

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our *SEAL*  
word of the week  
commencing  
13<sup>th</sup> November  
is  
*Apology*



### School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that our school has recently been awarded with the School Games Mark Bronze Award. The announcement came from The Youth Sport Trust and the award is given for activities in P.E. and school sport over the last year. The School Games Mark is a national accredited award, backed by the government, which publicly demonstrates schools' level of engagement in school games and sport. Well done to all our children and a big thank you to Ms Currie and Mr Dada for all their hard work in helping us secure this award.



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance this week with 100% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5A whose attendance was 100%. 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.



### Hackney launches Black History flag competition

School children in Hackney are being encouraged to send in their designs for a Hackney Black History flag as part of the Council's celebrations for Black History Season 2017. Deputy Mayor, Anntoinette Bramble, recently launched the competition at a Black History workshop at Hackney Museum with Year 4 pupils from Princess May Primary School. The winning design will be picked by a panel of judges and will be made into a real flag with the help of a local artist. The flag will then be flown on top of Hackney Town Hall in time for Black History Season in October 2018.

Winners will be announced in early 2018. The deadline for entries is Thursday, 21 December 2017.

The flag must:

- Honour the past while celebrating the present and the future;
- Be exciting and colourful;
- Have a simple design;
- Use two or three basic colours clearly;
- Be easily recognisable and distinctive;
- Be designed to be flown so it can be seen when moving in the wind.

All entries should be sent to:

Tara Hudson  
Communications, Culture and Engagement  
Room 50 Hackney Town Hall  
Mare Street E8 1EA

Or you can email at

[tara.hudson@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:tara.hudson@hackney.gov.uk).

For more information, including competition guidelines, please visit [www.hackney.gov.uk/black-history-month](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/black-history-month).



### Children in Need - Spotacular

The BBC's Children in Need event takes place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, and this year we are going all spotty as we support The Big Spotacular! We are now selling wrist bands and Pudsey pins at the school office, both are priced at £1.00. Additionally, we are asking all the children to dress in spots to help us raise lots by donating £1.00 on the day by wearing their spottiest clothes. We will also be holding a cake sale to raise funds and are looking forward to seeing some spot-on creations!



### Choir workshop

On Tuesday, class 4B were treated to a choir workshop with conductor Calum Zuckert. This is what Christian had to say about what he learnt at the workshop:

*'We had a choir teacher called Calum. We sang "O when the saints" which everybody knew. We sang some new songs and we learned that before you sing you should take a very deep breath and open your mouth wide. It was very exciting as we learned new songs and how to sing in a choir.'*



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

### London Fire Brigade Visit

On Wednesday, years 2 and 5 were visited by crew members from the London Fire Brigade who gave the pupils lots of useful and important

safety advice around fires and fire prevention. This is what two of our year 2 pupils had to say about the visit:

*'When the fire alarm rings, you should feel your door to see if you can get out. If the door is hot, you should stay inside. I found it interesting because if there is a fire I will remember what to do.'*

**Chidinma 2B**

*'When the fire alarm is not working you should get batteries. When you hear it, you should get out. I found it interesting because you have to shuffle down if there is a fire to avoid the smoke.'*

**Bradley 2B**



#### Parents' Meetings

Our parents' meetings will be taking place on the following dates:

#### EYFS/KS1 - Wednesday

15<sup>th</sup> November between 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot have been put up outside each classroom.

#### KS2 - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

between 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot have been put up between Classes 1A and 1B.

We encourage all parents to attend as these meetings provide an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's attainment and progress.



#### Activity Camps over Christmas

Fit for Sport is an Ofsted-registered organisation that has been running activity camps for over 25 years and this Christmas the team is back at the Copper Box Arena in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Days run from 8.30am till 5.30pm and are filled with activities such as Christmas crafts, swim time, outdoor adventures, Santa sports and Rudolph relays! What's more, if you book two weeks in advance, you can take advantage of 'Early Pricing' rates. For more information, dates and prices or

to book a place, visit [www.fitforsport.co.uk](http://www.fitforsport.co.uk) or call 0845 456 3233.



#### Poppy Appeal 2017

Our annual Poppy Appeal is now underway and we are selling poppies for 50p and snap rulers for £1.00 at the school office. All money raised will be donated to The Royal British Legion.

#### Remembrance Service

This weekend we celebrate Remembrance Sunday and we will be holding our own Remembrance Service on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.40am in the KS2 hall.

Parents/carers are very welcome to join us.

## Learn English in Hackney

#### Hackney ESOL Advice Service

Do you want to learn to speak English? You can join a FREE English class by coming to an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) advice session at a number of locations in Hackney. A teacher will check your English speaking, listening, reading and writing and then help you to find a class that fits around you.

Morning, afternoon and evening classes are available. For more information, call the ESOL Advice Line on 020 8820 7043 or email [esol@learningtrust.co.uk](mailto:esol@learningtrust.co.uk).

## School Dinners

#### School dinner money

Dinner Money for the week is currently £10.50 which must be paid at the beginning of every week. If payment is not made you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

Thank you to those parents/carers that cleared all outstanding fees for the last academic year. However, we still have some outstanding debts. We ask that this is settled as soon as possible. When you are paying dinner money into the office, please put money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.



**IMPORTANT:** Providing the school with up-to-date 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.



#### Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Stephen Anarfi 3A	11 <sup>th</sup>
Karmen Cisse 3A	11 <sup>th</sup>
Jordon Kisina 4A	12 <sup>th</sup>
Betania Michael 5B	12 <sup>th</sup>
Briana Onyinah 3A	12 <sup>th</sup>
Josephine Pinheiro Nursery	12 <sup>th</sup>
Alena Ward Reception B	12 <sup>th</sup>
Maryetta Reilly Reception A	15 <sup>th</sup>
Ethan Asare 6B	16 <sup>th</sup>
Gabriella Viafara Reception A	16 <sup>th</sup>
Micheal Sami 5A	17 <sup>th</sup>
Kairah Silvera 6A	17 <sup>th</sup>



#### Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

At the time when Jesus lived there was no electricity. When darkness fell, people relied on clay lamps filled with oil to provide them with light. If you were unprepared to top up the lamp with oil, then once the oil ran out you were left in darkness and unable to see. On Sunday, Jesus tells a story about the importance of being prepared!

#### Prayer

Loving Father,  
listen to the prayers of your children and answer them according to your will. Keep us close to your love, and every ready to greet Christ when he returns in glory. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.