



## ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 3rd February 2023

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

### YEAR 6 ENJOY ROYAL NAVY STEM SESSION

Year 6 enjoyed a morning to remember on Tuesday as they welcomed members of the Royal Navy to put them through their paces in a test of their science and coding knowledge. The children relished the workshops and would like to say a huge thank you to the Navy and to Ms Bradshaw, who organised the event.



### NURTURE GROUPS FOCUS ON WELLBEING

In Nurture Group and Outdoor Group this week, the focus has been on Wellbeing and whether in the Bee Hive or in the Outdoor Classroom, Mrs Tidball and her intrepid adventurers have been looking at ways to put smiles on faces and keep everyone feeling positive. We are looking forward to them sharing a little sunshine with the rest of school.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Hendrix: His lovely joined handwriting and improved presentation.	Willow: For her beautifully presented information text!
Unicorns:	Charlie: Making an amazing effort in his writing this week.	Prudence: For asking an amazing 'Big Question'.
Chameleons:	Reuben: Contributing and sharing his great knowledge in geography lessons.	Echo: Participating well in class discussion.
Owls:	Olivia: Working really hard on her dragon guide and super presentation.	Elsie: Always working hard cheerfully being a real superstar.
Spiders:	Eaden: Fabulous maths retrieval practise and progress.	Felix: Asking curious and inquisitive questions.
Tortoises:	Monika: A beautifully descriptive opening to your golden write story.	Chester: For super sentence starters in his story.
Leopards:	Noah: Fantastic presentation!	Lucas: Engaging with his learning.
Peacocks:	Aimee: An excellent attitude towards her learning.	Toby Mi: For excellent questions and responses as part of our Navy STEM Day.
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>	<b>Peacock Class</b> were this week's winning class with an average of 19 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Peacocks!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	<b>Owl Class</b> also scoop the attendance award this week with 97.6% attendance. They win another extra break! Great work, Owls!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week's Champs are Peacock Class: Well done to them! There is now a six way tie for the coveted mufti day. Monday's reading log check will be crucial, so make sure your child reads five times this week. Winners announced on Monday! We will let parents know via Class Dojo on Monday evening which class will come in non-uniform on Friday next week! Good luck, everyone!	
<u>Learning Awards</u>	Bronze Award: Jemimah and Jamie (Y4); Felix and Eaden (Y5); Leo, Austen, William, Alfie, Ethan C, Charlie, Mo, Caspar (Y6). Silver Award: Megan H and Reuben (Y4); Simeon and Sol (Y5); Grace and Toby Mo (Y6). Well done, all!	
<u>Reading Awards</u>	Target Master: Lucas (Y6). A HUGE well done to Lily H in Year 6 for joining the Millionaire's Club!	

## YEAR 5 ENJOY SPACE CHAT

On Thursday this week, Year 5 enjoyed a very special opportunity; as part of their Science studies into Earth, the Sun and the Moon, they got to take part in a live online broadcast session with a famous astronaut, none other than Helen Sharman – the UK's first person in space. Year 5 were glued to the broadcast as Helen answered questions and gave advice to astronauts about to embark on their first mission.





## What are you up to?

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

This week we are reporting on a Year 3 gymnast whose hard work has really paid off. Courtney has been working hard on her gymnastics skills at her weekly club in Street and she has been rewarded with a 'most improved' trophy and certificate. Well done, Courtney and keep up the great work!



What have you been up to? Send Mr Ranger a Class Dojo message or contact your child's teacher. You could be the star of next week's newsletter!

## HALF TERM POETRY COMPETITION

This half term we are challenging children to write a poem about nature, with a lucky winner in each year group receiving a book token. Entries will be judged by a panel of teachers and school councillors with the winners being announced on World Book Day on 2nd March. There will be more details on Class Dojo next week, but why not start thinking about your inspiration this weekend...

## DON'T BE HUNGRY...

Miranda and Liz and the team at the Community Fridge want you to know that there is always food to be had in Glastonbury, so please don't go hungry this year. See below...

How can I access help?  
No referrals are needed - just come along



Can't come in person?  
Contact us on Facebook for a delivery

COMMUNITY  
FRIDGE



Fresh food available to all

Open 9am-4pm every day

Restocked daily

Located in front of the town hall

Please only take what you need



COMMUNITY  
PANTRY

Long-life food if you are in food crisis

Open 1-3, Tuesday and Thursday

Choose up to ten items

Voluntary donation  
£2.50

End of Abbey Mews,  
Silver Street side

## LOVE GLASTONBURY

FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY, WITH LOVE

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## NETBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAMS IN ACTION

This week saw plenty of sports action for St. Ben's as netball and football teams went into battle. On Monday, the netball team went to Strode where they took on Brookside and lost to a very sharp Brookside outfit. Despite being on the losing team, the children showed great resilience and kept going throughout. On

Tuesday, boys from Year 4 and 5 took on Millfield at football and won two out of three matches in the friendly fixtures. Next week, Year 6 boys take on Millfield here at St. Ben's.

## 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.

## The BIG Question: EH and Sophie reporting...

This week's BIG Question was a special one because the answer was a question! Mr Ranger challenged every child in school to come up with the next BIG Question. Here are some from around school...

Year 3: What are atoms made of? When did the world start? What's your favourite subject?

Year 4: If you were a bird, what bird would you be? If you were an animal what would you be?

Year 5: What lurks far into space? What is true fear? What is the hardest dream to achieve?

Year 6: Does pineapple belong on pizza? What would your dream school uniform be?

The question we have chosen to be next week's question is that of Year 4 Meg Hopkins. Meg's question is: "If you could create a new ELLi animal, what would it be?" Meg will take Collective Worship on Monday to introduce her BIG question. She might allow Mr Ranger to help.



If you could create a new ELLi animal, what would it be?

## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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).
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Boys' football vs Millfield at St. Benedict's – 3pm k.o.
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.
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 to Osmington Bay (residential trip)
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 your 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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