

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
20th January
is
Determination
(Resilience).



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. 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.

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

On Thursday 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:
The Rainforest, Ancient Greeks, The seasons. Chocolate.



Postal Museum

On Monday our Year 2 classes visited the Postal Museum. The trip would normally cost £13 per child but was free for the children thanks to some generous Go Fund Me donations.

Here is what some of the children had to say about their day:
'When we arrived we met Sam and he told us we are Jolly Posties. We sang songs and participated in role play and Sam showed us some Victorian pennies. Mine was dated 1895. My favourite part was playing in the sorting room and using the parcel slide.'

Patience

'We went to a sorting room and it was lots of fun. We were very excited and had a go at posting letters and parcels. We met Sam again and it was delightful to see him as he showed us some very old pennies. We had a ride on the Mail Rail train, it was very small and cramped but we loved our journey on it.'

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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 £42 for the term to the office.



Balance Bikes

We have some nearly new balance bikes for sale. They are suitable for 2-3 year olds and are an excellent way for little ones to move on to cycling without stabilisers when they are older. These simple bikes for beginners have no pedals, so children can focus on balance. They are on sale in the school office for £10.



Lateness

Can we remind parents that the morning bell is rung at 9.00am for the start of the school day. The playground gate is locked at 9.10am and children arriving after that time will be marked as late for school. They should report to the school office where they will be marked as present and recorded for school dinners.



After School Club

Our after school club runs every day from 3.30pm till 5.45pm.

The cost is £10 per day and the club is available for all year groups with lots of fun activities each day and help with homework. If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact Miss Currie or speak to a member of staff at the main office.



Hackney Music Service

The Hackney Music Service is delighted to be able to invite young musicians to take part in the 17th annual Holiday Music course.

This year, the course will run during the February half term for three days on Tuesday 18th, 19th and 20th February 2020 at William Patten Primary School.

If you wish to apply for any of the courses which include: Strings, Brass and Woodwind and Steel Pans. You will need to return a completed application form to musicservice@learningtrust.co.uk by Friday 7th February 2020.

For more details please contact: Emilia Crawford 0203 0761534



Community Cookery Classes 2020.

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 their 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 442 426



Governors Fund - School 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.

You will have noticed the building work that is taking place to replace our library building in the playground. We have received 90% funding for this project and your donations to the Governors Fund will contribute greatly to this project.



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	Saint
Year 2	Tommy
Year 4	Nina & Bradley
Year 5	Kai, Mia & Ayomide



Second Sunday of the Year.

Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This was part of God's plan. The story reminds us of our own baptism, when God's spirit became a living spring in each one of us.

Prayer

Jesus,
Accept our sign of the cross as our prayer to you.

It reminds us that through our baptism we belong to you, and are children of God.

Let all who are baptised walk together in the light of Christ.

Amen.