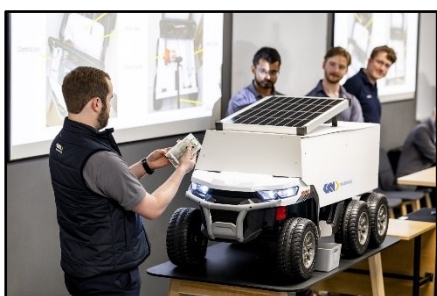


Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following the update earlier this term of Ben's Primary Engineer competition submission of a robotic water purifier, the school is delighted to announce that of the more than 76,000 entrants – he and Countess Gytha School were the overall competition co-winners, alongside a submission from a school in Southampton of an automated, seed planting robot.



Representatives from the staff joined Ben and his family at the Barony Hall in Glasgow to receive the golden plaque and certification which now hangs proudly in the school foyer! Miss Bridge will be opening this year's competition rounds for Years 1-6 in the spring term.

Excitingly, all classes enjoyed a trip to Cineworld, Yeovil to watch either Despicable Me 4 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) or Eagle Huntress (Years 3-6). Feedback from the trip was overwhelmingly positive, with some children visiting the cinema for the first time and many for the first time with friends.



A reminder that next Monday (25th November) is a school MUFTi day, to help raise tombola prizes for the school PTFA's Christmas Fair event, to be held in the school hall and adjacent corridor, after school on Friday 29th November – please see flyers below for more information!

After school on Monday 25th, parents are invited to join teaching staff in the school hall for an informal discussion about each class's maths curriculum and how maths is taught in your child's school year. No booking is required for this event and if parents are unable to attend but wish to receive further information about the school's maths curriculum, please inform the school office so that further information can be sent on.

A final call for anybody wanting to register their requests for seating at the Christingle – [the form closes at 5pm on Sunday evening and can be found by following this link.](#)

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I would like you to join me in congratulating the following children who were recognised this week by their teachers for excellent hard work and dedication:

Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Florence, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for being a kind and considerate friend – wonderful to hear, young lady! Well done Jacob, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week, for writing a fantastic short phrase with independence in our writing lessons – keep it up!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Georgia, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for great enthusiasm and dedication to learn her lines and songs for the nativity – great to hear, Georgia! Well done to Lily, who has been chosen as Pendragon's Worker of the Week for fantastic descriptive sentences about Stickman – well done, Lily!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Darcy as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for working so hard on her spellings for the past few weeks – these will really help in your writing Darcy, well done! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Mason, for working hard this week on his multiplication skills – great work, Mason!

Excalibur – Phoebe F has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for demonstrating growing confidence in volunteering and answering questions in lessons – keep up the courage, Phoebe! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is McKenzie, for working super hard to learn quick recall of all times tables up to 12x12 and therefore passing his Championship 100 medal – great work, McKenzie!

Lancelot – The Star in Lancelot class this week is Alex F, for an outstanding opening to his adventure story using cohesion, creating atmosphere as well as using figurative language – great to hear, Alex! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to Alfie W for showing a good attitude in lessons; discussing books with enthusiasm and always coming into school with a smile – keep it up, Alfie!

A special mention for Emelia in Excalibur, who completed her first distance award in her swimming lessons – achieving her 100m recently – congratulations!



Important

Suitable accommodation may be available for rough sleepers during the severe weather. Please check if you can access the service by calling **0300 123 22 24** during office hours and **0300 123 23 27** out of office hours. Spaces are limited, so please phone as early as possible.

If you're concerned that someone is rough sleeping in Somerset during the severe weather, please visit the [Street Link website](#) to refer them, so they can get access to suitable accommodation.

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COLOURFUL CLASSES DAY

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

MUFTI DAY IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR IN
EXCHANGE FOR HAMPER PRIZES IN THE SAME
COLOUR

RED - MERLIN

ORANGE/GOLD - PENDRAGON

YELLOW - KING ARTHUR

GREEN - EXCALIBUR

BLUE - LANCELOT

PURPLE/SILVER - PRE-SCHOOL



Example: Merlin class wear a Red T-shirt and bring in some red wrapping paper



Christmas Fair Raffle

Please return all tickets and money
by Wednesday 27th November.
1st Prize £100 cash and various
rainbow hampers & prizes to win.

