

# ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
1<sup>st</sup> November  
is  
**Achievement.**



### 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 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.



### Nursery Applications

Do you have a child who will be three before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and needs a nursery place in January 2022?

If the answer is yes, then you should apply for a place in our nursery.

We offer part-time and full-time places.

All you need to do to enrol your child for a place in January is come to the school office with your child's birth certificate and proof of your address.

*'The youngest children get off to a flying start in the school's Nursery.'*  
*Ofsted.*



### After School Club

Our after school club takes place every day from 3:30-5:45pm. 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.



## Judaism Week

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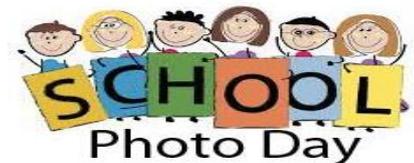
As part of our R.E. topic which looks at other faiths, our pupils have been learning about Judaism.

This week, all year groups attended ZOOM sessions led by our visitor, Nina Leigh. At the sessions, Nina spoke to the pupils about Judaism and showed the pupils various artefacts.



### Poppy Appeal 2021

Our annual Poppy Appeal is now underway and we are selling poppies and wrist bands. All money raised will be donated to The Royal British Legion.



### Photo Day

#### School Photos

Unfortunately, school photographs did not take place this week and have been rescheduled for March 2022. We will of course notify parents nearer the date.



### Phone Thefts

One of our parents had her phone snatched from her hand at the corner of Ballance Road and Kenworthy Road. The phone was wiped of its data in less than five minutes! Last week a member of our staff had her phone grabbed from her hand in the same area. She managed to snatch it back but was left shaken.

On both occasions the muggers were on bikes. Please be alert at all times as these incidents are on the increase in Hackney.



### Cardinal Pole Retreat

Last week, year 5 and year 6 went on a retreat to Cardinal Pole to strengthen their faith, spirituality and reflect on their strengths.

The retreats were led by Cardinal Pole's chaplain Mr James Ryan and some of his six form students as they discovered all about the relationship between God and us with the theme 'Called to Serve'.

This is what Annabel had to say about the trip:

*'At Cardinal Pole, we played lots of different games in our groups. We had a fantastic time with our friends playing games such as Splat and some memory activities. Each group also had to use each of its members to become a physical machine (we became a helicopter!).*

*I really hope I have the opportunity to go again in the future'.*

**Annabel, 5B**



### Year 3 Swimming Lessons

As part of the Year 3 curriculum children in year 3 will be having compulsory swimming lessons starting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Letters will be sent to parents advising them of the arrangements.



### Flu Nasal Spray Programme

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia.

The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free - a big advantage for children - the nasal spray is quick, painless, and works even better than the injected flu vaccine.

The vaccine is absorbed very quickly. It will still work even if, after the vaccination, your child develops a

runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose.

Children from Reception class to year 6 have been given a consent form for the vaccination which needs to be returned by **Monday 1st November**.

A team from the Hackney Immunisation Service will carry out the vaccinations on **Tuesday 19th November**.



### WOW! Day - Wednesday 10th November.

St. Dominic's will be holding WOW Day on Wednesday 10th November. The children are invited to dress up in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spend the whole day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure.

Make sure you ask about your child's class theme - we can't wait to see all of the incredible costumes!



### Dental Visit - Reception & Year 1

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November a team from NHS Community Dental Services will be in school to apply a fluoride application for the children in Reception and Year 1.

Below is the link to the consent form which needs to be returned no later than **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/dental-school-fluoride-varnish-programme-form/>



### Christmas Card Competition

The Diocese of Westminster are running a competition to design a Christmas card with the theme of family, as this is The Year of the Family.

Your design should be on an A4 piece of paper and you can be as creative

as you like! Your card however, should not include any writing. Entries should be returned to school by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**.



### 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	Alessia & Lashaya
Reception	Portia, Agie & Rogan
Year 2	Eileena & Phoebe
Year 3	Lana, Jedidiah & Ronnie
Year 5	Abraham, John-Paul & Malachy
Year 6	Ryan, Kofi & Michael



### Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

God gives us the gift of our five senses: touch, taste, hearing, smell and sight. Often, we take these for granted and give them little thought.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear how a blind man called Bartimaeus, begs Jesus to take pity on him, and cure his blindness.

### Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Today we pray for blind people everywhere and for those who help to care for them.

Thank you for the gift of sight, allowing us to see the beauty of your world.

**Amen**