



# ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette

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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
4<sup>th</sup> March  
is  
Kindness.



#### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 3A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 99%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4 whose attendance was 97%.

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.

#### Catholic Children's Society Making A Difference



#### Catholic Children's Society Day

The Catholic Children's Society aims to raise money for local families who have fallen on financial hardship. In the past, funds raised have been used to help families within our own school community.

Today, we held a non-uniform day and asked children to donate £1. We also held a cake sale.

Thank you to everyone who took part. All monies raised will go to the CCS.



#### 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:

The Great Fire of London, Volcanoes, Space, Animals and Rivers.

Here is what **Anarika in Year 4** had to say about her day:

*'Our topic for WOW Day is Rivers. In the morning we did research on rivers. Did you know that the Wye River is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest river in the UK?*

*In the afternoon we learnt pointillism is painting amazing dots. I learnt the pointillism is a cool way of doing art. They used this way in the olden days! Did you know that Vincent Van Gogh made a piece of art this way called The starry night?'*



#### Secondary School Offer

All parents should have received an offer for a secondary school place

for their child today, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Parents must respond to their offer by **Wednesday 13th March**.

All applicants are advised to follow the instructions in their offer email to respond.

Information about the next steps is included in the offer email/letter. Parents can also be referred to [education.hackney.gov.uk/secondary-offers](https://education.hackney.gov.uk/secondary-offers) for information about your options and next steps.

**In all cases** parents are encouraged to accept their child's offer.



#### Parents' Meetings

Our **in-person** parents' meetings for Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3 will be taking place on the following dates between 1.30pm - 5.00pm:

**Year 1** - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 2** - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March \*

*please note the change of date.*

**Year 3** - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 4 - 6 will be by telephone appointment.**

Each parent will receive a 10 minute **telephone** appointment with their child's class teacher. Please be aware that the call will identify as 'No caller ID' or 'Private Number'.

We will inform you of the time of your appointment nearer to the event.

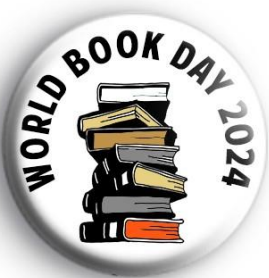
**Year 4** - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**Year 5** - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 6** - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

We encourage all parents to attend as these meetings provide an

important opportunity for you to discuss your child's attainment and progress. If parents of children in years 4-6 would like an in-person appointment, please let the class teacher know.



### World Book Day

At St Dominic's we are excited to be celebrating **World Book Day** this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

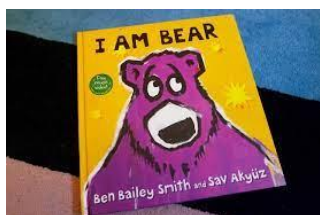
The theme this year is **Read Your Way**.

### DRESS UP!

The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, book theme or just wear their PJs if they love to get all snuggly when they read. During the day, we will be having a parade so we can all enjoy everyone's fantastic outfits.

### REMINDER.

There is still time to use your £1 book token to get one of the amazing books being offered for free. You can find them at: Supermarkets, Most bookshops and Libraries.



### Sav Akyüz writer/illustrator visit

We are really excited as part of our World Book Day activities to be having the writer and illustrator Sav Akyüz coming into school on **Thursday 14th March** to inspire our Years 1, 2 and 3 children. His books are available for you to buy through Pickled Pepper bookshop in Crouch End at a discounted price. They will be signed by Sav and sent to us in school for your child to collect.

You can order these online by Thursday 29th February to get them in time for the visit or you can still

order afterwards, and these will be delivered after the visit. Order by going to:

<https://www.pickledpepperbooks.co.uk/collections/sav-akyuz-hackney-schools-author-illustrator-visits>



### School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March** to take individual and family photographs. Please sign and return the consent form ASAP. **Without your slip, we will be unable to photograph your child.**

To ensure that the sessions run smoothly and without delay, please ensure, as always, that your child is in full uniform.



### Free birthday cakes for kids!

Free Cakes for Kids Hackney is a community service for families who find it difficult to provide a birthday cake for their child. The cakes are baked by volunteers from the local area. Free, friendly and confidential.

They work with local organisations in Hackney that support children and families, who make referrals to their service.

Free Cakes for Kids Hackney is part of the Free Cakes for Kids UK Network. Find out more about the UK Network of Free Cakes for Kids groups:

### Contact:

[hello@freecakesforkidshackney.co.uk](mailto:hello@freecakesforkidshackney.co.uk)



**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.

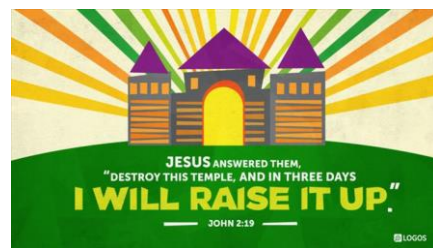
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



### Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Year 1	Toluwalase
Year 2	Joshua
Year 3	Melisa
Year 5	Jason & Chukwuemekam



### Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, 'My father's house is a house of prayer.' So when he came to the temple in Jerusalem and saw how many people had pushed God to one side and allowed money and business to become more important, he was very angry.

### Prayer

Loving Father,  
Let our lives give praise and glory to your holy name, and make us fit to be called your sons and daughters.  
Grant us this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**