

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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*Our SEAL
word of the week
commencing
14th November
is
Relaxation.*



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5A whose attendance was 97%.

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 31st December 2022 and needs a nursery place in January 2023?

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.*



WOW! Day - Wednesday 9th November.

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:

Guy Fawkes, The great Fire of London, Harry Potter and Space. Here is what xxxx in 4B had to say about their day:
"Our topic for WOW day was the Gunpowder plot. We learnt about Guy Fawkes and his plan to get rid of King James 1. We used boxes to create the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and gunpowder barrels. Then we set them on fire like Guy Fawkes wanted!" - Ephraim 4B



Poppy Appeal 2022

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.



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 14th 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.



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 14th November**. A team from the Hackney Immunisation Service will carry out the vaccinations on **Tuesday 15th November**.



Odd Sock Day – Anti-Bullying Week 14-18th November.

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on **Wednesday 16th 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



Parent Meeting

Each year group will have a dedicated date during the months of November and December:

EYFS	17 NOVEMBER
YEAR 1	16 NOVEMBER
YEAR 2	15 NOVEMBER
YEAR 3	22 NOVEMBER
YEAR 4	23 NOVEMBER
YEAR 5	29 NOVEMBER
YEAR 6	1 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.

On **Tuesday 6th December** we are holding an 'open afternoon' to give parents the opportunity to look at the fantastic work that your children have produced. You can pop into their classrooms between 3.30 - 4.30pm to look at their books with your child.



Children in Need – The Great Spotacular!

The BBC's Children in Need event takes place on **Friday 18th November**.

We are asking children to donate £1.00 to embrace the spotacular and wear spotty tops, jumpers, dresses and socks.

Wristbands are available for £1.00 from the office.

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



Gardening Club

A reminder to those children that attend gardening club on Wednesdays that **Group A** will attend on **Wednesday 16th November** followed by Group B the following week.



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

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	Connor
Year 1	Kenya
Year 2	Sukhpreet
Year 4	Josephine & Eli
Year 5	Gabriella
Year 6	Zain



Thirty-third Sunday of the Year

Jesus expects each one of us to share his message and the gift of our faith with other people. He will send the Holy Spirit to give us strength and courage, and will remember our goodness when he returns at the end of time.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gift of faith which each of us has been given. Help us to share it with whoever we meet.

Amen

