



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 24th February 2023

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

YEAR 4 VISIT RURAL LIFE MUSEUM

On Tuesday, Year 4 got to visit the fabulous Rural Life Museum as part of their Geography studies. The intrepid explorers got to learn about their local environment. A huge thank you to Sandy and her team at the RLM.



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!

PARENTS' EVENINGS – NOTE THE DATE

This term's parents' evenings will be on Monday 20th March (3:30 – 5:30pm) and Wednesday 22nd March (5:30 – 7:30pm). Letters will be going home next week and we are keen to see all parents. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about your child's progress and to see the work in their books. If you are unable to attend on these dates, please contact your child's teacher and arrange an alternative slot. There will be longer slots on offer if your child is on our SEND register, to give an opportunity to fully discuss their progress and needs.

WORLD BOOK DAY @ ST. BEN'S

Next Thursday (2nd March) it's World Day and we will be marking the day at St. Benedict's by inviting children (and staff) to dress as their favourite character from a book. There is also the opportunity to create their favourite character from a potato. There will be prizes for best dressed in both cases!

HALF TERM POETRY COMPETITION

Thanks for your entries to our half term poetry competition – the standard looks very high! 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>Teacher's Award</u>	<u>Head's Award</u>
Cats:	Mark: For always trying his best in all his work!	There have been no Head's certificates this week, so we will double up next Friday!
Unicorns:	Charlie D: being an independent leopard in his work.	
Chameleons:	Jakob: Great listening skills at the Rural Life Museum.	
Owls:	Orrin: For a fabulous Vale of Avalon poem.	
Spiders:	Jenson: for trying really hard with his learning all week.	
Tortoises:	Viktor: for a cheerful and positive first week at St. Benedict's.	
Leopards:	Alanna: for a huge improvement in her arithmetic score.	
Peacocks:	Romeo For an excellent attitude towards his learning.	
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>	Chameleon Class were this week's winning class with an average of 14.6 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Chameleons!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Peacock Class scoop the attendance award this week with 98.5% attendance. They win an extra break! Great work, Peacocks!	
<u>Values Award</u>	This week we recognise two Year 4 pupils; Oriella for always showing exceptional kindness towards others and Luna for resilience, never giving up and trying hard!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 5 x a week at home: Cat - 55%, Unicorn - 47%, Owl - 66%, Chameleon - 80% Tortoise - 60%, Spider - 50%, Leopard - 56%, Peacock - 72% Meaning that this week's champs are Chameleon Class and they go to the top of the leader-board for this half term! Well done, Chameleons!	
<u>Learning Awards</u>	Bronze Award: Logan G, Luna, Darcie, Hendrix, Reggie T, Blossom, Aliya, Eden, Nellie, Charlie, D, Charlie L, Nico, Austin, Courtney, Pru (Year 3); Letty and Manu (Year 4); Freddie, Nova, Charlotte, Noah (Year 5); Oaken, Lucas, Josh (Year 6) Silver Award: Lucas, Leo, Tallula, Mark, Marshall, Ollie (Year 3); Jake, Mason B (Year 4); Austen (Year 6). Gold Award: Blaize (Year 4); Acacia and Spencer (Year 6).	
<u>Reading Awards</u>	Target Master: Austin (Y3); Ethan, Nova, Ruby, Holly and Dulcie (Y5); 100 Club: Spencer (200 club!), Freya and Kyla (Year 6) And well done to Kyla for joining the Millionaires' Club.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	Well done to Mori for being this week's 'Busy Bee of the Week'. Mrs Tidball has recognised Mori for his excellent work in Nurture Group.	

CLASS DOJO – POLITE REQUEST

Class Dojo really came into its own during COVID, as it gave us the opportunity to communicate easily and regularly with parents and carers. We have continued to use this post-COVID and we think it is a really valuable tool in keeping the school community linked and updating you with messages. It has come to my attention that a number of staff members have received impolite messages from parents and I would respectfully request that you keep the tone of messages polite and respectful. We are doing our best and are always keen to help; we will try to address any issues as quickly as possible. Many thanks.

RETURN OF THE MURAL MAESTRO

We are extremely fortunate that our very own mural maestro, children's illustrator Laura Harrison, has returned to create another magical space on the wall above the staircase to the Bee Hive. Here is a sneak preview of Laura's progress so far...



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 a Year 4 and a Year 6 pupil. First, before half term, Year 5 Stacey took part in the production of High School Musical at Strode Theatre; she took on the role of Kratnoff in the show which played for three nights. Also featuring this week is Megan who came second in Pony Club trotting. Well done, girls!



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?

PLEASE 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

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FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY, WITH LOVE

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PTFA 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 next week's meeting on Wed 1st March from 2-3pm.**

This week, Year 5 have been writing poetry. Tortoise Class would like to share theirs...

Earth is ... By Tortoise Class

Earth is like a wonderland, so topsy-turvy and wondrous.

Earth is a globe floating and spinning in space.

Earth is gracious like a swan dancing in the moonlight.

Earth is nature, and full of beautiful memories.

Earth is beautiful with lots of fluffy and colourful flowers.

Earth is like a colourful rainbow: red for love; orange for the sun; yellow for the stars; green for nature; blue for water; purple for the sunrise; pink for flowers; white for clouds; brown for trees; black for night.

Earth is a pearl glistening in the sun.

Earth is a crystal flower that is starting to bloom.

Earth is beautiful like purple and blue flowers in nature.

Earth is a game, but you only have one chance.

Earth is a book that slowly tells itself to learn what a cruel world it is with its iron grip.

Earth is precious: it only has one chance – use it wisely.

Earth is gone into a dark abyss.

Earth is like a ball spinning on three elephants.

Earth is a playground.

Earth is a gushy football flying through the galaxy.

Earth is a memory and life.

Earth is a child protecting us from bad things and good things for good reasons.

Earth is family like flocks together, loving each other.

Earth is magical: it's full of new discoveries and lots of surprises.

Earth is loving its best life, and will never die.

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:
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

FABULOUS FREE DANCE WORKSHOPS IN SHEPTON MALLET
CHECK OUT THE DETAILS BELOW...

Once Upon a Dance:

Family Dance Workshops

Come and enjoy some fun and creative movement with Mandy Redmond in these free family dance workshops for all the family!

- Enjoy a fun introduction to contemporary dance - with lifts and tricks and lots of high energy fun!
- Improve your flexibility, coordination and balance
- Have fun together doing something creative as a family
- Create a piece of dance together!
- Aimed at ages 6+ and up to any age!
- Spaces will be prioritised for families in receipt of free school meals



**No
experience
needed**

'I love this class! Mandy makes it really fun and we spend a lot of the time laughing whilst learning'



Thursdays, 4:10 - 5:10pm

Taster Session: 23rd Feb

**Weekly sessions:
2nd - 23rd March
20th April - 4th May**

St Paul's CofE (VC) Junior School Hall

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space or find out more!**



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