

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
21st September
is
Respect.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6B whose attendance was 94%.

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.



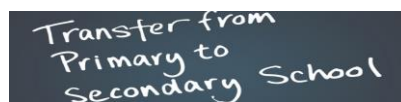
Half Term

The school will close for half term from Thursday 22nd October as Friday 23rd October is a school Inset Day and return on Monday 2nd November. A full list of term dates is available on the school website:
www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk



Jeans for Genes day

Today the children and staff got their jeans on and donated £1 to support children affected by genetic disorders. Well done everyone!



Secondary Transfer

Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a letter outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2020. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you have been attending these to help inform your choices.

Secondary school applications need to be made online via the eAdmissions system. The deadline for making your application is **Friday 18th October**.

Please note the following important points when making your application:

1. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail from eAdmissions.
2. It is essential that you do not delete this email as it is necessary for completing the eAdmissions secondary transfer process. E-mails from eAdmissions may go to your junk/spam folder so please check these too.
3. If you have used eAdmissions to make an application in the past (e.g. for another child), login with

your email address and password from your previous application. If you cannot remember your username or password click the 'Forgotten username or password?' link.

Ms Finan and Ms Frankland will be holding 2 meetings in the KS2 hall on **Tuesday 22nd September at 9:00am** and **Wednesday 23rd September at 2:45pm** to talk parents through the online application process. We look forward to seeing our year 6 parents there.



Coronavirus Guidance

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour.
- A high temperature. 38C or higher.
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell. - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things taste/smell different to normal.

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you or your child have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test. You must stay at home until you get the test result and anyone you live with and anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home until you receive the result.

If your child falls ill at school with any of the symptoms above you will

be called and expected to collect your child immediately and arrange to seek medical advice. It is vital that we have the most up to date contact details for you. Therefore, please ensure you have completed and returned your child's data collection sheet.

For the schools most up to date advice please see the school website: <https://www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk>
 COVID -19 - returning to school in September

Important

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do.
 For children aged 5 or over - use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service.
 For children under 5 - call 111.



World Afro Day

On Tuesday 15th September we celebrated World Afro Day. Here is what Patience in Year 3 had to say about the day:

'World Afro Day is a day to celebrate and appreciate the unique African hairstyles all over the world. We learnt about different types of hair styles such as kinky hair, coiled hair, curly hair as well as permed hair. Hearing stories about the way people felt about their hair made me realise the struggle some people faced and how we should love our hair because it is so unique. We celebrated the day by writing diary entries about how we felt about our hair and how we take care of it. We ended the day by creating our own afro hair style masks. It was incredibly fun and I hope we can do it again.'



CAKE SALE



Cake Sale

On Friday 25th September staff and children will be supporting MacMillan Cancer nurses by taking part in MacMillan's Coffee Morning. Children can buy cakes and biscuits made by our lovely kitchen staff for 50p - £1.00.

Just £52 could help run MacMillan's Online Community forum for over an hour. Typically, that would give nearly 750 people affected by cancer both emotional and practical support.



Creative Writing Challenge

Congratulations to Alicia in Year 6 who has received a special mention for her very impressive descriptive writing which wowed everyone at Apollo Music Projects.

If you would like to take a look at her work see their website: <https://www.apollomusicprojects.org/2020/09/creative-writing-challenge-a-special-mention/>

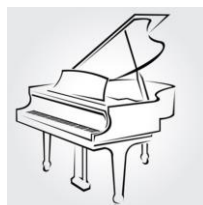


P.E. Kit

Children can come to school on their class P.E. day dressed in their P.E. kit. They should wear a purple polo top and black shorts or track suit bottoms and trainers.

Class P.E. days are as follows:

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| Reception | Thursday A.M. |
| Year 1 | Tuesday A.M. |
| Year 2 | Wednesday A.M. |
| Year 3 | Monday P.M. |
| Year 4 | Tuesday P.M. |
| Year 5 | Friday P.M. |
| Year 6 | Wednesday P.M. |



Piano Lessons

If your child currently receives piano lessons or you would like them

to start. The cost will be £7.00 per lesson.

Please pay £42 at the school office..



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.

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| Year 2 | Tyesha & Jason |
| Year 3 | Louisa |
| Year 4 | Michael |
| Year 5 | Emely |
| Year 6 | Harry & Benita |



Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

Not everyone comes to know Jesus early in their lives, for some it might happen only at the end of a lifetime. But Jesus is loving and generous, and we learn that those who follow him will receive the same reward at the end of time - everlasting life.

Prayer

Lord,
 You are always generous and kind, fill us with the generosity of your love and make us more understanding.

Amen