

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
14th October
is
Cooperation



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5B 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.

Transfer from
Primary to
Secondary School

Secondary Transfer

Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a letter outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2020. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you have been attending these to help inform your choices.

Secondary school applications need to be made online via the **eAdmissions**

system. **The deadline for making your application is Friday 18th October.**

Please note the following important points when making your application:

1. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail from eAdmissions.
2. **It is essential that you do not delete this email as it is necessary for completing the eAdmissions secondary transfer process.** E-mails from eAdmissions may go to your **junk/spam folder** so please check these too.
3. If you have used eAdmissions to make an application in the past (e.g. for another child), login with your email address and password from your previous application. If you cannot remember your username or password click the 'Forgotten username or password?' link.



Half-term Holidays

Next week is the final week of this half-term and we would like to remind parents/carers that there are only four school days next week. School finishes on **Thursday 17th October at 3.30pm** as there will be a training day for staff on Friday 19th October.

School re-opens on **Monday 28th October at 9.00am.**



P.E. Tops

We have some P.E. Tops available for the discounted price of £3.00 in the office.

There are sizes 3-4 years - which are suitable for nursery and reception and size 11-12 years. Hurry while stocks last!



P.E. Kits

Parents are reminded that children should come to school in their school uniform everyday. They will change into their P.E. kits in the classroom before their P.E. lesson. Only Reception children are allowed to come into school on Thursday morning wearing their P.E. Kit.

BRIGHTEN UP this Harvest
and **BUILD** a
BRIGHTER WORLD

One World Harvest Day

On Wednesday we held a special assembly to mark our One World celebrations. This year it was time to **Brighten Up** for Harvest.

By donating £1 to CAFOD, children could come to school dressed as brightly as possible and it was a quite a spectacle for the eyes to see so many bright colours assembled together in one space!

It was so difficult to choose the most brightly dressed child in each class, so everyone received a prize. Well done! So far, we have raised £182.79 for CAFOD. Thank you so much to all the pupils, parents and staff who made donations for this very worthy cause. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

In addition I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' on behalf of Fr. Patrick who was overwhelmed by your generosity to the Hackney Foodbank.



Speech and Language Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the Launchpad for Language Workshop on Wednesday. It was a great success and everyone, including Reception children, enjoyed it and found it very useful. We hope you enjoy using your resource packs.



Year 6 Visit to Chinatown.

As part of their 'topic' for this term year 6 took a visit to Chinatown on Thursday.

Here is what one of the children had to say about the visit:

"Chinatown was amazing! We saw loads of lanterns hanging above us. There was a massive, beautiful gate that was painted with dragons and Chinese symbols. We got to walk into a Chinese supermarket to see what foods and drink they sold. We also got to experience a Chinese chef prepare and cook dumplings! It was great!"

Ryan 6B.



All Saints Mass

On Friday 1st November, Father Patrick will celebrate our All Saints Mass in The Immaculate Heart of St. Mary & St. Dominic Church at 10.30am

We would like to invite parents/carers to join us to observe this Holy Day of Obligation.



Late Arrivals

The bell goes at 9am each day so that children can be in class ready to learn at 9.10am.

It is crucial that every child is here at the start of the school day so that they are able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

The bell goes at 9am so be on time!



Black History Month

During October and November this year there are free workshops at Hackney Museum, exploring their upcoming exhibition about the history and politics of African and Caribbean hair and fashion. Black hair has been an integral feature of black history - from African tribal styles to dreadlocks and the afro.

If there are any parents who can contribute to this theme please let the office know - we would love to share your knowledge and experience.

Thank you.



Governors Fund

As a Catholic Voluntary Aided School, we are required to contribute 10% towards all costs relating to the maintenance of and improvement to the children's classrooms, all other buildings and the school grounds, including the school gates and fencing to the playground, as well as any IT and other equipment used in the School,

including the laptops and iPads. Our School does not receive 100% funding from the Government. This is why we ask all parents or guardians for a donation to the Governors Fund.



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

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 coming week.

Nursery	Kidus
Year 4	Nishay & Seedorf
Year 6	Martha



Twenty-eighth Sunday of the year.

As children we are taught to say 'thank you' when we are given something, but how many times do we forget to thank God for all his goodness.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
The lepers asked for your help and you gave them new life and new hope.
Thank you for all the love and kindness you give to me.

Amen.