



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 10th February 2023

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

LOWER SCHOOL GO MAD FOR MATILDA

On Wednesday, pupils in Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a special treat as they got to watch the Millfield musical production of Matilda. The children loved the show in which the young cast excelled. Many thanks to Chris Carruthers and the team at Millfield for inviting us; we had a magical afternoon!



YEAR 6 ARTISTS PRODUCE WORK FOR EXHIBITION

A group of talented Year 6 artists have produced work for a forthcoming exhibition. The seven pupils, under the watchful eye of Art Lead, Miss Switzer have produced a piece each depicting their interpretation of 'Darkness to Hope' which is the theme of the exhibition at the Atkinson Gallery, Millfield. The exhibition will run from 27th February – 30th March with the artists themselves and their parents being invited to a special private viewing on Friday 24th February. Thank you to Lisa Daniels at Millfield for inviting us to participate in this fabulous project.



PUPIL TAKES COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Monday 6th February, Year 4 Meg Hopkins took Collective Worship as Mr Ranger handed over the reins to allow Meg to present her BIG Question. Meg was absolutely brilliant and is now planning to take over the school!

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

HALF TERM POETRY COMPETITION

Don't forget our half term poetry competition, the theme is nature and the deadline for entries is Tuesday 21st February. A winner will be selected from each year group with book tokens up for grabs! The judging panel will be made up of the School Council and a selection of staff members. Winners will be announced on World Book Day (2nd March).

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Luna: Trying really hard in handwriting and making great progress!	Reggie: For his beautiful handwriting! Such a huge improvement!
Unicorns:	Oliver: His great attitude and improvement in reading.	Unicorn Class: impressing Mrs Anderson with their super behaviour at the theatre.
Chameleons:	Oriella: Being such a fantastic, kind friend – always.	Megan M: Beautifully presented maths work.
Owls:	Luna: Working really hard making connections in maths.	Jake: Being a rock hero with a time of 0.87 seconds per question on TT Rockstars.
Spiders:	Dulcie: An outstanding newspaper report Golden Write.	Florence: Superb work on decimals.
Tortoises:	Iris: Great participation in class discussions this week.	Harry: For always being helpful and hard-working.
Leopards:	Leo C: Trying really hard when playing the ukulele.	Alfie: Improving attitude and presentation in class.
Peacocks:	Freddie: Excellent mathematician and making fantastic links in his learning.	Caspar: For always producing work to a high standard.
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>	Unicorn Class were this week's winning class with an average of 14.4 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Owl Class scoop the attendance award this week with 97.9% attendance. They win an extra break! Great work, Owls!	
<u>Values Award</u>	This week we recognise Ezmay and Ruby in Year 5. Ezmay for always showing kindness and resilience and Ruby for being an integral part of our class and school community.	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week's Champs were Leopard Class and they won the half term prize and came into school in mufti today! Well done, Leopards! The Battle recommences after half term – who will be the next champions??	
<u>Learning Awards</u>	Bronze Award: Jacob R (Y4); Belle-Blossom, Freya and Lannie (Y6). Silver Award: Willow and Jack C (Y3); Lily H, Penelope and Toby Mi (Y6).	
<u>Reading Awards</u>	Target Master: Reggie N (Y3). A HUGE well done to Lily H in Year 6 for joining the 100 Club and to Grace in Year 6 for becoming our latest Millionaire!	

The BIG Question: guest starring Meg

Research by Toby and Toby in Year 6.

This week's question was 'If you could create a new ELLI animal, what would it be? Each class discussed it and voted for their favourite. Year 3 will feed back after half term...

Chameleon Class: The fast-learning Cheetah

Owl Class: The Cheerful Chicken

Spider Class: The Kindness Kangaroo

Tortoise Class: The Kind Rabbit

Leopard Class: The 'Not giving up' Axalotl

Peacock Class: The Focused Fox

Headteacher's Tea Parties

On Thursday, winners of Headteacher's awards this term got to enjoy a hot chocolate and a few treats with the Headteacher as a reward for their hard work... Well done, all, and thank you to Mrs Lawford, Mrs Allen, Miss Chouings and Miss Hopkins for helping.



GREEN INFLUENCERS

Our Green Influencers have been hard at work this week establishing our new composters. Having built the composters last week, on Thursday Sophie Cooper, who runs the sessions, taught them about composting and the difference between brown and green composting. The group are now ready to educate the rest of the school and lead the composting revolution!



What are you up to?

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

This week we are celebrating pupils from Year 3 and from Year 6. First up is Prudence, who has produced a wonderful poem about nature which we hope will inspire others to enter our half term poetry competition. We also recognise Aisha who has won another medal for her incredible trampoline skills. Well done, both!



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!

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?

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 once again 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 Ashcott and lost to a very strong Ashcott outfit. The team worked hard and enjoyed the game. On Thursday, boys from Year 5 and 6 hosted Millfield at football and lost an excellent game 2-4. Afterwards the lads enjoyed refreshments – huge thanks to Mrs Lawford and Ms Branton for staying to organise this.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Please be aware that we are following the latest government guidance on attendance and therefore we are unable to authorise any absence other than for illness and exceptional circumstances e.g. funerals. If parents/carers choose to take their children on holiday during term time, this will not be authorised and you may be subject to a fine. We are passionate about our pupils receiving their full education and recognise pupils that achieve 100% attendance over the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Ranger via Class Dojo or on (01458) 831811.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 20 th February	Return from Half term
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – dress as your favourite character from a book. Library visits for Years 5 and 6.
13 th – 17 th March	Year 5 to Osmington Bay (residential trip)
Mon 20 th March	Parents' Evening (3:30 – 5:30pm)
Wed 22 nd March	Parents' Evening (5:30 – 7:30pm)
Wed 29 th March	Production Club presents Oliver!
Fri 31 st March	Break up for Easter Holidays

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 1st March from 2–3pm.

Any old shirts?

Do you have any old shirts that you would be willing to donate to the school? We are keen to have more aprons for art lessons and old shirts make perfect children's aprons.

Please bring any clean, old shirts to the office.

Many thanks!