

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
29th October
is
Peaceful



Half-term Holidays

Today is the last day of this half-term. The school will be closed tomorrow for staff training and next week from Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October. We will re-open on **Monday 29th October at 9.00am.**



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class ** for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with **%. In KS2, congratulations to Class ** whose attendance was **%.

Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of any absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible.



Launchpad for Language

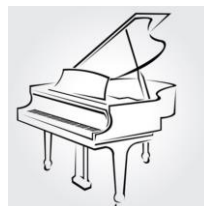
On Friday 2nd November between 9.10am -10.00am there will be a workshop for parents of children in EYFS. The topic is storytelling and will be delivered by our Speech and Language Therapist. Parents who attend will receive resources to support their child's language development. We look forward to seeing you there.



Judaism Week

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As part of our R.E. topic which looks at other faiths, our pupils have been learning about Judaism. This week, all year groups attended sessions led by our visitor, Nina Leigh. At the sessions, Nina spoke to the pupils about Judaism and showed the pupils various artefacts. This is what Isla in 1B had to say about the year 1 session. *'I enjoyed the role play in the workshop because we got to be the characters Abraham and Moses.'*



Piano Lessons

If your child currently receives piano lessons or you would like them to start. The cost will be £7.00 per lesson after half-term. Please pay £56 for the term to the office.



Hackney's Black African and Caribbean History

Black History Month is a UK-wide annual celebration of the contribution that Black African and Caribbean communities have made both locally and across the world.

This year Hackney Council will be celebrating the borough's internationally renowned music scene, with Roots, Rhythms & Records: The sounds and stories of African and Caribbean music in Hackney' at Hackney Museum. There'll also be film screenings, art workshops, discussions, live music and more.

For a full list of events visit:
www.hackney.gov.uk/black-history



All Saints Mass

On Thursday 1st November, Father Patrick will celebrate our All Saints Mass in school.

We would like to invite parents/carers to join us to observe this Holy Day of Obligation in the KS2 hall at 10.30am.



Early Collection of Pupils

We are not able to allow children to be collected early unless written documents are evidenced that require your child to attend a medical appointment. These must be shown prior to early leave being requested. We know that you fully help us in ensuring that our children receive the best learning opportunities in school and we thank you for your support in this matter.



Year 2 Trip to Tower Bridge

On Wednesday as part of their Topic: Avengers visiting London year 2 visited the famous London landmark Tower Bridge.

Here is what Phoebe had to say about her trip. *'We went to Tower Bridge. We went on a tour around Tower Bridge. We took two rumbling trains and we walked to the train station. We had our lunch in the park by the River Thames. My favourite part was when we ran around the park.'*



trampoline

Inspire Trampoline Academy

Would you like to have fun and get fit? Why not go along to The Urswick School, Paragon Road on Tuesday's 5.30pm - 6.30pm. They are holding a trampolining club for 6-11 year olds.

The club is affiliated with British Gymnastics and is Gym Mark accredited.

For more details see www.inspiretrampolineacademy.co.uk



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. Thank you to those parents/carers that cleared all outstanding fees for the last academic year. However, we still have some outstanding debts. We ask that this is settled as soon as possible. When you are paying dinner money into the office, please put money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.



Collecting children at the end of the school day.

We have recently noticed a steady increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the school day. Can we kindly remind parents/carers that unless their child is attending an after-school club, all children must be picked up at 3.30pm. We appreciate that there may be times when delays are unavoidable and we would ask that you always contact the school if you know you are going to be late. **Unless you have contacted us beforehand, children who are not collected at 3.30pm will be brought into the after-school club for which there is a £10 charge per day.**



Governors Fund - School Levy

As a Catholic Voluntary Aided School, we are required to contribute 10% towards all costs relating to the maintenance of and improvement to the children's classrooms, all other buildings and the school grounds, including the school gates and fencing to the playground, as well as any IT and other equipment used in the School, including the laptops and iPads. Our School does not receive 100%

funding from the Government. This is why we ask all parents or guardians for a donation to the Governors Fund.



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.

Reception	Rhikai, Lana, Jedidiah
Year 2	Ruby-Rose, Abraham, John-Paul, Malachy, McFred
Year 3	Ryan, Kofi, Michael
Year 4	Miyah, Aiyana,
Year 5	Angela, Daniel
Year 6	Louis



Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

A place in Heaven

James and John went to Jesus to ask an important favour. They wanted Jesus to promise them a special place beside him in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Prayer

Jesus, teach us to be loving and caring, and to think of other people before thinking of ourselves.

Amen.