



ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette

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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
22nd January
is
Determination.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 94%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A 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.

Wellbeing

Wellbeing News

On Tuesday 23rd January, the Wellbeing Team will be hosting a space for parents to come and share any news, to seek advice

and just socialise together over drinks and cake!

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If you have older children (14-19 years) who may be interested in joining a Youth Council to work alongside Health professionals in Hackney to shape and to learn about Mental Health in Schools, look out for the posters in the school noticeboard in the playground and in the office reception area for further information.

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There is a Parenting Programme specifically for African and Caribbean communities whose children may be experiencing emotional or behavioural challenges. The programme is run by Father2Father. It runs on Saturday mornings 11am-1pm and you can register through the website:

www.father2father.co.uk

For further information, do check the school noticeboard or see Mrs. Frankland.



WOW! Day

On Wednesday St. Dominic's held another successful WOW Day. Children and staff dressed in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spent the day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their

learning adventure. The costumes were amazing and included:

Ironman, The Stone Age, Traditional tales and The Amazon.



Imperial War Museum

'On Tuesday, we (Year 6) went to the Imperial War Museum and in groups we made documentaries about things that interested us about parts of World War 2. We also learnt about the vehicles that they used, how they made shelters and the codes that they used to keep information secret.'

Our time there was inspirational and educational.'
Tamara and Chidera 6A.



Free school Meals

Good news! The mayor has extended his universal free school meals programme until July 2025. This means that primary school aged children who attend a state funded

school in London will continue to receive a healthy, nutritious meal so that no child goes hungry in the classroom, and all pupils can better concentrate on their studies.

Even though your child is receiving their free school meals automatically, it is still vitally important – if you have not done so already – to complete Hackney Borough's short registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for our school from the Government, worth over £1,300 per year. That's more money for extracurricular activities, teacher development and support for children who need it most. This will ensure you'll also receive any other benefits you may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays. If you think you are entitled then please apply to hackney.education.gov.uk



Lateness

Can we remind parents that the morning bell is rung at 9.00am for the start of the school day. The playground gate is locked at 9.10am and children arriving after that time will be marked as late for school.

They should report to the school office where they will be marked as present and recorded for school dinners.

School starts at 9... be on time!!



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8am-8.45am and costs £1.00 per day. Children will receive a variety of food choices which include, sausages, croissants, bagels, yoghurts and cereals.

Please see Miss Mira or the school office for details.

After School Club runs each day from 3.30pm until 5.45pm and costs £10 per day. The club is open to all year groups and offers lots of fun activities. Please see Miss Currie or a member of staff in the main office if you have any queries.



Early Collection of Pupils

We are not able to allow children to be collected early unless written documents are evidenced that require your child to attend a medical appointment. These must be shown prior to early leave being requested.

We know that you fully help us in ensuring that our children receive the best learning opportunities in school and we thank you for your support in this matter.



Medical Information

It is essential that we hold current information about any medical needs or dietary requirements that your child may have.

If you have not already done so, please inform Mr Armstrong of any medical needs your child has so that we can update our medical register.

We are working closely with the school nursing service to ensure that all children and staff are correctly supported.



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.

Year 3	Melissa
Year 5	Saint
Year 6	Tommy & Connor



Third Sunday of the Year

Jesus called the first disciples to follow him, and they left everything and went with him. Each of us is called to follow Jesus by sharing God's love with everyone as he taught us to.

Prayer

Jesus, help us to follow you each day, so that in our small way we can help to make our world a better place.

Amen.