

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
3rd February
is
Encouragement.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A 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.



Half-term holiday

School finishes on Friday 14th February at 3.30pm and re-opens on Monday 24th February at 9.00am.



Charity Head Shave

During assembly on 11th February our year 6 teacher Mr Purvis will be shaving his head to raise money for charity!

He will be donating his hair and lots of your kind donations to the charity 'Little Princess Trust' who make wigs for children with cancer.

On 11th February you can show your support by donating £1.00 to wear your own clothes and buying cakes at our cake sale.

Children can also win the chance to help with Mr Purvis' head shave by entering a special raffle.

To find out more about the work that the charity do please visit:

www.littleprincess.org.uk



Hackney Town Hall visit

On Tuesday St. Dominic's School Council Representatives went to Hackney Town Hall to meet the Speaker of Hackney Kam Adams! They really enjoyed themselves and felt very inspired. They asked lots of appropriate questions and learned a lot about the role of The Speaker and what he does.

Here is what 3A's School Councillor Nuala had to say about the visit: *'When I went on the trip I learned a lot of things and the Speaker inspired me to be a councillor. So when I am older I want to be a*

councillor so I can change things in the country.'



Children's Mental Health Week 2020

Children's Mental Health Week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to focus on the importance of looking after our emotional wellbeing from an early age. This year's theme is 'FIND YOUR BRAVE'.

Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing your worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone.

FINDING YOUR BRAVE can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

For more information please see: www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

or email info@annafreud.org



Car Parking

Parents are advised that the playground across the road from the school known as 'The Cage' is for school staff parking only. Parents should not use the area to park their cars or allow their children to play in the area where cars are parked.

Many thanks for your support.



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.



KS2 Building

Please do not enter the KS2 school building to collect your child before 3.30pm without prior arrangement. As part of our Safeguarding duty to all children, adults must wait in the reception area for their child to be collected.



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.

Nursery	Sarah
Reception	Safiya
Year 2	Anthony & Soraia
Year 3	Luka
Year 4	Sabella & Richard
Year 5	Afomia, Chanelle, Jennifer
Year 6	David L & Odayle



Fourth Sunday of the Year.

Welcoming a newborn child into God's family is always a joyous occasion that calls for great celebration. When Mary and Joseph went to the Temple to present Jesus to the Lord, their arrival was greeted with more joy and excitement than they could possibly have imagined!

Prayer

Loving Father,
May we present the face of Christ to the world in which we live, and generously share his love and forgiveness with everyone we meet. We make these prayers through Christ you Son.

Amen.