

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
25th June
is
Independent



Year 6 Drama Project - The Unprecedented Case

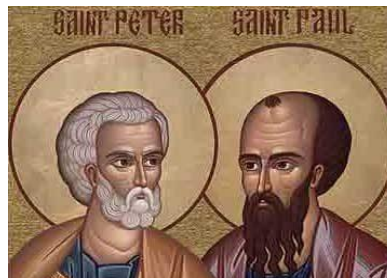
Over the past fortnight, eight of our year 6 pupils took part in a terrific theatre project called *The Unprecedented Case*. This project was devised by the *Hand Of* theatre group in conjunction with the Parliamentary Archives and the National Trust. The project was comprised of 14 workshops at Sutton House (a beautiful Grade II listed Tudor House on Homerton High Street); a day trip to the Houses of Parliament and an exciting evening performance.

Our children were especially delighted to be taken to the Houses of Parliament, where they received a full tour of Parliament, as well as an exclusive invitation into the Parliamentary Archive. The children actually saw the historic Act (1545) central to the creation of Sutton House.

It was an amazing opportunity for our pupils to work with a small group of musicians and puppeteers, creating and performing a piece of music theatre inspired by stories from the history of Sutton House. The process of creating the piece was designed to

improve literacy skills and build confidence as ahead of their transition to their secondary schools. This is what Jordan in class 6A had to say:

'What I learned at Sutton House is music and I played all types of music like jazz and mellow types. We even created our own music, adding original songs making it unique and special. The atmosphere was great - the teachers were friendly and helpful. If you got something wrong they would build on it in a productive and funny way that other people couldn't do. This was just amazing. It gave a confidence boost for secondary school helping every single step of the way and providing me with help and reassurance for the future.'



Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

On Friday 29th June at 10am we will be celebrating the feast day of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Church of The Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Cyril and led by our year 6 pupils. All parents and families are very welcome to attend.



The Great Get Together

The Great Get Together is coming back to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Sunday 24th June between 12 noon and 6pm.

This year the event will be bigger and better with music, dance, arts, culture, food and sport from around the world. This will be a free family fun event with live music, dance workshops, face painting, storytelling, arts and crafts, sports, a huge pirate ship, delicious food and lots lots more. For more information look at the flyer on our school noticeboard.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5B 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.



Coram's Fields

It's always nice to receive positive feedback and we were delighted to receive the following email from a lady called Helen following the year 2 and year 3 trip to Coram's Fields on Tuesday:

'I think I met some of your pupils today at Coram's Fields while I was there with my 3 yr old son. I just wanted to say that I was so impressed with how kind, happy and polite they were to me, each other and my son. A boy called Ashton was particularly lovely with my son and it made my son's day meeting

them all and playing on the zip wire with them. I also noticed how wonderful the teachers were with the children.

My son starts school in September and I hope he finds a group of children and teachers as lovely as the ones we met today from your school.'



HOP Dance Class

Dance classes especially aimed at 3-4 year olds are now running on Wednesdays (term time) between 4-4.30 pm. HOP playfully explores the beginnings of rhythm and co-ordination and introduces simple dance concepts taught by Takeshi Matsumoto, a contemporary dance artist who is building a reputation working specifically with young children. The classes are £4.00 per session and take place at The Old School Rooms, 2 Powerscroft Road, E5 0NU. For more information and to reserve a place email hackneychildrenstheatre@gmail.com



Value Games

The Value Games started six years ago with the primary purpose of getting pupils from different schools to compete in various sports. At the heart of the games were the seven values of the Olympics; respect, courage, excellence, determination, friendship, inspiration and equality.

This week St. Dominic's pupils have been participating in the Value Games with great success. The team achieved first place in athletics and were awarded with gold medals and a trophy. We matched this success by winning first place in basketball as well! As if these achievements were not enough, we also won second place in table tennis and third place in football. Congratulations to everyone who competed and many thanks to Miss Currie and Mr Timmy for leading our school team in their events.



Summer Fayre

Our school summer fayre will be taking place on 6th July between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. The DJ is booked

and hopefully the sun will be singing along with us too!

If parents have any items that they could donate for the tombola or as prizes for the raffle, then these will be most gratefully received by the school office. Items could include:

- Non-perishable food and drink
- Toiletries
- Stationery
- Unused gifts

If any parents would like to sell goods or provide an activity at the fayre, then stall space can be purchased for £10 per stall at the school office.

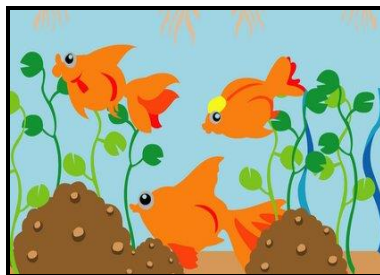
There will be lots of stalls to buy from and lots of activities and games to take part in so be sure to come along!

School Dinners Year 3 Pupils

School dinners for pupils entering year 3 in September

If you have a child going into year 3 in September, please remember that the universal free school meal entitlement will no longer apply.

This means that if your child is not eligible for free school meals because you are not receiving certain benefits, then you will need to pay £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week) payable from Tuesday 4th September. If your child is eligible for free school meals, or if you're not sure about their entitlement, you should contact Hackney Learning Trust as soon as possible to enquire about entitlement and to complete the relevant forms to assess your eligibility. Don't miss out - act now! It may avoid you having to pay school meal costs in September.



Home needed for goldfish!

Two members of our Reception classes - Spotty and Goldie the goldfish - are looking for a temporary home over the summer holidays! Food and all equipment will, of course, be provided. If you are able to offer a home to our fishy

friends over the summer then please see Miss Nayda in Reception B.



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.

Nursery	Cayden-Ephraim
Year 1	James
Year 3	Shamus
Year 4	Chimobi
Year 5	Brooklyn



The Baptism of the Lord

On Sunday we hear how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This was part of God's plan. The story reminds us of our own baptism when God's spirit became a living spring in each one of us.

Prayer

Jesus, accept our sign of the cross as our prayer to you.

It reminds us that through our baptism we belong to you, and are children of God.

Let all who are baptised walk together in the light of Christ.

Amen.