

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
5th February
is
Encouragement



Half-term holiday

Next week is the final week of this half-term. School finishes on **Friday 9th February at 3.30pm** and re-opens on **Monday 19th February at 9.00am**.



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!



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance this week with 98% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3B 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.



Ash Wednesday

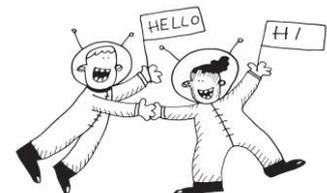
Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, falls on 14th February this year. As this day falls within the half-term holiday we will not be holding our usual services where we receive the ashes from palm branches that were blessed on Palm Sunday last year. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and, traditionally, people give up something they like or enjoy during Lent or do something extra. As this day approaches, perhaps we can reflect on what we might give up or do extra during the Lenten season.

Daubeney Children's Centre **Shelter**
Housing Advice Surgery

Shelter Housing Advice will be running a surgery at Daubeney Children's Centre from February onwards. You will be able to benefit from:

- free specialist housing advice;
- help to negotiate with your landlord concerning rent arrears or disrepair;
- advice to sustain your tenancy;
- assistance with homelessness applications or reviews;
- advice about housing benefit;
- advice and advocacy on any other housing issues.

Appointments are available to Hackney families on the first Tuesday of every month from 12.30pm till 4.30pm. The address is Daubeney Children's Centre, 103 Daubeney Road, London E5 0EG. To book an appointment, please call 020 8525 7040.



Launchpad Speech and Language Workshop for Reception parents

We would like to express our thanks to those parents who attended our Launchpad Speech and Language Workshop on Wednesday.

The session was led by speech and language therapist Miss Lizzy who explored teaching children through parental interaction in games. The session was very instructive and we encourage more parents to come to future sessions.

ASSEMBLY SCIENCE

Special Science Assembly

On Tuesday, year 5 were treated to a special science assembly all about forces from our visitor, Chris Fourie. Here's what Joshua from Class 5B had to say about what he learnt:

'On Tuesday we learnt about different types of forces - pull force, gravity force, how speed affects forces and more. Then the teacher gave us a challenge. We had to use glasses, vitamin C tablets and a canister and we had to make the canister cap hit the roof. It was really hard but everybody did it!'



Shen Chi Do Karate Lessons

If you have ever thought about improving your physical and mental well-being, then Shen Chi Do karate might just be for you. Here are some of the potential benefits:

- Learn mindfulness by unifying body and mind with dedicated training;
- Start a journey inside yourself towards discovering your energy, build your strength and evolve into a stronger and more confident version of you;
- Find your route to understand togetherness and discipline as well as time, speed and balance;
- Explore self-discipline, motivation, fitness, awareness, flexibility and weight loss.

Classes run for adults and children every Tuesday between 7.30pm and 9.00pm at Gascoyne House, Gascoyne Road, E9 7BH

and on Fridays between 5.00pm and 6.30pm at Hackney Forge, 243a Victoria Park Road, E9 7HD. Contact Rod for more details on 07944251294 or at kwaratyrod@mail.com
The first lesson is free!



Football Club

Please note that there will be no football club on Thursday 8th February for years 5 and 6 due to a girls' football tournament. Instead, years 5 and 6 football club will take place on Wednesday 7th February.



Wallet Found

A wallet has been recently found 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.

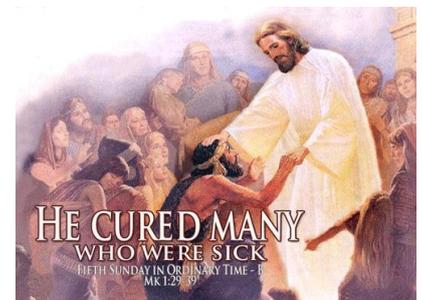
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

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| Lia Goncalves 2A | 3 rd |
| Anthony Nwoye Reception B | 3 rd |
| Jennifer Owusu 3A | 3 rd |
| Odayle Bryan 4B | 4 th |
| Ewan Helliwell 6A | 5 th |
| Brian Maughan Reception B | 5 th |
| Deandra Gbani 5A | 6 th |
| Soraia Gomes Monteiro Reception A | 7 th |
| Luka Martyniuk 1B | 7 th |
| Kofi Asiedu 5B | 8 th |
| Katie Maughan Nursery | 8 th |
| Renee Osei-Owusu 6A | 9 th |
| Victoria Yaguana Tenorio Reception A | 9 th |



Fifth Sunday of the Year B

Nobody's life is free from suffering or pain. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reveals God's love and concern for our well-being, and his readiness to heal our ills and relieve our pain in whatever way he can.

Prayer

Loving Father, you know and love us so well. Hear our prayers and allow your healing love to transform our lives. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.
Amen.