

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
26th March
is
Confidence



Easter Holidays

Please note that school will close for the Easter holidays at 2.00pm on **Thursday, 29th March**. The school will re-open for the summer term on **Monday 16th April** at 9.00am.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance this week with 96% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5B whose attendance was 96%.

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.



Irish Dancing

Last Saturday was the feast of St. Patrick and on Monday our pupils were treated to a brilliant performance of Irish music and dancing from the St. Patrick's Day Troupe. The session was made even more special as Mr

Conboy's children formed part of the troupe! The children learned about the different instruments that the troupe played and took part in some singing. They also learned how to say 'Happy St. Patrick's Day!' in Irish.



School Photographs

This week parents will have received the proofs of the photographs that were taken by our school photographer last week. If you wish to buy any photos then you can order them online or return your proofs to the school with the correct payment. If you opt to return your proofs to the school then please do so by **Monday 26th March**. Please note that our photographer will add a surcharge to any proofs that are not returned in time for collection.



Year 6 visit to the Globe Theatre

On Monday, year 6 visited the Globe Theatre as part of their studies about William Shakespeare. Here is what two pupils in Class 6A had to say about the trip:

'The theatre was circular and didn't have a roof. We looked around to see where people sat and acted. We had a workshop where we learnt four different acting actions to do a whole lot of different things. We also learnt that the audience would sit or stand in different places depending on how rich or poor they were.'

Shiphrah

'On our visit to the Shakespeare Globe Theatre, we were taught acting exercises and warm-ups and we acted some parts of Shakespeare's play, Macbeth. There was no roof which was strange because there were no covers to protect the actors and audience if it rained. We learnt about the history of the theatre and that it was re-built many times. We also learnt that there were different rooms that the actors could rehearse their plays in.'

Elliot



NSPCC

On Wednesday, the NSPCC, with the help of their mascot Buddy, came to our school to present two special assemblies for KS1 and KS2. The message of the assemblies was all about staying safe and speaking out. Year 6 explored these themes further through special workshops that took place after the assemblies.



Arts and Crafts Club

Next term, Mr Timmy and Miss Hajera will be starting an arts and crafts after-school club for pupils in years 1 to 6. Classes will run on Mondays between 3.30pm and 4.30pm and will start on Monday 16th April.

The cost for each half-term is £20 which is payable at the beginning of each half-term. If you are interested in joining, please speak with Mr Timmy, Miss Hajera or a member of staff in the main office by Thursday 29th March.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Service

As part of our Easter preparations, years 4, 5 and 6 attended a Reconciliation service on Thursday led by Father Tony in our Church. The service gave pupils the chance to reflect as they contemplate the solemn events of Holy Week.



Easter School

This week, some pupils in year 6 will have received letters about the Easter School programme we are offering over the holidays. If you have not returned the permission slip already then please do so by Monday. If we do not receive your permission slip then your child will not be able to attend and we will offer the place to another pupil.

Parents approaching pupils
Can we please remind parents that if they have any issues or concerns regarding the conduct of other children than their own within the school, then they should always bring the matter to the attention of a member of staff. Parents should never approach other children directly. Thank you.



Sports Relief

Today the children played their part in raising funds for Sport Relief by having a Sporty Day. For a £1.00 donation, pupils came to school dressed in their favourite sportswear. We will report the total raised from

donations and from the sales of the official Sports Relief wristbands in next week's newsletter. Many thanks, as always, for your generous donations.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross

On Monday 26th March at 10.30am, our KS1 pupils will be re-enacting Jesus' final moments with a procession of the Stations of the Cross in the school hall. The same procession will take place with our KS2 pupils on Wednesday 28th March at 10.30am. Father Neil will be leading the narration of the Stations of the Cross and parents are very welcome to attend.

Catholic Children's Society

Making A Difference



Catholic Children's Society Boxes

During the season of Lent we have been focusing on fasting, giving and prayer. One of the special charities we have supported is the Catholic Children's Society Westminster.

We know that your small change can make a big difference to families in our community. Can you please return your Catholic Children's Society boxes by Wednesday 28th March. Thank you.



Story Club

Our final Story Club will take place this Monday 26th March. The club will not be resuming after the Easter holidays.



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.

Jean-Chris M'Brah 3A	24 th
Braudy Amankwah 5B	25 th
Francesca Anoboga Reception B	25 th
Almarion Ekundayo 4A	25 th
Beltran Kabasu 1A	26 th
Damilola Adeyemi Nursery	28 th
Shay Ryan Reception B	28 th
Shakia Williams-Walters Reception B	28 th
Kevin Kaminski 3B	29 th
Antonio Senra 6A	29 th



Palm Sunday - Year B

Jerusalem was bustling with crowds of people who were there to celebrate the Jewish feast of Passover, which celebrates the escape of the Israelite people from Egyptian slavery (Exodus 12:10-30). This special meal reminded people of how God had saved them and set them free. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds waved branches from the palm trees growing along the roadside and threw them down on the ground as a welcoming carpet. As they greeted him in song, many believed that he was the king the Jewish people had been waiting for to conquer their Roman enemy and once again to set them free from oppression. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week as we recall Christ's triumphant procession into Jerusalem.

Prayer

Loving Father, warm our hearts with your love so that you always find a welcome in our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.