

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
19th November
is
Friendship



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6B whose attendance was 99%.

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.



Remembrance Service

On Monday, we held our Remembrance Service to remember in a special way all those who lost their lives in the two world wars but in particular to remember the armistice on 11.11.18 and the centenary of the RAF. The service was respectfully led by our year 5 and year 6 pupils alongside Ms Finan and Ms Frankland and ended with a two-minute silence at 11.00am.



WOW! Day - Thursday 15th November.

To introduce our new learning adventures, St Dominic's held its first ever WOW day yesterday. The children were invited to dress up in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spend the whole day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure.

The costumes worn by the children based on their topic were amazing and included; Romans, Victorians, Africa, plague victims and yellow aliens!

This is what some of the children had to say about the day:

'What made WOW day different from other school days is we did a variety of activities such as painting, drawing, sketching and much more. In my opinion I prefer WOW day. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN! I really enjoyed the day and can't wait for the next one. It even got better we had a Victorian themed P.E. lesson. I loved it!'

Betania 6B

'We have been learning about 'Christmas Carol' which was set in the Victorian days. So we dressed up in our best Victorian clothes. In our class on WOW day we had a very special visitor and we asked him how his life was in Victorian times. We went on the Ipads and looked at London landscapes and then attempted to draw them'.

Roisin 6B

'This day is one of a kind!'

Isla 1B



Children in Need - Spotacular

Today marks one of the nation's biggest annual fundraising events - BBC Children in Need - and this year we went all spotty in The Big Spotacular!

What an entertaining sight it was to be greeted by a sea of multi-coloured spots wherever you went in the school today as the children paraded their spottiest clothes.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event either through wearing spotty clothes or through buying Pudsey pins and wristbands. So far, we have raised £111.00 Well done to everyone and a heartfelt thank you on behalf of all the children that your money will help.



Parents' Meetings

Our KS2 parents' meetings will be taking place on Wednesday 21st November between 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot have been put up between Classes 1A and 1B.

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

Thank you to all parents who made appointments for the meetings held on Thursday for EYFS and KS1.



Flu Nasal Spray Programme

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications,

including bronchitis and pneumonia.

The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free - a big advantage for children - the nasal spray is quick, painless, and works even better than the injected flu vaccine.

The vaccine is absorbed very quickly. It will still work even if, after the vaccination, your child develops a runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose.

Children from Reception class to year 5 have been given a consent form for the vaccination which needs to be returned by **Wednesday 21st November**.

A team from the Hackney Immunisation Service will carry out the vaccinations on **Wednesday 28th November**.

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Anti-Bullying Week - 19th - 23rd November.

St. Dominic's is celebrating the importance of friendship during our Anti-Bullying week, 19th - 23rd November. This is part of the work we shall be doing in school which will result in **Friendship Friday on 23rd November**.

Kidscape and the Anti-Bullying Alliance have lots of information, ideas and activities that you can read and share with your children at home to support our work in school.

Throughout the week we shall be learning the true meaning of the word **RESPECT**.

As adults we are the children's primary role models - how we behave should reflect how we want our children to behave in our school community and beyond.

On Friday 23rd November, our children are allowed to express themselves and celebrate their individuality by wearing their own

favourite clothes BUT.....they should wear the brightest, craziest **ODD SOCKS** you can find to display your child's uniqueness!!

There will be two productions about anti-bullying by the theatre group 'Power of One' for KS1 and KS2 in the afternoon and a cake sale at break time.

We are asking that you donate £1.00 to support the fantastic work that Kidscape and the ABA do to support and teach young children - **HAVE FUN!**



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.



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.



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.**



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.

Year 2	Morayooluwa
Year 6	Michael and Sarah



Thirty-third Sunday of the Year.

At the end of time, Jesus will return in power and glory and will welcome all those who have been chosen to join him in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Prayer

Lord,
May our lives always be rich in love and goodness, so we are ready to welcome you whenever you return.
Amen.