

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
23rd September
is
Brave.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 100%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5B whose attendance was 100%.

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.

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 020 8985 0995 (option 1) to report their absence. Please do this before 9:00am on each day of absence.



WOW! Day

St. Dominic's enjoyed another fantastic WOW day this week. 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:

China, Creation, Romans, Storms and Teddy bears!



Jeans for Genes day

Yesterday the children and staff got their jeans on and donated £1 to support children affected by genetic disorders.

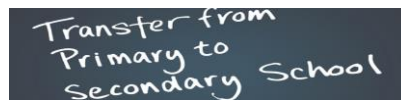
We have raised £142 so far.

Well done everyone!



Year 6 Commissioning Mass

Today we celebrated our Commissioning Mass for year 6 at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. On this special occasion our year 6 pupils were commissioned to be leaders within our school community. Father Patrick led the service and the children read and sang beautifully!



Secondary Transfer

Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a letter outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2020. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you have been attending these to help inform your choices.

Secondary school applications need to be made online via the **eAdmissions** system. **The deadline**

for making your application is **Friday 18th October.**

Please note the following important points when making your application:

1. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail from eAdmissions.
2. It is essential that you do not delete this email as it is necessary for completing the eAdmissions secondary transfer process. E-mails from eAdmissions may go to your junk/spam folder so please check these too.
3. If you have used eAdmissions to make an application in the past (e.g. for another child), login with your email address and password from your previous application. If you cannot remember your username or password click the 'Forgotten username or password?' link.

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting yesterday.



Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended the parents' meetings on Wednesday. It was good to see so many parents engaging with their child's new class teachers.



School Jumpers

We have a small amount of jumpers available for sale at the office for

the discounted price of £5.00. There is only XL sizes available. Hurry while stocks last!



Late Arrivals

The bell goes at 9am each day so that children can be in class ready to learn at 9.10am.

It is crucial that every child is here at the start of the school day so that they are able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

The bell goes at 9am so be on time!



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 £42 at the school office..



Speech and Language Support

We will be holding a parent coffee morning for pupils receiving Speech and Language support on Thursday 26th September 9am - 10am.

Please come and join us for a **practical session** exploring a range of strategies and visual supports you can start using straight away!

- Meet other parents of children with speech, language, and communication difficulties.
- Learn about Speech and Language Therapy.
- Learn strategies to support your child's communication at home.
- Learn how visual supports can help your child transition back to school and support them to manage their emotions and behaviour.

Our Speech and Language Therapist, Alicia Houn, will provide resources for you to take home.



Cardinal Pole Secondary School

On Monday 23rd September our Year 6 parents are invited to attend a special secondary transfer session with Mr A Parker Associate Head Teacher from Cardinal Pole.

The session will take place in the KS1 hall at 3.15pm.

Mr Parker will tell you about Cardinal Pole's high standards and achievements.



Governors Fund

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.



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.



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 1	Tyesha & Jason
Year 2	Louisa
Year 4	Emely
Year 5	Benita-Johanna



Twenty-fifth Sunday of the year.

Have you ever heard the saying, 'Honesty is the best policy'? This means that it is always better to be honest rather than tell lies. If we are all honest about the little things in life, we will be honest about everything else too.

Prayer

Lord,
Help us to be truthful and honest with each other and be guided by your goodness.

Amen.

