

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
21st January
is
Determination (Resilience)



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A whose attendance was 98%.

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.



Dental Visit

On Monday 21st January 2019 a team from NHS Community Dental Services will be in school to apply a fluoride application for the children in Reception and Year 1.



Piano lessons

If your child currently receives piano lessons or you would like them to start. The cost is £7.00 per lesson. Lessons take place every Friday during school time. Please pay £35 for the term to the office.

National Storytelling Week

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National Storytelling Week takes place this year between 26th January and 2nd February. This event is run by the Society for Storytelling (<https://www.sfs.org.uk>) and it aims to increase public awareness of the "art and practice and value of oral storytelling".

Telling stories to each other is the oldest way we have of passing on human history to each other. It helps us make sense of our lives, it creates new worlds for us to explore together - it is a time to stop, listen and enjoy the magic of words.

There will be many exciting events taking place, so check your local libraries and newspapers to sign up for a spellbinding moment of storytelling!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/events/january/>



WOW Day.

On Wednesday St. Dominic's held another successful WOW Day. Children and staff dressed in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spent the day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure.

The costumes were amazing and included: Vikings, Anglo Saxons, seasons, countries and The Fire of London.

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

'WOW day was incredible yesterday! Since our topic was Vikings, we did all sorts of things the Vikings did. We had a meal with the other year 6 class the Viking way, making bread with only flour, butter, water and honey. No yeast was needed for the bread; but it still tasted delicious. We also did freeze frames of an attack on Lindisfarne and made necklaces, bracelets and rings out of some string and buttons and shark teeth! (not real ones though)

Kirsten 6B

'This is the best day ever!'

Jedidiah Rec A

'For WOW day we made houses to represent The Great Fire of London. In the afternoon we went to the cage and set the houses on fire! I had so much fun. I loved it!'

Annabel 2A



Cash Payments

If you are making a payment for dinner money, any of the after school clubs or piano lessons. Please put the correct amount in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class. **Receipts for payments will be issued at the end of the school day.**

The office cannot accept cash unless it is in an envelope.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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.



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.



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.

The donations remain at £30 per child or £45 for a family.

This fund is vital and makes a difference to our school and ultimately your child's education. Please make your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and take it to the school office.



Community Cookery Classes 2019.

Made In Hackney deliver fun, supportive, often life changing courses in local food growing, cooking and composting skills. They work with local charities, community organisations, housing associations and support groups to ensure our courses are offered to people most in need such as low income families, children in care, teen carers, young people excluded from school, parents and children, and people suffering from diet related health problems.

Their pay-by donation, volunteer led Community Classes are a great way to learn a new cookery skill in a relaxed, fun setting. Workshops cover everything from Bread Making, Preserving, Budget Cooking, Indian Cuisine, Foraging, Food Growing, Fermenting and more.

To book email:

info@madeinhackney.org

Or call 0208 442 4266



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 next week.

Reception	Saint
Year 1	Tommy
Year 2	Elianna
Year 3	Bradley
Year 4	Kai, Mia, Ayomide
Year 6	Blessing

The Wedding at Cana



Second Sunday of the Year

A miracle is a sign of God's power and glory; a remarkable and amazing event that cannot be explained. In Sundays gospel we hear how Jesus performed his first miracle by changing water into wine.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Help us to turn to you in times of difficulty and place our trust in your goodness and love.

Amen