

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
28th October
is
Peaceful



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5A whose attendance was 98%.

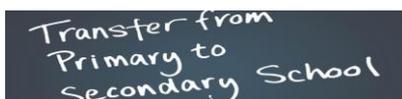
Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of any absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible.

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.



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 21st October to Friday 25th October. We will re-open on **Monday 28th October at 9.00am**



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.



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.

Here is what Gabriella and Michael 4B had to say about the year 4 session.

'Yesterday we learnt about Judaism with Miss Miriam. She showed us lots of items that Jewish people use in their synagogue like a kipper (a hat), the Torah (like our bible) and a prayer shawl.'

Fun Facts:

A real Torah would be as long as a football pitch.

The Torah can't be read unless there are 10 people in the synagogue.

If you counted the little knots on a prayer shawl, there would be 613. If the Torah is dropped, the whole church would have to fast for a month!

We really enjoyed learning more about the Jewish Faith.'



P.E. Tops

We have some P.E. Tops available for the discounted price of £3.00 in the office.

There are sizes 3-4 years - which are suitable for nursery and reception.

Hurry while stocks last!



P.E. Kits

Parents are reminded that children should come to school in their school uniform everyday. They will change into their P.E. kits in the classroom before their P.E. lesson. Only Reception children are allowed to come into school on Thursday morning wearing their P.E. Kit.



All Saints Mass

On Friday 1st November, Father Patrick will celebrate our All Saints Mass in The Immaculate Heart of St. Mary & St. Dominic Church at 10.30am

We would like to invite parents/carers to join us to observe this Holy Day of Obligation.



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.



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!



Black History Month

During October and November this year there are free workshops at Hackney Museum, exploring their upcoming exhibition about the history and politics of African and Caribbean hair and fashion. Black hair has been an integral feature of black history - from African tribal styles to dreadlocks and the afro.

If there are any parents who can contribute to this theme please let the office know - we would love to share your knowledge and experience. Thank you.



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



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.

Nursery	Chelsey
Reception	Ephrata, Eileena
Year 1	Rhikai & Lana
Year 3	Ruby-Rose, Abraham, John-Paul, Malachy, McFred
Year 4	Ryan, Kofi & Michael
Year 5	Miyah, Aiyana
Year 6	Angela



Twenty-ninth Sunday of the year.

Jesus told a parable to show that we shouldn't become disheartened but should keep on asking for what we want because God will hear and answer our prayers.

Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

