

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
2nd May
is
Kindness



Bank Holiday

Just a reminder to parents that the school will be closed this Monday 1st May as it is a bank holiday. School will re-open on Tuesday 2nd May at 9am. Enjoy the long weekend!



General Election

As you will know from all the media coverage, the U.K. is in the grips of election fever in the run up to the general election on 8th June. If you are eligible to vote but are not registered, you can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. You need to register by 22nd May if you want to vote in this election. This is your chance to show your support for the political party that will best

represent the issues that matter to you such as:

- the future of funding for your children's education;
- the economy;
- employment and
- health services.

Your vote is important. Make it count on 8th June.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance this week with 96% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A whose attendance was 98%. Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of all absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible.



A Little Princess Performance

On Wednesday, the whole school enjoyed a marvellous performance of A Little Princess. Here's what a couple of our year 2 children had to say about it:

"I enjoyed when we saw the Little Princess who was kind.

In the story a bad teacher was so rude. She threw the little princess out. Luckily her dad came to the school. I enjoyed when the little lovely princess was being a peacemaker and I didn't like it when the teacher was rude to the little shimmering princess."

Briana 2A

"Yesterday we went to the hall in the afternoon at 2.00pm to watch the production about the Little Princess. There was a girl named Sarah whose dad was a millionaire. At the end of the story, I liked the little princess because there were a lot of songs in it and it was so funny. That's why I enjoyed it so much."

Samiyah 2A



Breakfast Club

Our school's breakfast club has proved very popular with our parents and pupils. Children have a great start to the day with a nutritious breakfast followed by activities with our P.E. coaches for just £1 per day. If you would like your child to join, please bring them along for a warm welcome as well as a warm, hearty

breakfast! Breakfast is served from 8.00am to 8.30am followed by activities until 9.00am.



Withdrawal of the old £5 note

The old paper £5 note ceases to be legal tender on 5th May 2017. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, today was the last day that we were able to accept the paper £5 note. From Tuesday 2nd May, we will only be able to accept the new polymer note.

If you have any old £5 notes after the 5th May, these can still be exchanged in person or by post at the Bank of England.



Lenten Boxes

Thank you to all parents who returned their Catholic Children's Society Lenten boxes and for supporting this worthwhile cause. If any parents still have their boxes, can they please be returned by Friday 5th May at the very latest when they will be collected by the CCS. We will let you how much has been raised once all the contributions have been counted.



School Clothing Labels

Are you looking for an alternative to writing your child's name on their uniform items? If so, labels which can be ironed onto clothing may be the solution for you. Prices are as follows:

15 name labels - £1.99
25 name labels - £2.99
50 name labels - £4.99
plus £1.50 for postage and packing.

For more information, visit www.labelcreating.co.uk or contact Marion at labelcreating@gmail.com.



SATs in years 2 and 6

From next week, and throughout May, pupils in year 2 will be sitting their SATs. There is no set timetable for the tests in year 2 so the pupils may take them at any time during May.

In year 6, pupils will also sit SATs papers but the timetable for the tests is set. Testing will take place from Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May. Please note that if pupils in year 6 are absent for any of the tests they will only be able to take them when they return under special circumstances. If you have any queries or if you know that your child will be absent during the year 6 testing period, please let your child's class teacher know immediately.

We wish all our pupils the best of luck in their tests!



Dinner Money

Thank you to those parents/carers who have cleared any outstanding fees. Sadly, we still have some outstanding debts. If you have outstanding dinner money to pay then your child will need to bring a packed lunch in until

this is settled in full. When you are paying dinner money into the office, please put money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthday next week.

Ayomide Adeyemi Rec. A	28 th
Gabriel Nascimento 3A	28 th
Joseph Arenas Valencia 2A	29 th
Joshua Jackson 4A	30 th
Miradie Kabuiku 4A	30 th
Princess Obeng 5A	30 th
Charlie Nguyen 5A	1 st
Vanessa Baiden 3B	2 nd
Victory Okafor 2B	2 nd



On the Road to Emmaus

Third Sunday of Easter

Have you ever searched high and low for something, only to discover that it has been there in front of you all the time? Somehow we can manage to miss something really obvious; we simply cannot see it clearly at that particular moment! In Sunday's Gospel we hear how two disciples of Jesus didn't recognise him until he shared a very special moment with them.

Prayer

Loving Father,
open our eyes to your love in the world and people around us, and make our hearts burn with faith and hope in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.