

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
3rd June
is
Secure.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B whose attendance was 99%.

Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of any absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible.

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 020 8985 0995 (option 1) to report their absence. Please do this before 9:00am on each day of absence.

May Half-Term

Half-term holiday

School will close today for the half-term holiday. We will return on

Monday 3rd June at 9am.

We wish you a restful break.



School Office Closed

Please note that with effect from Wednesday 5th June 2019 our school office will be closed **EVERY** Wednesday afternoon from 12.30pm.

IMPORTANT

Office staff will be unavailable to call parents of children who have not been collected on time at 3.30pm. Therefore, children will be sent to our after school club and parents will be charged £10.



Africa Day

Today the school had a wonderful time celebrating Africa Day! Some classes have been learning about culture and society in different African countries.

We are all learning about how our differing ethnicities and family backgrounds shape us into the unique, wonderful people that we are.

Our kitchen staff satisfied us all with a delicious meal of chicken, jollof rice, plantain and vegetables!



Friday 7th June 2019

Pyjamarama is a day where children and adults can stay in pyjamas ALL day long and celebrate bedtime reading with their friends.

By donating £1.00 you will be helping the **BookTrust** to give every child a bedtime story.

Just £25 could provide 15 pre-school children living in women's refuge centres with their very own book pack.

£100 could help work with a struggling secondary school to support teenagers to re-engage with reading.

To find out more about how your money can

Booktrust.org.uk/pyjamara



Hackney Half Marathon

Congratulations to all our children who took part in the Hackney Half on Sunday. The children received medals and T-shirts and healthy goodie bags.

Thank you to all the staff that took part in the training alongside the children and who supported them on the day.

Well done everyone!



Coffee Morning

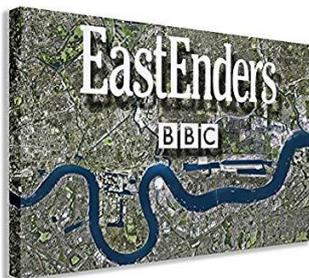
The 'Wellbeing' coffee morning held yesterday in the Resource Room was a great success!

Emma Sinclair, our WAMHs colleague, shared some thoughtful advice and provided very helpful information about the emotions and behaviours that our children are learning to deal with as they grow up.

Parents who attended, really appreciated a space in which they could listen to each others experiences on the highs and lows of raising children. It was lovely to hear parents share advice and empathise with each other.

If parents have any suggestions for subjects to discuss in the next Coffee Morning (hopefully next half-term), please let Ms. Frankland know.

We look forward to meeting more parents next time!



EastEnders set design competition.

EastEnders has been filmed at Elstree Studios since the set's original construction in 1984. It is being replaced and enlarged for the first time with new set designs awaiting final approval.

Meg Hillier MP for Hackney has arranged with the Director-General of the BBC for Hackney's young people to submit ideas for the new EastEnders set.

Pupils can enter by either drawing (minimum A4 size) or making a 3-D model of a new shop, house, or location that they believe would help make the EastEnders' set feel more East End.

Prize-winners will have their winning design displayed at BBC Elstree and will have the exciting opportunity to visit the EastEnders set.

The deadline for submission is **30th July 2019**.

Entries should be sent to:
Office of Meg Hillier MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Please include your name, school, birthplace, home address, a contact phone number and email address.
Good Luck!



Hackney Schools Group Board

Please see attached a letter from Annie Gammon, Director of Education / Head of Hackney Learning Trust, in relation to the Hackney Schools Group Board.

The Hackney Schools Group proposal was presented to the Hackney Cabinet on 29 April and has been approved for implementation.



Nursery Applications

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016?

If the answer is yes, then you should apply for a place in our nursery. We offer part-time and full-time places. All you need to do to enrol your child for a place in September is come to the school office with your child's birth certificate and proof of your address.



Summer Term.

Now that the warmer months are upon us can we remind parents that pupils can come to school in their summer uniforms. Girls can wear their summer dresses and boys can wear shorts and short-sleeved polo shirts.

Children should bring bottles of water to school on hot days and should have adequate sunscreen to protect them during P.E. and playtimes



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.

Reception	Esther
Year 1	Esther, Daniel, T'Kai
Year 2	Bernie & Vienna
Year 3	Miguel & Joshua
Year 4	Kimora & Chrisknow
Year 6	Jayden, Elijah, Chrisanne



Sixth Sunday of Easter.

All of us know how good it feels to get away once in a while from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, and enjoy some peace and quiet. Jesus gave us the gift of his peace which comes from God himself.

Prayer

Come, Holy spirit,
And fill our hearts with your love and peace.

Help us to make time in our busy lives, to spend some time talking quietly to God.

Amen.