

# ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
16<sup>th</sup> March  
is  
**Assertive.**



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 95%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3B 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.**



### Health Update

We have been receiving daily updates from the Department for Education regarding the Coronavirus. The situation is constantly reviewed and action informed by expert science and advice, guided by the Chief Medical

Officer and the Chief Scientific Adviser.

It's important to remember that whilst the Coronavirus is a very serious issue, we should always try not to frighten or alarm children, especially younger ones.

Following practical steps is a very good way to reassure children and keep us all free from infection.

As we have written before, washing hands with hot water more often and for 20 seconds is vital.

Teach children the **catch it, bin it, kill it** strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

BBC Newsround has a number of videos around the topic of coronavirus to help young people understand the issue better.

Coronavirus: Dr Chris answers YOUR questions (BBC Newsround)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51698180>

The DfE has opened a helpline to answer questions about the virus related to education. Parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

**You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. Based on current information, there is currently no reason why your children should not continue to attend school as normal.**

Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)  
[www.learnitrust.co.uk](http://www.learnitrust.co.uk)



### Wild Science Workshop

Animals including humans and living things are important areas of study for primary school children. On Wednesday children in year 2 had

the opportunity to take part in a hands on workshop.

Here is what some of the children had to say:

*'The animals were amazing. We met a Chinchilla and it's fur was so soft.'*

**Olta**

*'We met some nocturnal and diurnal animals. They were really interesting. We learnt how they survive in the dark and how they hunt. My favourite animal was the hedgehog.'*

**Victor**



### Year 3 Visit to Museum of London

On Tuesday Year 3 visited the Museum of London to explore the incredible Stone Age to Iron Age exhibition. Children were immersed into a journey through a workshop travelling through prehistoric times visiting the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras of the Stone Age and finding out exactly how the lives of people developed over time.

As archaeologist, they investigated several artefacts from the past to find out more about the way people lived in that era. They had a fantastic day exploring the galleries and expanding their knowledge of prehistoric times.



### St. Patrick's Day

**On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** the St. Patrick's Day Troupe will visit our school and treat us all to a performance of Irish music and dancing. Parents are welcome to

attend the special performance at 11.30am in the KS2 hall.  
We will be celebrating the feast of St. Patrick on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** with another special assembly when pupils from Our Lady's and St. Joseph's School will be performing for us



**Parents Meeting**  
**KS2 - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** between 2.30pm and 6.00pm.  
Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot are now up outside 1A and 1B classes.  
**EYFS** - Rescheduled meetings for those parents who were unable to see Miss Vallejo will also take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

We encourage all parents to attend as these meetings provide an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's attainment and progress.



**Parent Taster Session**  
During the KS2 Parent meetings on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, parents will have the opportunity to sample and enjoy what is on offer from our catering firm Chartwells.  
Please come along and visit our lovely kitchen staff while you wait to see your child's class teacher.



**Our Doves**  
Pupils were invited to apply for a new role in our school called Pupil Chaplancy 'Our Doves'. These pupils sat an interview with Ms Finan and Miss Hamilton. They were very impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm the children showed during their interviews.  
The following children were successful and congratulations to them all:

Ayomide 2A, Louisa 2A, Phoebe 2A, Malachy 2B, Abraham 3B, Renaldo 3B, Angelica 3A, Bradley 4A, De-Shornea 4B, Nicole 4A, Favour 4B, Christian 5B, Aiyanna 5B, Mary 5A, Jennifer 5B, Empress 5B, Emily 5B, Samiyah 5B, Alisha 5A, Kelly 5A, Rachel 5B, Lois 6A, Winette 6B, Bebe 6A, Saionette 6A.



**School Jacket Sale**  
We have a small number of shower resistant, fleece lined reversible school jackets for sale. They are available in large sizes only 10+ They are £10 each and available from the school office.



**Lunchtime and Afterschool clubs**  
St. Dominic's is pleased to announce that we will be starting a variety of free lunchtime and afterschool clubs.

**LUNCHTIME CLUBS:**

DAY	CLUB	TEACHER	YEARS
MON	Mindful colouring club	Miss Price	1-6
TUE	Lego Club	Miss Slingsby	1-4
THU	Film Club	Mr Lawler	3-6

**AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS: 3:40PM - 4:40PM**

DAY	CLUB	TEACHER	YEARS
WED	Junk Modelling	Miss Hay	3-6
WED	Cheerleading	Miss Bernard	3-6
WED	Homework club	Miss Mustafa	1-6
THU	Singing Club	Miss Nayda	3-6
THU	Code club	Miss Slingsby	3-6



**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	Andrew
Year 1	Damilola
Year 2	Olta
Year 3	Adanna
Year 6	Shanniya



**Third Sunday of Lent.**

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at a well. The Samaritans came from a place called Samaria. The Jews from Galilee and Judaea hated them because the Samaritans had built a temple for God on Mount Gerizim, in their own country, and refused to worship at the temple in Jerusalem.

**Prayer**

We thank you Jesus, for the blessing of water; for being able to turn on a tap and know that it will flow; for the rain and rivers and the mighty oceans.  
We thank you for 'water of life', poured out and shared with us at our baptism, and throughout our lives, so that we can have everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

