

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
22nd January
is
Determination
(Resilience)



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance this week with 97% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A whose attendance was 98%.

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.

This week we are also very pleased to be introducing a new weekly award that recognises individual pupils' attendance and punctuality. A **H.E.R.O.** certificate will be awarded to one child in each class every week who is **Here, Every day, Ready and On time**. The first winners of the new award received their certificates in today's achievement assembly.

inspire! Education Business Partnership

Inspire! Work Week

This Monday, 22nd January marks the start of Inspire! Work Week

which our school will be participating in. Inspire! is a registered charity and Education Business Partnership that promotes links between schools and businesses. Children from all year groups will be introduced to the world of work by visiting various organisations and through taking part in fun activities at school.

A central aim of the week is that children's aspirations are raised through gaining valuable insights into the types of work they may want to think about pursuing when they are older.

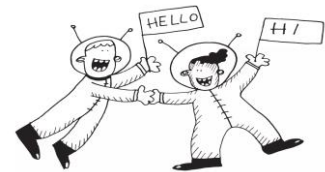


Badge Design Competition

Living Streets, a U.K. charity for everyday walking, has launched a badge design competition for next year's set of badges for WOW - the year-round walk to school challenge. The theme is *Walk the Seasons* and children are invited to create designs based on what they see as they walk to school all year round through autumn, winter, spring and summer.

If you would like to take part in the competition, design templates with all the relevant details are available at the school office. Please ensure that your designs are returned to the school by **Monday 26th February** at the very latest. We are looking forward to

seeing lots of designs with the WOW factor!



Launchpad Speech and Language Workshop for Reception parents

St. Dominic's has invested in an exciting early years package with the Speech and Language Therapy Service. Launchpad for Language is a fun-filled language enrichment programme provided by speech and language therapists for all Reception children, supporting speech, language and communication skills. Listening and talking are the key foundation skills for later literacy and academic achievement.

We are once again inviting Reception parents to attend a 30 minute workshop on Wednesday 31st January at 9.15am in the Key Stage 1 hall. Parents will have a chance to get some helpful tips and ideas to support their children at home as well as receive updates about their child's progress in Launchpad.

National Storytelling Week

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National Storytelling Week takes place this year between 27th January and 3rd February. This event is run by the

Society for Storytelling (<https://www.sfs.org.uk>) and it aims to increase public awareness of the "art and practice and value of oral storytelling".

Telling stories to each other is the oldest way we have of passing on human history to each other. It helps us make sense of our lives, it creates new worlds for us to explore together - it is a time to stop, listen and enjoy the magic of words.

There will be many exciting events taking place, so check your local libraries and newspapers to sign up for a spellbinding moment of storytelling!



Wallet Found

On Thursday, a member of staff found a wallet outside the school containing a bank card, Oyster card and some cash. If the wallet belongs to you, please see a member of staff in the main office.

Shoreditch Trust



Mentor Training

Bump Buddies are offering free mentor training this March for Hackney mothers. A poster has been put up on the noticeboard in the playground with all the details. Alternatively, to register your interest or to find out more, visit

<http://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/bump-buddies/>, call 020 7033 8524 or email

jane@shoreditchtrust.org.uk

School Dinners

School dinner money

Dinner Money for the week is currently £10.50 which must be paid at the beginning of every week. If payment is not made you

will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

When you are paying dinner money into the office, please put money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.



After School Club

Our after school club runs between 3.30pm and 5.45pm daily.

The cost is £10 per day and the club is available for all year groups with lots of fun activities each day and help with homework. If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact Miss Currie or speak to a member of staff at the main office.

Below is a weekly timetable of the activities we have on offer in our after school club.

DAY	ACTIVITIES
Monday	Arts & Crafts Board Games Chill Zone
Tuesday	Film Session Arts & Crafts Outdoor Activities
Wednesday	Board Games Arts & Crafts Team Activities/ Outdoor Activities
Thursday	Film Session Board Games Outdoor Activities Chill Zone
Friday	Homework Arts & Crafts Team Activities



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.

Tay-Jharn Fagan 2B	21 st
Kai Harris Sales 3A	21 st
Mia Harris Sales 3B	21 st
Bradley Zuniga Zapata 2B	21 st
Ayomide Ajayi 3B	22 nd
Tommy Reilly Reception B	22 nd
Blessing Munday 5A	24 th
Elianna Samson 1A	25 th
Connor Farrugia-Scott Reception B	26 th



Mark 1:14-20

Third Sunday of the Year

Some people have charisma, a special quality about them that inspires others and fills them with joyful enthusiasm. Jesus had so much charisma that he was able simply to invite his first disciples to follow him and they did so without a second thought or sign of hesitation.

Prayer

Loving Father, give us the courage to follow when we hear you call. Guide us back to the path that leads to your kingdom if we should lose our way. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.