



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 22nd June 2023

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LONDON CALLING!

Last Thursday, Year 6 enjoyed a magical day in our incredible capital city. As well as taking in the sites of Buckingham Palace, St. James Park, Horseguards' Parade, Downing Street and Parliament, the excited children got to enjoy a London Eye experience and were spellbound by an unforgettable matinee performance of Frozen at the Theatre Royal. The trip was rounded off by a delicious dinner at Las Iguanas on the South Bank. As ever, our pupils were a credit to St. Benedict's, behaving outstandingly all day. Thanks to them for being brilliant and also to the Year 6 team who organised and ran the day superbly.



"As always, St. Ben's children relished every opportunity and were a credit to the school."
Mr Kelland



Of the London Eye:
"It was insane to be that high in the air.
The view was incredible!"
Mohammed



"I loved the churros at Las Iguanas – they reminded me of Spanish Club and Ms Kirby." Lannie



"I enjoyed Frozen the most. The set design was amazing!" Hazel



"It was the best thing I've ever experienced!" Grace

"I wish the day could have lasted forever!" Aisha



LONDON CALLING! Continued...



Special Visitors hand out Glastonbury in Bloom Prizes

A number of talented St. Benedict's artists received awards for their Glastonbury in Bloom 2023 poster designs this week. A panel of judges recognised the brilliant work of the pupils and new mayor Indra was on hand to give out the awards, along with friend of the school Sarah Marks, who is the clerk to the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee. Each winner received a wonderful framed certificate which included their design as well as a voucher to be used at Dicketts, who sponsored the competition. Well done to all pupils who took part and a huge thank you to Indra and Sarah.



YEAR 4 SMASH TABLES CHECK

Over the past few weeks the national Multiplication Tables Check has taken place and our Year 4's have smashed the challenge, each eagerly taking on the 25 question online assessment. We will find out the results later in the year, but the whole school are really proud of their outstanding attitude to the challenge. Thanks to Ms Bradshaw, Mrs Brown and the Year 4 team for their incredible tables work – the songs and TT Rockstars practise are really paying off!



The tables heroes of Year 4!

ARTISTS VISIT MILLFIELD SCULPTURE TRAIL

A group of 14 lucky St. Benedict's pupils got to visit Millfield for a tour of their sculpture trail. Organised by Art Lead, Miss Switzer, and Governor, Sue Wootton, the session was a chance for our pupils to expand their horizons and learn about different types of sculpture. Huge thanks to Millfield for making the pupils so welcome. We hope to visit again in the near future...



YEAR 3 HAVE A QUACKING TIME

On Tuesday this week, Year 3 hosted some very special visitors in the form of some adorable ducklings. Taran's Dad brought them in as a special treat for Year 3, who got the opportunity to stroke the super-soft ducklings. A huge thank you to Taran's Dad for taking the time to visit and well done to Year 3 for being so gentle!



YEAR 6 SPORTS LEADERS HOST YEAR 1

On Tuesday afternoon, St. Benedict's hosted some very special visitors in the form of Year 1 pupils from St. John's. The Year 6 Sports Leaders, led by Mr Lintell, delivered PE sessions for the Year 1s, who really enjoyed their visit. This is part of the transition programme the two schools are developing to make the transition between St. John's and St. Ben's as seamless as possible. Thank you to Mr Lintell and the Sports Leaders who were superb!



Year 6 Sports Leaders play host to Year 1.

PTFA REQUEST BENFEST DONATIONS

Our PTFA are busy organising our summer fund-raiser, BenFest and would like to remind any parents and carers that we would love their help on the day (Friday 7th July).

They would also like wine and bottle bags for the wine and water stall, chocolate for the chocolate tombola and 'smellies' for the other tombola. Please bring any items to the office by Friday 30th June please.

What are you up to?

Our weekly update on our pupils' adventures out of school. This week, it's a trampolining special with three of our pupils winning medals last weekend. First up, it's well done to Austin in Year 3 who came 1st out of 60 entrants from all across Somerset. Congratulations, too, to Jasmine in Year 4 who placed 1st and 3rd at the Strobe competition. Finally, not to be outdone, Aisha in Year 6 also managed to come 1st in her age group. Everyone at St. Ben's is proud of you all!

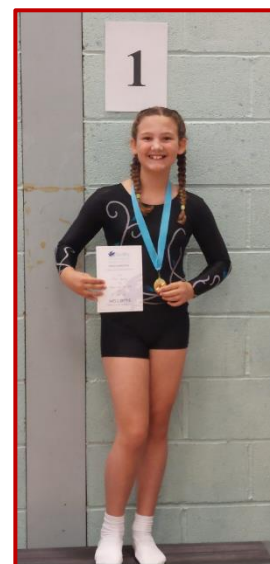


A trio of triumphs

Left: An excited Austin wins gold!

Right: Jasmine returns home with two medals.

Far right: Aisha bags 1st place for her age group.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Friday 23 rd and Monday 26 th June	INSET Days – planned around the Pilton Festival. School closed.
Thursday 29 th June	Lower School World Cup Football Tournament
Friday 30 th June	Upper School World Cup Football Tournament with Upper and Lower School Finals in the afternoon.
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!)
Tues 4 th July	Transition Day for Years 2, 3, 5 and 6. PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS CHANGED FROM WED 5 th JULY DUE TO NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ACTION, but St. Benedict's will remain open as usual.
Friday 7 th July	Transition Day for Year 4 moving up to Year 5.
Friday 7 th July	BenFest: help required and please come along to support the event!
Friday 14 th July	St. Benedict's Sports Day: Upper School 10am, Lower School 1:30pm