

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
21st May
is
Unique/Special

SATS

KS1 and KS2 SATs

Well done to our year 2 and year 6 pupils who have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks in the run up to SATs. The last test was taken yesterday by our year 6 pupils. We would like to extend a very big 'thank you' to the teachers, teaching assistants and to you - the parents - who have supported and prepared the children for their SATs.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance this week with 97% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5B whose attendance was 100%.

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.



Clothing grant at age 11

If your child is transferring from primary to secondary school you may be entitled to receive a clothing grant.

To qualify, you must be a Hackney resident and be getting one of the benefits below:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Child tax credit, and getting no more than £16,190 a year
- Working tax credit, getting no more than £16,190 a year
- Guarantee element of pension credit, or
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Universal Credit with a net earnings threshold of £15,400 a year

For more information and to make an application, visit the following Hackney Learning Trust page:

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/clothing-grant-age-11>

Applications should be made before 30 June. The clothing grant is still available for Year 7 pupils who have started secondary school from September 2017 and meet the eligibility criteria above.



Courses in Hackney

Hackney Public Health and Young Hackney are currently supporting the following courses throughout the borough:

- Free Cook and Eat courses with courses across the borough;
- Cooking for Life - Family cooking;
- International Cuisine;
- The New Age Games - free activities for Hackney residents aged 50+;
- £1 fitness classes.

Details for all the above are available on our school noticeboard in the playground or from the school office.



Violin Lessons

Our violin teacher currently has spaces for three pupils. Lessons take place once a week at the cost of £3.00 per lesson and are paid upfront for each half-term. If you are interested in lessons for your child please speak to a member of staff at the school office for details.



Africa Day

On May 25th 1963, the Organisation of African Unity was formed between newly-liberated African nations. To this day, May 25th and the liberation of African nations are celebrated around the world as Africa Day, in the spirit of freedom and togetherness.

We would like to celebrate Africa Day on Friday 25th May by asking children to wear traditional dress or the colours of the flag of an African country. The school cook will provide a menu of African food and African music will be played around the school.

Africa Week Dalston is an invitation to explore the African and Diaspora influences that make up the community fabric, and to celebrate in the spirit of freedom and togetherness behind Africa Day. For more information, visit their website at

www.africaweekdalston.com



After School Club

Looking for some interesting and fun activities or help with your homework at the end of the school day? Then our after school club might just be for you!

The club runs from 3.30pm till 5.45pm daily at a cost of £10 per day and is available for all year groups. If you 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



First Holy Communion

Is your child preparing for their First Holy Communion this year? Are you still looking for an outfit? If so, Clothes Line may be able to help you. As well as suits and dresses, they also stock baptism gowns, prayer books, Bibles, daily and Sunday missals, rosaries, statues, cards and gifts for all Christian occasions.

What's more, they will not sell the same dress to another child who will be making their First Holy Communion at the same Mass. For more details, look at the flyer on our noticeboard, go to www.firstholychommunion.co.uk, call 020 8543 7721 or email sales@firstholychommunion.co.uk. If you make a purchase then please quote the promotional code STH258

at the point of sale as this will attract a 10% donation for our school!



Royal Wedding

Tomorrow, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will marry in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Today we held a picnic with bunting and music in our playground to celebrate the royal wedding. The sun had his hat on and also came out to play (hip-hip-hip-hooray)! We were delighted to see so many children coming to school as 'wedding guests' in suits, top hats and tails, dresses and even kilts! We are sure Prince Harry and Meghan would have been very proud if they had seen all our festivities today.

Everyone had a great time and we would all like to wish Prince Harry and Meghan the very best for tomorrow and for their future.



Dressing Up Clothes

If any parents have any old dressing up clothes that their children have grown out of, we are more than happy to take them off your hands. There are many occasions in school where our children dress up and, as we currently have a limited supply of costumes, all donations would be gratefully accepted.

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 coming week.

Akosua Gyamfuah Benfo 6A	20 th
Ayleen Caicedo Ramirez 2B	21 st
Saimon Kanu Nursery	21 st
Grace Udeme 6B	21 st
Osinachi Okafor Nursery	22 nd
Marck Yagauna-Tenori 4A	24 th
Jayden Bilbow 5A	25 th
Ronald Tazi Tuakontua 6B	25 th



Pentecost Sunday - Year B

Several days after Jesus had returned to heaven, the Jewish people celebrated the festival of Pentecost. Jesus' closest friends were hiding away together when they experienced a remarkable event that would change their lives and the lives of every Christian forever. On Sunday we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christ's apostles, an event that marked the birthday of the Church.

Prayer

Loving Father,
may your Spirit living inside us fill us with love, forgiveness and understanding, helping us to become more like Christ your Son. Grant this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.