

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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*Our SEAL
word of the week
commencing
19th June
is
Empathy*



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance this week with 100% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5A whose attendance was 98%. Best attendance last week went to Class 2A in EYFS/KS1 with 97% and Class 4B in KS2 with 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.



Cake Sale

We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 23rd June to raise money for Committed Project, a charity that works with troubled and hard to reach young people in London. Children from difficult, often criminal backgrounds work with the staff to raise aspirations and reduce re-offending behaviour. We have already raised £188.77 for the project and our target is £600. Money raised from the cake sale will allow the project to continue their hard work and support the most vulnerable young people in London.

URGENT APPEAL

Grenfell Tower Appeal

As you will all be aware, in the early hours of Wednesday morning, a terrible fire broke out in Grenfell Tower, west London. Many people have been affected by this tragic event, including a number of schools in our diocese, and we are all trying to help in any way we can. We have been able to donate learning resources to the nearby St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School as pupils have had to relocate to another school.

Yesterday, we started a collection for all those affected by the fire. If any parents would like to make a contribution, members of staff will be standing at the school gate over the next few days.

Alternatively, donations can be given to the school office. We will pass the money on to the diocese who will be sharing the proceeds between Caritas Westminster and the Catholic Children's Society, both of whom are in the community providing assistance to individuals, families and the school communities affected.

The Cardinal has written the following:

'We pray for all the residents of Grenfell Tower. I pray particularly for those who have suffered injury, those who have died, and all the residents who are left without a home, and the entire community that has been affected. Once again in our city we witness the heroic efforts of our emergency services who responded so quickly. I thank

them for all they are doing to help the victims of this devastating fire.'

The Cardinal will be saying Mass at the Church of St Pius X, St Charles Square, this Saturday, 17th June 2017, at 12 noon. Mass will be preceded by two hours when the church will be open, and the Blessed Sacrament exposed, to allow an opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection. Everyone is welcome to the Mass, and to some or all of the time of prayer.



Summer Fayre

Our school summer fayre will be taking place on 7th July between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. The DJ is booked and hopefully the sun will be singing along with us too!

If parents have any items that they could donate for the tombola or as prizes for the raffle, then these will be most gratefully received by the school office. Items could include:

- Non-perishable food and drink
- Toiletries
- Stationery
- Unused gifts

If any parents would like to sell goods or provide an activity at the fayre, then stall space can be purchased for £10 per stall at the school office.

There will be lots of stalls to buy from and lots of activities and games to take part in so be sure to come along!



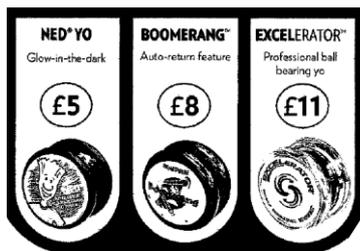
The NED Show

Our pupils are in for a treat this coming Wednesday, 21st June when the NED Show comes to St. Dominic's. The NED Show is a character education programme that centres around three important messages that have life-long relevance:

- **NEVER GIVE UP**
- **ENCOURAGE OTHERS**
- **DO YOUR BEST**

During the assembly, which starts at 2pm, students will learn about NED's three messages while enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

The following NED goodies will be on sale for five days after the performance:



Replacement String
(10 strings)
£3



Yo-Yo
Holster
£3



Our school sees the NED Show for free because we're hosting a 'Pay-It-Forward' sale. When our pupils purchase NED items, it helps send the assembly on to the next school. So not only will you have the enjoyment of your yo-yo, you will also have the satisfaction of knowing that your purchase is helping others to see this great show free of charge!

More information for parents and children can be found at www.theNEDshow.com.



Apollo Music Projects

Over the past few weeks, Apollo Music Projects has been working with our year 5 pupils bringing live classical music to the classroom.

Pupils work closely with professional musicians to learn about various instruments, the language of music, listening skills, communication and teamwork. They have also had the opportunity to play some of the instruments. The workshops will culminate in a live performance from the musicians at Hackney Empire on Wednesday, 12th July. Here's what some of our Class 5A pupils have to say about the project:

I really like Apollo Music Projects because you get to learn how to make instruments and how to use the instruments. Favour 5A

Apollo Music Projects is so awesome. We get to play a few instruments and the tango song is my favourite that they play. Santiago 5A

It is interesting how every week we learn a different family of instruments. Ethan 5A

In Apollo Music it's going great and we used music once and it was really fun. Daniel P. 5A



IMPORTANT: Providing the school with up-to-date contact details

Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three different adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence.

If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Science Week

Throughout this week our school community has participated in some exciting experiments, animated activities and interesting investigations as part of Science Week. On Monday and Wednesday, Quantum Theatre put

on an excellent show called 'The Big Drip' in which the children learned about changes in state from solid to liquid to gas. On Thursday, the family competition took place where the challenge was to build a spaghetti and marshmallow structure. The joint winners of the family competition were Alyanna Cadby 1B, Edrea Sayat 1B and Ysabella Tadique 2B whose structure was an impressive 95cm tall! 2nd place went to Judiel Fernandez 6A at 87cm and 3rd place went to Najmah Almkhaini 5B with 85cm. Thanks to Mrs Uche for all her hard work in organising the week.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Roisin Keady Herbert 4B	16 th
Giovanny Mata 1A	16 th
Aaron Guembou 4B	17 th
Kent Addai 1A	18 th
Edson Gomes Lopes 3A	18 th
Tryphene Mulaja 4A	18 th
Mark Maranzu 3B	19 th
Emmanuel Okoh 1A	19 th
Annabel Akinsanya-Karekins Rec. B	20 th
Daniel Almar 4B	21 st
Caiden Manford Rec. A	21 st
Emmanuel Sese-Caulker 1A	21 st



Feast of Corpus Christi

The Body and Blood of Christ

What would happen if we had no food or anything to drink? Together, they keep us *alive*, and without their life-giving nourishment we would die. Jesus in the 'bread of life' who shares himself with us in a special way during the Mass.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the living bread which comes to each one of us in a special way. Help me to share the joy of your love with others I meet. Amen.