



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 3rd March 2023

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

READ ALL ABOUT IT! WORLD BOOK DAY A HIT AT ST. BEN'S!

On Thursday 2nd March, children and staff at St. Ben's celebrated a World Book Day to remember as they dressed as their favourite character from a book. There were various book related activities throughout the day, including visits to the library for Years 5 and 6, an assembly with Selena Gunn from the library service and prizes for best dressed. There was also the potato challenge (create a fictional character from a potato – won by Year 6, Harry Cruwys!) and the announcement of the winners of the Nature themed half term poetry competition (see page 2). Alison from Morrisons also visited to donate some books to the school. Huge thanks to Selena, to Glastonbury Library, to Morrisons Supermarket and to our English Lead, Mrs Brown, for organising the day.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Head's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Reggie T: making a huge improvement with his handwriting.	Logan GL: for always being ready to learn and always presenting his work beautifully.
Unicorns:	Aliya: for always working hard and trying her best.	Leo: for doing great partner talk and always working as a team.
Chameleons:	Sophia: excellent presentation in all her work.	Megan MJ: a superb 'blurb' about the story of King Arthur.
Owls:	Hartley: resilient tortoise in Maths and for preserving with handwriting.	Isabelle: working hard in all subjects and being a kind friend.
Spiders:	Ruby: always having a super attitude to her learning.	Brandon: for improving his reading at home.
Tortoises:	Gabriella: a positive attitude to her work this week.	All Tortoise Class: for an enthusiastic and interesting visit to the library.
Leopards:	Lily: superb focus and jolly disposition in her learning.	Toby Mo: being a fantastic team player in PE – super helpful! Thank you.
Peacocks:	Sirus: excellent effort and progress in his learning.	Charlie: for always giving 100% effort to every task.
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>	Leopard Class were this week's winning class with an average of 39 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Leopards!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Tortoise Class scoop the attendance award this week with an impressive 99.6% attendance. They win an extra break! Great work, Tortoises!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 5 x a week at home: Cat - 36%, Unicorn - 47%, Owl - 71%, Chameleon - 66% Tortoise - 42%, Spider - 63%, Leopard - 70%, Peacock - 40% So this week's champs are Owl Class and they go joint top of the leader-board!	
<u>Learning Awards</u>	Bronze Award: Jasper, Sasha, Xahli, Nathan and Sofia (Y4); Rosalee and Ethan (Y5); Daniel (Y6). Silver Award: Orrin, Jessica, Flora, Theo, Stanley, Sophia, Oriella, Eloise, Amelia and Megan MJ (Y4); Brandon, Arthur, Eyed, Monika, Harry, Chester and Katie (Y5)	
<u>Other awards</u>	Well done to Oz for earning a Happy Face award for being a great role model.	

SCHOOL COUNCIL SELECTS WINNING POEMS

On Wednesday 1st March, the School Council and Mr Ranger met with one aim – select the winning Nature themed poem for each year group. After much deliberation, the Councillors had chosen their favourites and also created a new category – best illustrated! Thanks to the School Council for their excellent work and to every poet that entered; the standard of poetry was outstanding and made it a very difficult job! We will publish the winning poems over the next few weeks.

The winners (pictured with Selena and Mrs Brown):

Year 3: Nellie Neeve, Year 4: Luna Trott,

Year 5: Dulcie Casey-Sharp Year 6: Hazel Griffander

Best illustration: Manu Hobday



What are you up to?

Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are getting up to out of school. This week, Year 4 Echo has passed her initial Grade Piano exam gaining a very good merit.

Meanwhile, Year 3 Sophia has gained her Stage 3 swimming award.

We are also proud of Year 4 Jasper who has been a Team Leader at his Martial Arts Club, where he has worked hard to improve his techniques. Finally, Year 6 EH who went to watch the Lionesses in last week's final at Ashton Gate and even got her heroes to sign her hat!



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!

MILLFIELD ART EXHIBITION

A number of talented Year 6 pupils have their work displayed at the Atkinson Gallery, Millfield as part of the current Darkness to Hope exhibition. The artists themselves got to take their parents along for a pre-opening evening where they saw their work alongside that of other local artists and schools. **Artists whose work was displayed:** Delilah, Kyla, Ava, Caspar, Rosie, Freddie, Hazel.



PTFA DATES FOR FUNDRAISERS

Our fabulous PTFA met on Wednesday to discuss our fundraising events for the rest of the year. It was lovely to welcome a parent to the meeting and we'd love to see more of you!

The two events we will be running are as follows:

Quiz and Pudding Night: Wed 26th April

Are you a Quizzzy Rascal? Please sign up your team ASAP!

BenFest: Friday 7th July – we need as much support as possible from parents and carers – can you run a stall/help out with setting up?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR BENFEST?

Do you have your own business? Would you like to advertise your services at our biggest fundraising event of the year? Why not contact us regarding sponsorship of BenFest? You could sponsor the whole event, the Talent Show acts, the food tent or even the drinks tent?

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.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

This term's parents' evenings will be on Monday 20th March (3:30 – 5:30pm) and Wednesday 22nd March (5:30 – 7:30pm). Letters have gone this week and we are keen to see all parents and carers. 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.

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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Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 13 th March	Year 3 and 4 Boys' Football Team to Millfield – letters out next week.
13 th – 17 th March	Year 5 to Osmington Bay (residential trip)
Mon 20 th March	Parents' Evening (3:30 – 5:30pm) – a letter has gone out this week; please sign up for your slot.
Wed 22 nd March	Parents' Evening (5:30 – 7:30pm) – a letter has gone out this week; please sign up for your slot.
Wed 29 th March	Production Club presents Oliver!
Fri 31 st March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Mon 17 th April	Start of the Summer Term – back to school!

The BIG Question:

Q. Who is your favourite fictional book character and why?

Ethan (Y6): Diary of a Wimpy Kid because he's really funny.

Caspar: Alan Grant, because he's smart and cool.

Lucian: Iron Man, because his suit is really cool.

Ethan (Y5): Tanjiro Kamado because he has amazing sword abilities.

Who is your favourite fictional book character?

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

Make the
Sunshine

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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