

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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*Our SEAL  
word of the week  
commencing  
29<sup>th</sup> January  
is  
Proud*

**inspire!** Education  
Business  
Partnership

### Inspire! Work Week

This week, our school took part in Inspire! Work Week. Inspire! is a registered charity and Education Business Partnership that promotes links between schools and businesses. Children from all year groups were introduced to the world of work by visiting various organisations and through taking part in fun activities at school.

Here is what some of our children had to say about a couple of this week's visits:

#### Waitrose, Camden

*'We went to Waitrose. It was fun. I liked it when we scanned the food at the till.'*

**Jo-Ann, Class 1B**

*'My favourite part was when we did a food hunt. I found Weetabix, biscuits and cream crackers but I couldn't find the Dip Dabs or porridge oats!'*

**McFred, Class 1B**

#### Andina, Shoreditch

*'The trip to Andina restaurant was amazing. We did cooking and made a cocktail and it tasted*

*lovely. It was a lovely trip for Work Week.*

*Andina is from South America. I recommend you come to this perfect place.'*

**Lois, Class 4A**

*'The trip that Class 4A went to was the best. The restaurant has healthy food which is intensely delicious.*

*Their drinks are outstanding and the smoothies are epic. They are the best drinks 4A have ever tasted!*

*Next up, the food. It's the best - more delicious than Nando's! We learnt that the food came from Peru and that there are 3000 different types of potatoes from Peru.'*

**Jonathan, Class 4A**

Many thanks to all the businesses that helped to make the week such a success and to the parents and volunteers who accompanied the pupils and staff on the various trips that took place this week. Your help, as always, was very much appreciated.



LET'S  
WALK TO  
SCHOOL



### 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.

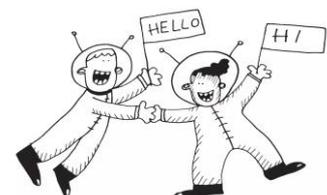
If you would like to take part in the competition, design templates with all the relevant details are available at the school office. Please ensure that your designs are returned to the school by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** at the very latest. We are looking forward to seeing lots of designs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



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Reception A for the best class attendance this week with 95% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B whose attendance was 97%.

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.



### 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 next Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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

National Storytelling Week takes place this year between 27<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



### Five-A-Side Football Matches

Last week, the St. Dominic's years 5 and 6 football team took part in the second round of the Hackney

5-a-side boys' football tournament at Queensbridge Leisure Centre. The team played three matches. The first match ended in a draw against Grazebrook (0-0). We won the second match against Baden Powell (3-0) but lost the third match against Jubilee (2-0). Well done to the team for their commendable playing.



### Wallet Found

Last week, 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.

## 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.



### **IMPORTANT:** Providing the school with up-to-date details

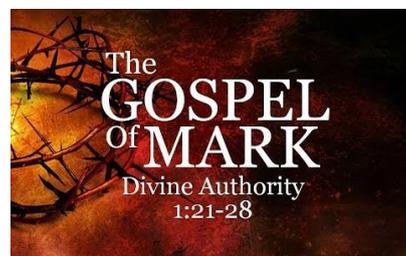
Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence. If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



### Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Empress Laville <b>3A</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>
Martina Maughan <b>1B</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>
Teminioluwa Olowoyin <b>6A</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>
Edrea Sayat <b>2B</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>
Afomia Abreha <b>3A</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Chanelle Godonu Daily <b>3A</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sabella Lijam <b>2A</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Gamaliel Mulaja <b>1B</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Patrick Reilly <b>2B</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
David Lokola <b>4A</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Adrien Mougabio <b>5A</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>



### Fourth Sunday of the Year

On the Jewish Sabbath (which lasts from sunset on Friday until the stars appear the following evening) the Torah is read to the people from scrolls made from animal skins stitched together to form a long, continuous writing surface (an average scroll is about 60 metres long!).

The Hebrew word 'Torah' means something like 'teaching' or 'guide for living'. Amongst other things the scrolls contain the Five Books of Moses. The handwritten Torah scrolls are the holiest objects in the synagogue, and are treated like the living presence of God among his people.

### Prayer

Loving Father,  
unite us in love and fill us with your life to share with the world today and every day. We ask this through Jesus your Son.  
Amen.