



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 26th May 2023

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

ST. BEN'S ROCKS

On Friday, pupils and staff at St. Ben's rocked out as they celebrated TT Rockstars Day. As well as 'totally awesome' outfits, the day was also a chance to focus on the children's Times Tables knowledge – as we know a command of basic mental maths facts (including tables) is so crucial when mastering maths! Amazing effort everyone and thanks to Mr Kelland for organising the day!



YEAR 6 GET MONEY-WISE

On Thursday 25th May, Year 6 were visited by Guy and Baz from the Citizens' Advice Bureau for workshops on being finance savvy. The sessions looked at borrowing money, including loan sharks as well as helping children to understand the importance of budgeting and saving. Baz and Guy, who have worked with over 2,500 children, were incredibly impressed with our Year 6's behaviour and attitude to the sessions. Well done, Year 6 and thanks to Baz and Guy!



Left: Baz and Guy talk money matters.

Right: Year 6 produce work on loan sharks



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Logan G – for having much more confidence in the swimming pool.	Thomas – for being more independent at swimming!
Unicorns:	Kiyo – a positive attitude to all of his learning.	Nico – for making a positive change to his learning behaviour.
Chameleons:	Daisy – for writing a wonderful defeating the monster story.	Reuben – for his great knowledge about all things 'space'.
Owls:	Annabelle – for being resilient tortoise; always working really hard cheerfully.	Jacob P – for being a kind friend and always doing his best in all his work.
Spiders:	Brandon – for super DT work on his moving carnival cart.	Sam – for super work on his DT moving carnival cart.
Tortoises:	Rosalee – standing up for others.	Mya – for fantastic reading this week.
Leopards:	Lily M – for a positive attitude towards all aspects of school!	Alfie – for an amazing diary entry based on 'Goodnight Mister Tom'.
Peacocks:	Daniel – for excellent effort with his learning.	Rosie – for excellent input during our money workshop.
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 5 x a week at home: Cat - 58%, Unicorn - 57%, Owl - 88%, Chameleon - 56% Tortoise – 63%, Spider – 84%, Leopard - 68%, Peacock - 60% Meaning that this week's champs are Owl Class who are top of the leader-board for this next term! Well done Owls!	
<u>Learning Awards</u>	Bronze: Jack R (Year 3); Silver: Harriet, Precious, Iris, Gabriella, Felix, Ruby and Luka (Year 5), Cole, Elena and Caspar (Year 6) Gold: Megan M, Megan H and Isabelle (Year 4), Holly and Sol (Year 5), Lily M and Toby Mi (Year 6)	
<u>Values Award</u>	Alfred – for showing kindness to all and integrity in everything he does. Stacey – for showing kindness to her friends in PE and DT.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	Junior Duke: Sophia (Year 3); Star of the Week: Luna (Year 4) – for being an excellent role model to younger pupils. Leo H (Year 6) – for excellent role model to Year 3 pupils – Well Done! Mrs Allen – for being the 'Flat Pack' BBQ Queen. Easter Writing Competition: Sophia and Jasper (Year 4) Reading: Max and Brandon (Year 5) and Belle-Blossom (Year 6)	

CHANGE TO READING RECORD CHECKS AFTER HALF TERM

After half term, we will be altering the Book Battle to reward all children who are reading regularly at home. We will now be asking for at least 4 home reads a week and all children who manage this will be rewarded with an extra break after Celebration Praise on a Friday. Those who don't will get the opportunity to read at this time and can receive support if they need it. We will still reward the top reading class each half term with a mufti day!

The Parent/Carer role in this is crucial; please find time to encourage your child and to sign their record.

ST. BEN'S ON SONG

On Wednesday this week, the whole school got to exercise their vocal chords as inspirational choir-master Matthew Redman visited to give the children a taster of what it is to be a chorister. The school was alive with music and we proved, once again, that St. Ben's singers have beautiful voices!



What are you up to?

Our weekly update on our pupils' adventures out of school. It's a really busy one this week! Mason and Jake's (both Year 4) football team have come runners up in the cup, Sam in Year 5 has achieved his first belt in martial arts, Jack C in Year 3 has secured 'Most Improved Player of the Season' for his club and Harry (Year 6) has been awarded the Manager's Player of the Season award. Well done, all!



WANTED! EARLY YEARS 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.**

ARE YOU A CARPENTER/JOINER?

We are looking for a carpenter/joiner to help us with an exciting project for the children which will involve creating a decking stage. Would you donate your skills/offer mates' rates to help us? Please call/Dojo message Mr Ranger if you might be interested.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Monday 5 th June	Start back after half term
Wed 7 th June at 2pm	PTFA meeting to plan BenFest – all parents and carers very welcome.
Thurs 15 th June	Year 6 London Trip
Friday 23 rd and Monday 26 th June	INSET Days – planned around the Pilton Festival. School closed.
Thursday 29 th and Friday 30 th June	Lower School and Upper School World Cup Football Tournament with Finals on Friday 30 th June.
Monday 3 rd July	Talent Show Grand Final: class shows will be held the week before. Winner from each class will get a slot at BenFest (if they want!)
Wed 5 th July	Transition Day
Friday 7 th July	BenFest: help required and please come along to support the event!



TT ROCKSTARS BATTLE OF THE BANDS:



Cats: Jack C – most valuable player. Reggie – 2nd most valuable player. Courtney – 3rd most valuable player.

Unicorns: Sophia – most valuable player. Isaac – 2nd most valuable player. Austin – 3rd most valuable player.

Chameleons: Eloise – most valuable player. Reuben – 2nd most valuable player. Xahli – 3rd most valuable player.

Owls: Jake – most valuable player. Theo – 2nd most valuable player. Jasmine – 3rd most valuable player.

Spiders: Felix – most valuable player. Florence – 2nd most valuable player. Sam – 3rd most valuable player.

Tortoise: Ethan W – most valuable player. Simeon – 2nd most valuable player. Chester – 3rd most valuable player.

Leopards: Kyla – most valuable player. Acacia – 2nd most valuable player. Rhiley – 3rd most valuable player.

What's your talent?


After half term, we will be running talent shows in each class, with the winners being offered a slot at BenFest (Friday 7th July).

Why not encourage your child to practice their talent over half term – they could be our next superstar!

REMINDER: WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. Please consider this when making your child's lunch as we have a number of children with serious nut allergies.

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EVENT DATE & TIME:

Monday 29th May 2pm onwards

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Street Bowling Club

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