



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 9th June 2023

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

## PUPILS VISIT WATERSTONES

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, a group of lucky St. Ben's pupils got to visit Waterstones Book Shop in Wells as part of an initiative run by the fabulous Wells Festival of Literature team.

A member of the Waterstones' team, Kate, was on hand to talk the children through the treasure trove of fiction and non-fiction books at the store, while three members of the Wells Festival team, Sue, Hilary and Irene spent time enjoying books with the children.

And that wasn't all! The generous Wells Festival team donated money for the children to select books to take home. It was a magical morning for all, after which the children got to read one of their books on the Wells Cathedral Green. Huge thanks to Waterstones for having us and to Bug McKaig and the wonderful Wells Festival of Literature team for making it all happen. Also to Mr Ranger and Mrs Caston for staffing the trip (they both loved it!) and to Mrs Lawford for transporting the group.



## ROUNDERS TEAM TRIUMPH

St. Ben's Rounders Team notched up another victory this week as they recorded a win over Walton to take them to the top of the local schools' league. The home fixture was well attended by supporters who were treated to a fiesta of rounders, St. Ben's impressing with the bat and in the field. Toby and Hazel caught the eye with some big hits to get St. Ben's off to a flying start, but it was in the field where the home team really excelled with their brilliant fielding (Ethan took a number of staggering catches!) and outstanding team work. The final score was 50-24. St. Ben's next assignment is a home fixture vs Meare on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – why not come and support! Huge thanks to Mrs Brown, Mr Lintell and Mrs Varney for their great work coaching the team. **Well done, everyone!!**



	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
St Bens	3	3	0	0	159	88	71	9
West Pennard	2	2	0	0	133	82	51	6
Brookside A	1	1	0	0	106	49	57	3
Brookside B	2	1	0	1	134	111	23	3
Ashcott	2	1	0	1	103	88	15	3
Butleigh	3	1	0	2	132	177	-45	3
Meare	2	0	0	2	86	163	-77	0
Walton	3	0	0	3	118	213	-95	0

# ST. BEN'S SCHOOL PANTRY TO SUPPORT FAMILIES

We are delighted to announce that St. Ben's has a new school pantry which is aimed at supporting families and preventing anyone in our school community being hungry. The initiative has been set up by the wonderful Love Glastonbury team, including Miranda, Liz and Al.

The aim is to fill up the shelves of our pantry (which is situated in our foyer), so that anyone in need can help themselves. We welcome donations of non-perishable food items (e.g. dried pasta, pasta sauces and any tins of e.g. beans/soup/spaghetti). No fresh food please! Once our shelves are full, We will let you all know and you are welcome to come and help yourselves to a few items whenever you need it.

**Please bring any donations to the school office.**



Miranda and Al (who made the pantry), along with St. Ben's Inclusion Manager, Jane Newbury

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Mark: for always being kind to others and being super helpful!	Jack R: for being really brave and trying hard to float on his back during swimming!
Unicorns:	Isaac: for a lovely traditional Golden Write.	Isaac: for being a Chameleon and improving his learning behaviour.
Chameleons:	Jakob: excellent progress learning his times tables.	Echo: for great progress learning her times tables.
Owls:	Noah: for superstar learning times tables.	Mason B: for super kind friend and a great helper in class.
Spiders:	Alfred: for superb decimals work in dividing x by 10, 100 and 1000	Jenson: for working hard and completing lots of work!
Tortoises:	Louie: for writing an outstanding myth.	Isambard: for a great start at St Ben's it's a pleasure to have you in Tortoise Class!
Leopards:	Josh: for being a leopard in his learning and always trying his best!	Frankie: for a more positive attitude towards her learning.
Peacocks:	Romeo: An excellent attitude to try something new.	Cole: for always supporting and encouraging others.

This week, **Owl Class** scooped both the Attendance Award (100%) and the Class Dojo Points Award (14.5 points average). Really well done, Owls, you little heroes!

<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	<p>This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home:</p> <p><b>Cat - 68%, Unicorn - 38%, Owl - 67%, Chameleon - 58%</b></p> <p><b>Tortoise - 68%, Spider - 64%, Leopard - 63%, Peacock - 44%</b></p> <p>Meaning that this week's champs are Cats and Tortoise Class who are top of the leader-board for this half term! Well done Cats and Tortoises!</p> <p>Well done all children that read 4 x or more – we hope you enjoyed your extra break!</p>
<u>Learning Awards</u>	<p>Silver: Sam, Aliya &amp; Nico (Yr3) Mason Tr (Yr4), Finley (Yr5)</p> <p>Gold: Courtney (Yr3), Eaden and Eyed (Yr5) Aimee (Yr6)</p>
<u>Other Awards</u>	<p>Hundred Club: Lily H (Yr6); Millionaires Club: Lily H (Yr6)</p> <p>Junior Duke: Ollie (Yr3)</p>



## CHANGE TO BOOK BATTLE REWARDS

A reminder that we have altered the Book Battle to reward all children who are reading regularly at home. We are now 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.

## What are you up to?

Our weekly update on our pupils' adventures out of school. This week, Sam in Year 5 has impressed the coaches at his new football Club, Wells City. Meanwhile, Ralph in Year 3 scooped a player of the tournament prize during his team's tour in Holland – he also led them to victory! Well done, lads! Sophia has been shining on the stage once again, this time performing with her Somerstage Musical Theatre School; they performed a showcase of songs from famous musicals at the McMillan Theatre during half term. Finally, a huge well done to Noah in Year 6, who, just 14 months after starting swimming lessons, has been awarded his Stage 7 award. Incredible effort, Noah!



## 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 JOINER/ CARPENTER?

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.

## 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.

## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders match vs Meare
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Lions' Concert Strobe: 4:30pm (for the cast of Oliver). A letter has gone home about this.
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 London Trip
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Days – planned around the Pilton Festival. School closed.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Lower School World Cup Football Tournament
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Upper School World Cup Football Tournament with Upper and Lower School Finals in the afternoon.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	BenFest: help required and please come along to support the event!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Benedict's Sports Day: Upper School 10am, Lower School 1:30pm

### What's your talent?

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

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