

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
10th February
is
Aspire.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 100%. 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

Next week is the final week of this half term.

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 **Tuesday 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



Cake Sale

On **Thursday 13th February** year 2 will be holding a 'Valentine's Day' cake sale during morning break.

They will be selling heart shaped cookies and fairy cakes for 50p each or three cookies (one big and two small) for £1.00. That way children can give a friend a Valentine gift!



Upset Stomach

Diarrhoea and vomiting are common in adults, children and babies.

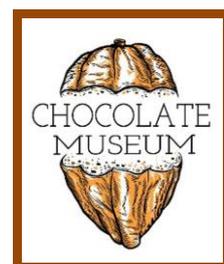
They're often caused by a stomach bug and should stop in a few days.

The advice is the same if you have diarrhoea and vomiting together or separately.

You can usually treat your child at home. The most important thing is to have lots of fluids to avoid dehydration.

It is important to keep your child off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for **48 hours** to avoid passing the bug to other children and staff.

For more information please visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/



The Chocolate Museum

This week our year 4 children visited the Chocolate Museum in Brixton.

Here is what **Alyanna 4A** had to say about the trip:

'On our class trip, 4A went to the Chocolate Museum. We made Mayan chocolate from ground cocoa and honey. Then we made labels with Mayan symbols. I know my class enjoyed this trip and genuinely learnt a lot.

This was a really informative and enjoyable trip. For example, we learnt that Mayans used chocolate drink to see if a groom was good

enough for the bride! Also, it was the Spanish who sweetened and solidified chocolate after bringing it to Europe. Finally, we learnt that cocoa is good for you, only the additives are unhealthy. (Store bought chocolate is still unhealthy!)



Safer Internet Day

The 11th of February is Safer Internet Day. Here are 9 top tips to talk about with your children to promote their online safety:

1. Only talk to people you know and trust in real life
2. Don't give away personal information to strangers - like what street you live on, or where you go to school. Say "no" if they ask you to share photos or videos of yourself
3. Set your profiles to private
4. Be 'share aware' - once you share something online, you've got no control over what anyone else does with it.
5. Be very careful what photos and comments you post online - this is called your digital footprint and it could come back to bite you.
6. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell a grown-up you trust
7. Don't assume everything you see is true to life. People often make their lives look more exciting online
8. Watch out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're asked to pass on or that ask you for payment details or passwords.
9. Watch out for loot boxes or other ways that games get you to pay - before you know it you can spend a lot on them.

Some excellent videos about Internet Safety can be found by using the following link:
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/sid-films>

Our school website offers many other excellent parent guides on topics such as the social media, apps and games your child is using; how to set up parental controls on Playstation 4; and how to set up parental controls on XBOX One.

www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk/learning/life-at-st-dominics/e-safety



Hackney Youth Awards.

'My name is Stefano and I am in 4B, and I love doing new adventures! I got an amazing opportunity to try paddle boarding in Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground. As a result I got an award from the Mayor of Hackney Mr Phillip Glanville. I also got another award for taking part in learning to play an instrument this is called an ukulele.'

Well done Stefano!



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.



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.

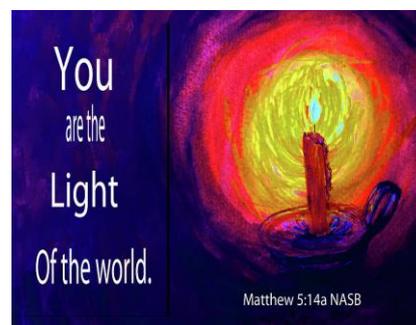
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Reception	Stephanie & Oyintare
Year 1	Katie & Xyla
Year 2	Victoria
Year 4	Azael & Mulumba
Year 5	Godwin



Fifth Sunday of the Year.

Without light in our world there would be no life. In some parts of the world, like Antarctica, the sun does not shine for six months of the year, when there is complete darkness. Here, when it grows dark each day, we go to bed and sleep until the rising sun makes it light again. Jesus reminds us of the importance of light in our lives.

Prayer

At baptism we became children of God, filled with the light of his Spirit.

Help us to always walk as children in the light, touching the lives of others with God's love.

Amen.