

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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*Our SEAL  
word of the week  
commencing  
17<sup>th</sup> July  
is  
Positive Thinking*



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance this week with 95% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5A whose attendance was 97%.

This half-term's lucky winner in the 100% attendance raffle was Zurial Klu in Class 6B who received a Distortion

Transforming Ball for his achievement. Well done!

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.



### Sports Days

On Wednesday, KS1 held their sports day at school. Events had been scheduled to take place at Hackney Marshes but the unpredictable British weather meant that the grass was too soggy to compete on.

Nevertheless, the weather didn't dampen spirits and an enjoyable and competitive afternoon was had by all!

On Thursday, the weather was kinder to us and KS2 were able to compete in numerous events on Hackney Marshes. Many thanks to Ms Currie and Mr Timmy for organising the sports days and for all the families who came to support the children.



### School Clubs

Please note that there will be no clubs or after-school club next week. Clubs will resume in September.



### Slides

We have noticed that some pupils have been coming to school wearing slides footwear. Can we remind parents that slides are not part of our school uniform and must not be worn as children are more prone to slipping. Our school uniform lists can be found on our website on the following page:

<http://www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk/parents/page-3/>



### Summer Fayre

Many thanks to all the parents, children, staff and stall holders for a very enjoyable summer fayre last Friday. The sun shone down on us as we enjoyed delicious food and great music.

DJ Bonkers Becca handed out prizes to the best dancers! A full list of raffle winners will be on display in the office next week.



### Year 6 Leavers Mass

Our year 6 leavers Mass will be taking place at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am. Families are very welcome to attend.



### Year 6 Leavers Prom

The year 6 prom takes place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 1.30pm to 5.00pm. Children should ensure they come into school dressed in full school uniform for Mass. They will then get changed into their prom outfits during lunchtime. Children should also bring a small snack to eat before the prom as their meal will not be served until 2.00pm.



### Information for parents of pupils in years 2 and 6

Last week, the Standards and Testing Agency published leaflets to help parents of pupils in years 2 and 6 understand what to expect in reports from schools about pupils' assessments at the end of key stages 1 and 2. The leaflets describe the role of national curriculum tests and

teacher assessments, as well as how results are used. You can access the leaflets via the following links:

KS1:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-assessment-results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1-information-for-parents>

KS2:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-assessment-results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-2-information-for-parents>



**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 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.



**Year 5 Southend Trip**

Last Wednesday, Class 5B enjoyed a sunny day by the sea at Southend. Elliot had the following to say about the day: *'We took the 388 bus to Stratford, then we went on a train to Southend Victoria. From there, we walked to Adventure Island.*

*The first ride we went on was Skydrop. On that ride you would go up and down. When you go down your stomach feels empty and weird. After that, we went on a ride called Rage. It went up slowly and went down fast. It went so fast you could barely see a thing. Archelon was the third ride - it was a peaceful ride that spun around slowly.*

*Our group went on a water slide. You had to slide down and water would soak you. Vortex was the last ride where you sit on a seat and spin around and around. After that, we had lunch at 12.30pm.'* Elliot



**Big Toddle**

Last Friday our Early Years children completed the Barnado's Big Toddle sponsored walk in Victoria Park. It was a perfect outing and everybody had fun. We raised nearly £600! A special thank you goes to our super fundraisers who collected the following amounts: Annabel Folorunsho - £119, Ayomide Olaitan - £112, Malachy Farrugia-Scott - £75 and Connor Farrugia Scott - £75. Can all the sponsorship envelopes please be returned to the class teachers by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.



**Playschemes**

If any parents would like details about playschemes and activities taking place over the summer holidays, please see a member of staff in the main office who will be happy to give you a list.



**Family Fun Day**

Hackney Young People's Uni (HYPU) is holding a Family Fun Day on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at Brooke House Sixth Form College from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.. Admission is free and there will be lots of fun activities including:

- Baking made Easy;
- Music production;
- Cake decorating and
- Arts and crafts.

To book a place, please visit <https://www.htea1.com/hypu-programme-2017>.

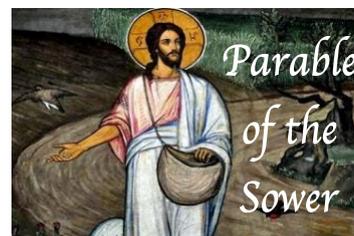
HYPU is also running a summer programme for children aged 11 to 13 between 24<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> August. For more information, or to book places, log onto [www.htea1.com](http://www.htea1.com), email [htea@live.co.uk](mailto:htea@live.co.uk) or call 020 7249 4542.



**Birthdays at St. Dominic's**

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

Sheldon Anthony Estephane 3B	15 <sup>th</sup>
Zion Esezobor 2B	15 <sup>th</sup>
Sophia Velho 4B	15 <sup>th</sup>
Keira Zuniga Zapata 4A	15 <sup>th</sup>
Philomena Mongan 5B	16 <sup>th</sup>
Ariana Opoku Reception A	16 <sup>th</sup>
Petra Amoah Reception B	18 <sup>th</sup>
Alina Teoniv 2B	19 <sup>th</sup>
Winnifred Maughan 2A	20 <sup>th</sup>



**Fifteenth Sunday of the Year**

Today a wise farmer prepares his fields carefully before planting his crops to make sure that the seeds he plants have the very best chance to grow strong and produce a good harvest. At the time of Jesus, seed was sown by hand, and the sowing was done before the field was ploughed. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a sower whose seed falls on four very different types of ground.

**Prayer**

Loving Father, help our love for you and one another to grow, and give us the courage to do your will, so that your kingdom may come. Grant this through Christ your Son. Amen.