

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

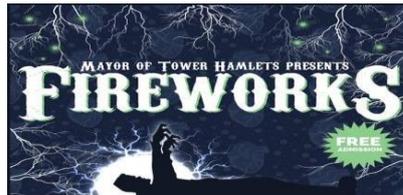
Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A whose attendance was 97%.

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.



Poppy Appeal 2018

Our annual Poppy Appeal is now underway and we are selling poppies for 50p and snap bands for £1.00 at the school office. We also have rubbers and reflectors for 50p. All money raised will be donated to The Royal British Legion.



Victoria Park Fireworks Display
Spectacular fireworks will illuminate the skies above Tower Hamlets on Sunday 4th November when you can enjoy a stunning and free Fireworks Night display to keep the whole family entertained. The venue opens for food stalls and music at 5.30pm and the glittering display will take place in Victoria Park at 7pm.

This year's display has a thrilling monstrous theme, inspired by the first science-fiction novel Frankenstein, which was first published two centuries ago. Two centuries after the first piece of science-fiction, Frankenstein, was published, a fiendish creature will be rendered in novel, and fiery ways. Organised by the council's arts, parks and events team, this year's Guy Fawkes celebrations will captivate audiences with dazzling visuals and an atmospheric soundtrack created by leading pyrotechnical and outdoor theatre company, Walk the Plank walktheplank.co.uk



Piano Lessons

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

Tate year3 project

Tate Year 3 Project

Year 3 have been invited to take part in a very special exhibition with Turner Prize, and Oscar-winning artist, **Steve McQueen**.

All year 3 classes across London have come together in the largest group portrait ever! On Wednesday 31st October a photographer from Tate Britain visited our school and took a class photo of 3A and 3B. Our photo will be part of a major new art project which will be on display at Tate Britain from November 2019 for a 6-month long exhibition.

We are very excited to be visiting the exhibition next year! This will be a fantastic opportunity for families to save the date and attend the museum to share the amazing achievement and memory with their children.



Children in Need - Spotacular

The BBC's Children in Need event takes place on **Friday 16th November**, and this year we are going all spotty as we support The Big Spotacular!

We are now selling wrist bands and Pudsey pins at the school office, both are priced at £1.00. Additionally, we are asking all the children to dress in spots to help us raise lots by donating £1.00 on the day by wearing their spottiest clothes.



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.



Parents' Meetings

Our parents' meetings will be taking place on the following dates:

EYFS/KS1 - Thursday 15th November between 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot will be put up outside each classroom on Monday 5th November.

KS2 - Wednesday 21st November between 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot will be put up between Classes 1A and 1B on Monday 12th November.

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



Pupil Premium Eligibility Check

Before half-term, parents/carers of pupils in years 1 to 6 will have received a form entitled *Consent form for pupil premium eligibility check*. If you are entitled to certain benefits, the school is also entitled to receive additional money, known as the pupil premium, to support the education of our pupils. However, we can only claim this money from the government if you have declared your entitlement. We therefore urge you to complete this form as soon as possible and return it to the Admissions and Pupil Benefits Team at Hackney Learning Trust (the address is on the form). Alternatively, you can return the form

to the school and we will pass it on. Thank you in advance for helping us secure additional funding for our school.



All Saints Mass

On Thursday, Father Patrick celebrated our All Saints Mass in school. The Mass was led by year 6 and was a respectful commemoration of the holy and exemplary lives of all the saints who now watch over us from their rightful place in the Father's heavenly home.



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	Michael and Michelle
Year 1	Victor
Year 2	Kamiyah
Year 4	Emily
Year 6	Zena and Danylo



Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

God gives us the gift of our five senses: touch, taste, hearing, smell and sight. Often, we take these for granted and give them little thought.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear how a blind man called Bartimaeus, begs Jesus to take pity on him, and cure his blindness.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Today we pray for blind people everywhere and for those who help to care for them.

Thank you for the gift of sight, allowing us to see the beauty of your world.

Amen.