

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
27<sup>th</sup> January  
is  
Proud.



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A whose attendance was 97%.

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.**



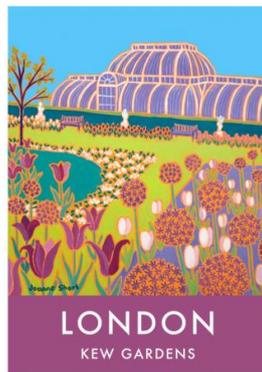
### Piano lessons

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.



### Kew Gardens

On Wednesday year 5 visited Kew Gardens as part of their Topic on The Rainforest. They went into the Palm Room which was full of tropical plants and trees and the Aquatic Centre which was sub-tropical and also held carnivorous plants! Here is what **Khayden 5B** had to say about the visit:  
'On our trip to Kew Gardens, we were all so excited. When we entered the park we spotted a huge greenhouse. We went inside and saw lovely trees and plants. We found three of the most interesting ones: The Suicide Palm, The Madagascar Periwinkle and a normal palm tree. We had an amazing time!'



### Year 3 Trip

On Wednesday our year 3 classes attended a workshop and concert at St. Anne & St. Agnes Church near St. Paul's.

We received this lovely email from one of the Projects Assistants:  
'It was a great pleasure to host your year 3's and their teachers at our Winter House workshop and concert today. The students were really well behaved, arriving quietly and listening well during the rehearsal session. All the musicians and singers were really impressed by how engaged, imaginative and involved they were throughout. Everyone thought their singing was excellent!'

*It was a real pleasure to have them with us and we hope to work with you again soon. Please pass our congratulations and thanks onto all teachers, assistants helpers involved.'*

It is always nice to hear such nice things about our children who clearly had a wonderful day! Here is what **Phoebe 3B** had to say about their trip:  
'My experience on the trip was extremely exciting. Everybody sang beautifully. We were going on an adventure through music, and though some people, (including me) were a bit scared at the beginning. When the string instruments started we were completely blown away at the lovely sound they made all playing together.'



### Online safety

We are fully committed to ensuring our pupils are receiving a fully rounded education with regard to online safety, both in terms of how to stay safe but also how to behave online.

We have updated our website with some very useful information for parents on how to keep your children safe online.

You can find parent guides to learn more about social media, apps and games your child may be using and information on how to set parental controls for PS4 and Xbox One.

Take a look on the St. Dominic's website online safety section.



### 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.



### 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](mailto: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.

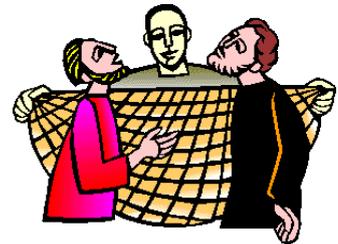
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



### Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming week.

Reception	Canaan & Adebola
Year 2	Kleison, Connor & Caleb
Year 3	Elianna & Martina
Year 4	Edrea
Year 5	Remi & Empress



### Third Sunday of the Year.

It is important to remember that Jesus was a very important person, an extraordinary man. In Sunday's Gospel we hear him ask some fishermen to leave their boats, nets, homes and families and follow him. The remarkable thing is, that's just what they did!

### Prayer

Jesus, help us to listen when you ask us to 'follow you.'

Make us strong enough to walk beside you each day.

Help us to share your love with others that we meet, so that we too lead people to follow you.

**Amen.**

