



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 28th April 2023

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

PTFA QUIZ A HUGE SUCCESS

The PTFA quiz on Wednesday 26th April was a triumph with a packed hall putting their grey matter to the test. Quiz master Becky Greuter produced a brain-busting mix of questions, with rounds including music, gaming and Disney. At half time, quizzers got to enjoy some tasty treats with a range of delicious puddings on offer. Congratulations to the Bee Hive team who ran out eventual winners. Huge thanks to Becky for her excellent quiz and to all those that attended for their support of the school, to any pudding-makers and to the PTFA for all their hard work in hosting the event.



RAISED BEDS FOR HAPPY HEADS

During Lockdown schooling, we introduced a new initiative – Raised Beds for Happy Heads; the concept is simple – four sets of raised beds around the town of Glastonbury that we plant up and our pupils look after; the aim being that they bring a smile to the faces of those walking by. This week, pupils from Years 3 and 4 planted theirs up for this year with the help of Mrs Caston and Mr Ranger. Anyone walking past the Doctor's Surgery or Heritage Court will be able to admire our new planting – we welcome any feedback!



Growing Garden gets going

This week our green-fingered guru, Mrs Caston, has been working with children from different year groups to get the growing garden weeded and ready for action. For many children this has been the perfect start to the day – outdoors and mindful!



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Head's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Mark: being resilient and conquering his fear of swimming! Super Star!	Sam: for his excellent effort in Active Maths!
Unicorns:	Kara: for impressing everyone with her swimming confidence.	Isaac: for being a creative unicorn in DT for great sewing.
Chameleons:	Talia: for fantastic progress in her multiplication tables.	Archie: for being such a great friend.
Owls:	Jacob R: being enthusiastic about all work and working hard in every lesson.	Theo: for always working hard and being a super team player.
Spiders:	Liam: excellent work on angles this week in maths.	Lucian: for hugely improved focus and learning behaviour.
Tortoises:	Corey: for supper work on angles this week.	Finley: for a more positive attitude this week.
Leopards:	Lucas: for being a resilient tortoise in maths this week!	Spencer: for always putting in 100% effort into his work!
Peacocks:	Aisha: presenting her work neatly and supporting others with their learning.	Harry: for excellent independent learning and use of SATS boot camp.
<u>Dojo Points Champs</u>	Unicorn Class were this week's winning class with an average of 11.5 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Unicorn Class!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	To be announced next week!	
<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 - 42%, Unicorn - 42%, Owl - 48%, Chameleon - 50%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tortoise - 52%, Spider - 50%, Leopard - 42%, Peacock - 68%</p> <p>Meaning that this week's champs are Peacock Class who are joint top of the leader-board for this term's challenge! Well done Peacocks!</p>	
<u>Learning Awards</u>	<p>Bronze: Yuliia (Yr3), and Jakob (Yr4)</p> <p>Silver: Faye, Nellie, Ralph, Charlie L, Austin (Yr3), Florence (Yr5), Sophie, Sofia and Zander (Yr6). Well done, everyone!</p>	
<u>Other Awards</u>	Star of the Week award to Romeo in Year 6 for going to incredible lengths to attend Maths Booster groups – because he cares about his learning. Fantastic!	



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS – 5th May



The King's Coronation is on Saturday 6th May and we will mark the occasion by having a 'Big Lunch' at school. We will all eat together outside and the children will get to make crowns and place settings for the event. **The dress theme for the day will be red, white and blue.**

We will then be back outside at 2pm to play some games with the children.

We will be holding an ice-lolly sale after school and the gates will open at 3pm to let parents and carers in. All proceeds will go towards Year 6's London trip.

In the evening there will be a Coronation Disco run by the PTFA from 6pm – 8pm. If you are able to support with this, we would be very grateful for any help, please let us know.

Head's Tea Party

On Friday, the winners of Headteacher's awards last term got to enjoy an ice-lolly with the Headteacher. As you can see, they were very proud of themselves and loved their tasty treats! After their lollies, children got to take an extra break with Mr Ranger, including an epic game of hide and seek!



What are you up to?

Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are getting up to out of school. This week, Hendrix in Year 3 has managed to raise an impressive £585 for the Autistic Society by climbing the Tor. Brave Hendrix took on the climb despite previously being terrified of the feat. Meanwhile, Lilith in Year 6 found herself in the unusual predicament of holding a man upside down while he breathed fire at a Medieval Fayre. Meanwhile, Nathan in Year 4 was busy earning his Trampolining Proficiency award. Well done, everyone!



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday – no school
Wednesday 3 rd May	PTFA Meeting at 2pm: ALL WELCOME 😊
Friday 5 th May	Coronation celebrations at school, Ice-lolly sale at 3pm, Coronation Disco - £2.50 per ticket, available via ParentPay
Monday 8 th May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday – no school
Tues 9 th – Fri 12 th May	SATs Week (Year 6)
Friday 26 th May	Break up for half term

PARENT AND CARER SURVEY

This week, Mr Ranger posted a link to this year's Parent and Carer survey. We would be very grateful if you'd find a few minutes to share your views of St. Ben's. Deadline is 9th May; all named surveys will be entered in a prize draw.

CORONATION DISCO 5th May: 6pm – 8pm



Our PTFA is running a Coronation Disco on 5th May. The theme will be 'red, white and blue and we'll be looking for dancing kings and queens. Tickets available via ParentPay – £2.50 each to include a fizzy drink. Toys and sweets for sale! Max £5 spending money.

The **BIG** Question:

Is St. Ben's an Inclusive School?

This week's roving reporters are Ava and Rosie.

"St. Ben's is an inclusive school because it doesn't have gender specific sports teams." Yr 6

"Yes, because we don't leave anyone out for any reason if they have a disability." Ezmay, Yr 5

"Yes, because we welcome anyone different from anywhere no matter who they are and how they act." Harry, Yr 5

"St. Ben's is inclusive because no matter who they are they are a part of us."

Xahli, Yr 4

"Yes, because everyone is kind."

Jessica, Yr 4

WANTED! SMALL WORLD TOYS

Year 3 are building up their resources and are keen to add **small world toys** to their outdoor area. Do you have any items at home? From farm animals/buildings to food containers. **Or any other Early Years toys/wooden puzzles.**

UPS AND DOWNS TOTAL

Thanks to all the children and staff who wore odd socks to mark World Down Syndrome Day on 21st March.

As a school we raised £65.33 towards this worthy cause.

We recognise that times are tough and thank you for your donations.