COUNTESS GYTHA
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Countess Gytha PTFA

Christmas Fair Raffle

1st Prize £100 Cash
Amazing selection of Christmas Rainbow
hampers & prizes to win!

Draw Date: Friday 29th November 2024

Promoters Details: H. Brounhill (PTFA Treasurer) Countess Gytha
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Beech Catering
Christmas Lunch

December 2024

Main

Roast Turkey Crown with a Pig in Blanket,
Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes,
Carrots, Brussels Sprouts
and Rich Gravy
Allergen Change - GF Pig in Blanket, GF Stuffing

Vegetarian

Vegetable Wellington with Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roast
Potatoes, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts and Rich Gravy
Allergen Change - GF Wellington, GF Stuffing

Pudding

Christmas Pudding served with Creamy Custard

Strawberry Gateau

Gluten Free Christmas Pudding with Dairy Free Custard

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<div> <div>Every Friday</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div> FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p </div>	
Monday 25 th November	PTFA MUFTI Day for Christmas Donations – Details above
Monday 25 th November	Parents are invited to join teaching staff in the school hall for an informal discussion about each class's maths curriculum. No booking is required for this event
Tuesday 26 th November	Year 5 Ansford Dance Festival
Tuesday 26 th November	Somerset Sustainable Futures Event at Taunton Rugby Club. Selected pupils only.
Wednesday 27 th November	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 2nd December 2024.
Friday 29 th November	PTFA Christmas Fair 3.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Christingle Making – all children to bring in an orange to decorate in school.
Wednesday 4 th December	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 9 th December 2024. This includes the school Christmas Lunch on 11th December.
Wednesday 4 th December	11am Christingle Service at St Barnabas Church – please request your seats via this link . Confirmation will be sent closer to the event.
Tuesday 10 th December	Village Café Choir Performance
Tuesday 10 th December	Nativity Performance 1 (afternoon performance) Details to follow shortly
Wednesday 11 th December	School Christmas Lunch – Book via ParentPay by 4th November. Children may wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt with their uniform.
Wednesday 11 th December	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 16th December 2024.
Wednesday 11 th December	Nativity Performance 2 (evening performance) Details to follow shortly.
Thursday 12 th December	Lancelot Class children vs Parents Quiz 'Are you smarter than your 10-year-old?'.
Friday 13 th December	Dick Whittington Pantomime in school.
Week Commencing 16th December – No enrichment clubs this week	
Wednesday 18 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at St Barnabas Church – Arrival from 4:30pm to start for 5pm – details and booking to follow.
Friday 20 th December	Last day of school term.
Monday 23 rd December – Monday 6 th January – Christmas Holiday and INSET	
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children return to school

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Monday 10th February

Cross Country Event 4 – Yeovil Showground *Please note change of date.*



Deadline for Early Bird Discount is now
Tuesday 28th November 2024.



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Creative Writing Competition For 7-12 Year-Olds

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IMAGINATION
TAKE YOU?

You could win a creative writing goody bag!

Your story could be published in a book!

Name: Surname: Age:
Teacher's Name:
School Name: School Postcode:
Title:
(Title isn't included in 100 word limit)

Write your mini saga here (one word per box).
There are 100 boxes below, so if you stick to one word per box you won't exceed the maximum length.
TIP: Abbreviating solves words - e.g. 'it is' can become 'it's'.

Sort here! (Write across from left to right!) I

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Details are required for competition purposes only and will not be passed on to any third parties.
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You've reached 100 words!

and Mrs Gillman.

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Setting Ideas



Draw where your magical map takes you.

Who is the main character?

What is your mini saga about?
(Think about the beginning, middle and end.)

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It was getting dark. I started to panic. I stumbled through the maze, frightened. It all looked the same. Hopeless. I sat on the damp, cold floor and started to cry. Suddenly, I felt warmth and a purple glow lit the path. I looked up to see an extraordinarily tall wizard in purple robes. Beside him, a blue door floated in mid-air. "This portal will return you home," declared the wizard. "But if you go, you can never return." I stood quickly and ran to the door, overjoyed! I never found the treasure, but I had something better, home.

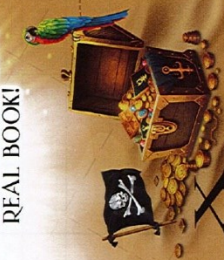
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