

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
19th March
is
Positive

ROBLOX

Roblox - Information for parents

We understand that Roblox is a very popular game for many of our pupils. Concerns have been recently raised about the chat function on this game. We would ask that you closely monitor this feature to ensure that you know who your children are talking to through the game. There has been some suggestion that adults may attempt to make contact with children.

While Roblox employs a filtering system and moderation team to help keep players safe and restrict them from sharing personally identifiable information, **we would strongly suggest** that parents enable a setting on their child's account that will allow them to only access a curated list of age-appropriate games for those under 13. This feature can be adjusted from within the Security tab under "Account Restrictions" in the [Account Settings](#) page.

Parental controls can also be activated so that you can shut off the chat capability.

Players can report inappropriate chat messages or content by using the 'Report Abuse' system, which is located throughout the site and in-game. In addition to reporting any rule violations, players can also completely block others from chatting with them in-game or on the website. Parents can report any

safety-related issues that they see on the site to safety@roblox.com

Further information about safety can be found online at <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>



Easter Holidays

Please note that school will close for the Easter holidays at **2.00pm on Thursday, 29th March**. The school re-opens for the summer term on **Monday 16th April at 9.00am**.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

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



World Book Day

Yesterday, we celebrated our re-scheduled 21st World Book Day. Children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book character and what a variety of characters we had! From Wonder Woman to Willy Wonka and from the Mad Hatter to the Cat in the Hat, we had characters covering every genre!

Thank you for all your efforts and for your wonderful representations of your favourite book characters. Many thanks also to those parents of pupils in KS1 who took part in the *snuggle and read* sessions. It was wonderful to see you all cuddling up to your children while reading them some exciting books and stories.

Below are a few photos of our wonderful book characters. Can you name the all?





Young Pea Chef 2018

Are you brimming with recipe inspiration? Are you a whiz with a whisk? If so, Britain's Young Pea Chef of the Year 2018, in association with The Ocado Foundation, is on the hunt for aspiring young chefs to create a delicious dish using Britain's favourite family vegetable - the pea! If you win, a £500 donation will be made to the school to fund 'Grow Your Own' projects as well as a personalised cooking hamper! To enter, visit www.youngpeachef.co.uk. The deadline for your healthy and exciting 'reci-pea' entries is Friday 13th April.



Sports Relief

Sports Relief is back between 17th and 23rd March and we will be playing our part in raising funds for this special cause by having a Sporty Day on Friday 23rd March. For a £1.00 donation, pupils will be able to come to school dressed in their favourite sportswear (e.g., tennis, cricket, basketball, athletics, football) or in their P.E. kit. Official Sports Relief wristbands are also on sale in the main office for £1.00.



Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended the re-scheduled meetings held on Wednesday for EYFS and KS1.

We always encourage all parents to attend these meetings as they provide an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's attainment and progress.



Shakespeare Week

As part of Shakespeare Week, Homerton Library will be holding a free screening of Animated Shakespeare Shorts tomorrow, Saturday 17th March, between 2.00pm

and 4.00pm. Why not go along to Homerton Library, Homerton High Street, E9 6AS to celebrate the works of a man who has been described as the greatest writer in the English language?



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross

On Monday 26th March at 10.30am, our KS1 pupils will be re-enacting Jesus' final moments with a procession of the Stations of the Cross in the school hall. The same procession will take place with our KS2 pupils on Wednesday 28th March at 10.30am. Father Neil will be leading the narration of the Stations of the Cross and parents are very welcome to attend.



Active Lives Reminder

Miss Currie has asked if parents of pupils in Class 2A could kindly complete the online survey for Active Lives. The link for the survey is <https://ipsos.uk/GYQYYIP>



Arts and Crafts Club

Next term, Mr Timmy and Miss Hajera will be starting an arts and crafts after-school club for pupils in years 1 to 6. Classes will run on Mondays between 3.30pm and 4.30pm and will start on Monday 16th April.

The cost for each half-term is £20 which is payable at the beginning of each half-term.

If you are interested in joining, please speak with Mr Timmy, Miss Hajera or a member of staff in the main office by Thursday 29th March.

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.

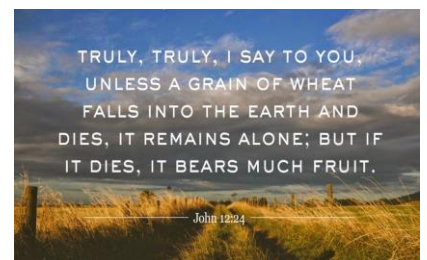
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Janet Atayero-Adepoju 6A	17 th
Olta Berisha Reception B	18 th
Cebelle Gyan 1B	20 th
Bridget Marie Maughan Reception B	22 nd
David Bisuga 3A	23 rd
Marvelous Davies 5A	23 rd



Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

In the lead-up to the Passion and death of Jesus, Sunday's Gospel provides us with another image of Christ's death on the cross. We reflect on the image of a grain of wheat which falls to the ground and gives up its life in order to produce a rich harvest.

Prayer

Loving Father, make our lives pleasing to you. As children of God, may we produce a rich harvest for your kingdom of love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.