



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 17th March 2023

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

ST.BEN'S ARE TRUESPEED'S 150th FREE CUSTOMER

Truespeed have provided Fibre Broadband free of charge to both St. Benedict's and St. John's Schools and the internet providers were keen to acknowledge our school as their 150th free customer. Truespeed CEO, James Lowther, came in to speak to the children about their experience of the service so far and Lily and Aisha spoke so articulately they were both offered jobs in the Truespeed Marketing Dept! Truespeed has also agreed to sponsor two St. Benedict's football kits, so, next year, both our Boys' and Girls' team will wear their new kit with pride.



NETBALL AND FOOTBALL ACTION

This week saw more sporting action... First up, on Monday, the Lower School Boys' football teams who took on Millfield, with both teams bagging five goals on their way to victories. The matches saw a of debuts for a number of Year 3 and 4 lads who played brilliantly. The teams (and parents) were lucky enough to enjoy a 'match tea' after the games. On Tuesday it was the turn of the Netball team as they took on Elmhurst at Strode. Despite playing really well it was a tough fixture which Elmhurst ended up winning. Well done to all the pupils that took part in both events.

YEAR 5 HAVE A BLAST!

Year 5 have had an incredible week at Osmington Bay. They got to try some amazing activities, including archery, rifle shooting, fencing and a variety of climbing activities as well as the traditional camp fire and other evening excitement! We are sure they'll sleep well this weekend. Well done to all of Year 5 for being brilliant this week – it's been wonderful to see you having a go at all the activities and overcoming your fears!

Huge thanks to the team of adults that attended; Mrs Cotton, Ms Kirby, Miss Hopkins, Miss Shephard, Miss Leppington, Mrs Hunt, Miss Skinner, Mr Smith and Mr Ranger. We are equally certain that they will sleep well this weekend!

In next week's Bulletin, we'll run a special Year 5 Osmington Bay photo feature special!

DON'T FORGET PARENTS' EVENINGS!

Thank you for signing up for a Parents' Evening slot. A reminder that these are happening next Monday (20th March) and Wednesday (22nd March). If you haven't got a slot yet, please contact your child's teacher.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Head's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Sam: his excellent attitude to his learning!	Luna-Lily: for her excellent effort at improving her handwriting!
Unicorns:	Marshall: for amazing participation in Quiditch.	Austin: for being resilient in Assessment week.
Chameleons:	Eloise: for improving her handwriting and presentation.	Eve: for being such a kind and helpful friend.
Owls:	Jasmine: super presentation and detail in Holy Grail story.	Jemimah: super hard work improving her handwriting.
Spiders:	Osmington Bay 2023	Osmington Bay 2023
Tortoises:	Osmington Bay 2023	Osmington Bay 2023
Leopards:	Rhiley: for responding positively to feedback.	Amelia: for believing in herself just a little bit more!
Peacocks:	Ethan: being an outstanding role model and always trying his best.	Fern: for excellent progress with her presentation.
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>	Tortoise Class and Spider Class were this week's winning class with an average of 34 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Year 5!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Owl Class scoop the attendance award again this week with an impressive 97.5% attendance. They win an extra break! Great work, Owls!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	<p>This week the following % of children managed to read 5 x a week at home:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cat - 36%, Unicorn - 68%, Owl - 67%, Chameleon - 62%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tortoise – Osmington Bay, Spider – Osmington Bay, Leopard - 52%, Peacock - 50%</p> <p>Meaning that this week's champs are Unicorn Class and they go joint top of the leader-board for this half term! Well done Unicorns!</p>	
<u>Learning Awards</u>	Silver: Jack P (Y3), Talia and Daisy (Y4), Alanna (Y6)	
<u>Reading Awards</u>	This week, Jakob (Y4) has earned himself a Target Master award and Daniel (Y6) has bagged himself a 'Star Pointer' award. Well done, lads!	

PLEASE BE VIGILANT!

It has come to our attention that some pupils from St. Dunstan's have been approached by men asking them to get into their car/van this week. Please ensure that all pupils from Year 3 – Year 5 are accompanied home and we would recommend Year 6's walking together if possible. Please let us know if you are approached.

Quiz and Pudding Night: Wed 26th April

Are you a quizzly rascal? Why not get along to our PTFA Quiz and Pudding night on Wed 26th April from 6pm – 9pm.

Book your team in now and let the games begin!

£5 per person, teams of up to six quizzers!
Puddings included. There will be a bar and soft drinks available.

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?

What are you up to?

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

This week, Year 4 Jake has bagged the Player of the Week award after his hatrick in a thumping 19-0 win for his team the Wessex Vipers.

Meanwhile, Year 3 Sophia impressed a mesmerised School Hall in Celebration Praise today as she played the violin for us. Sophia has just passed her debut entry level assessment with a Merit Great work both of you!



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!

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



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Contact us on Facebook for a delivery

COMMUNITY FRIDGE



Fresh food available to all

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Please only take what you need



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Choose up to ten items

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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.

PARKING: POLITE REQUEST

When collecting children from the Proper Job entrance, please do not park in front of the West Park or Auto Electricals workshops; it makes it difficult and potentially dangerous for them to do their job. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 20 th March	Parents' Evening (3:30 – 5:30pm)
Wed 22 nd March	Parents' Evening (5:30 – 7:30pm)
Thurs 23 rd March	Mini-Police trip to Wilfred Fuller Mounted Horse Section, Clevedon
Wed 29 th March	Production Club presents Oliver!
Fri 31 st March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April	Return to school