidently answered questions from the audience.

She was joined by Victoria who also loves origami; the girls showed off their creations (including swans, frogs and stars) to an amazed St. Ben's Hall. Well done, girls; keep up the great work!

Also in the spotlight is Reggie T in Year 3 who has been doing his bit to make the world a better place by helping the National Trust plant trees on the slopes of the Tor. These crab apples should come into flower in the spring. Great work, Reggie!



## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Tues 31st January	U10s Boys' matches vs Millfield
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).
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Return from Half term
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day – dress as your favourite character from a book.
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening (3:30 – 5:30pm)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents' Evening (5:30 – 7:30pm)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Production Club presents Oliver!
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break up for Easter Holidays

# 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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