

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
15th November  
is  
**Relaxation.**



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 100%. 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.**



### Free NHS Eye test for children

The sooner any eye problem is found, the sooner you and your child will be able to get any treatment and support needed.

Children may not realise they have a vision problem so, without routine tests, there's a risk a problem may

not be spotted. This may affect their development and education. If you have any concerns about your child's vision, see a GP or go to an optician where children will receive a FREE NHS eye test and FREE NHS glasses if necessary.



### Reception Class Applications for September 2022.

Please note that the closing date for Reception 2022 applications is **15th January 2022.**

All children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 **must apply before this date.**

Applications will need to be made online through The Hackney Learning Trust. Parents must create an account and complete an online application form;

[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) and you will need to complete a Supplementary form which you can collect from the school office and also provide your child's birth certificate, proof of address and their baptismal certificate.

The Admissions Team are holding parent virtual briefings for reception class admissions so parents can have an opportunity to speak directly to the Admissions Team:

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 12.45 - 2.15pm**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 9.45 - 11.15am**

If you have any questions, then please see a member of staff in the school office.



### 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.



### Read About Race

Here are some of our pupils enjoying a few of the fantastic books that have been kindly donated to our school by #ReadingForChange.

They have donated over 40 books that feature main characters from minority ethnic groups.

They believe that every child has the right to be represented in their school library, as well as learn about different cultures regardless of their surroundings. Happy Reading!



### WOW! Day

On Wednesday St. Dominic's held another successful WOW Day. Children and staff dressed in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spent the day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning

adventure. The costumes were amazing and included: Explorers, Victorians, Space, Black History and The Plague. Here is what a year 6 child had to say about their day:

*'On Wednesday we went on a trip for our WOW day. We learnt about Victorians and their historical buildings and areas. We took a train to Liverpool Street then we went to Spitalfield's Market. Next we stopped at Brick Lane and used black card and chalk and drew an old Victorian house. Afterwards, we went to Truman's Brewery and admired the huge bridge. Finally, we left by train and we really enjoyed it!'*

**Azael 6B**



### Holy Souls

November is the month of the Holy Souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones on their last journey towards the eternal light of God.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding our Remembrance Service to remember in a special way all those who have lost their lives in the two World Wars.

We also have our Book of Remembrance in the reception area where you can write down the names of your deceased relatives and friends and prayers will be offered for them during the month of November.



**Odd Socks Day - Beautifully Different, Wonderfully the Same.** Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying week whose theme this year is 'One Kind Word'.

To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**.

Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day.

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying week in a fun and positive way.  
**LET'S SOCK IT TO THEM!**



### Parent Meeting

We will be holding our parent meetings differently this term. Each year group will have a dedicated date during the months of November and December:

EYFS	18 NOVEMBER
YEAR 1	17 NOVEMBER
YEAR 2	16 NOVEMBER
YEAR 3	23 NOVEMBER
YEAR 4 (Amended)	25 NOVEMBER
YEAR 5	1 DECEMBER
YEAR 6	2 DECEMBER

Each parent will receive a 10-15 minute **telephone** appointment with their child's class teacher. Please be aware that the call will identify as 'No caller ID' or 'Private Number'. We will inform you of the time of your appointment nearer to the event.

We hope that this will enable you to discuss with your child's class teacher your child's progress, and we can work together to support their continued learning and development.



### Children in Need

The BBC's Children in Need event takes place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**.

We are asking children to donate £1.00 to wear their pyjamas or onesie's and enjoy the Ultimate Feelgood Friday and kindness day! Wristbands and Budsey pin badges are available for £1.00 from the office.

We will also be holding a cake sale with cakes and biscuits priced from 50p.



**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	Kenaya
Year 1	Sukhpreet
Year 2	Anarika
Year 4	Maryetta & Gabriella
Year 6	Yannick



### Thirty-third Sunday of the Year

At the end of time, Jesus will return in power and glory and will welcome all those who have been chosen to join him in the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Prayer

Lord,  
May our lives always be rich in love and goodness,  
so we are ready to welcome you whenever you return.

**Amen**



