

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
16th January
is
Brave.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Head Teacher's Message

Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2023. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and on behalf of all the staff and governors at St. Dominic's I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Deirdre Finan



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 100%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B 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.

Phonics

Phonics Workshop

On Tuesday, January 17th, Reception staff are delivering two Phonics Workshops for ALL interested parents.

They will be happy to share all the latest updates, information and knowledge to help you support your child with reading and writing. They will be providing parents with a bank of resources for home use.

Please join them in the Reception classroom either from 9am-9:30am or 3pm-3:30pm that day.



WOW! Day -Wednesday 18th January.

St Dominic's is delighted to announce the date for this terms WOW day.

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!



Our happy St Dominic's Community!

Ms. Frankland will be delivering assemblies on Tuesdays.

These assemblies will cover a range of subjects relating to building a happy, safe, inclusive school community for all.

The one thing that we all have in common is that we all have feelings and we all have mental health. Mental health is just like our physical health, we have to look after our bodies and our minds to be healthy. During Tuesday's assembly we discussed together the meaning of the following words: **Unique, Difference, Inclusive and Exclusive.**

We shared our thoughts on how we feel when we play inclusively and how are feelings can be hurt when we feel excluded. We watched an informative, fun video which defined the meaning of bullying. (YouTube; SEL What is bullying?)

The children learnt the acronym: - BOO -

Being mean

On purpose

Over and over

This acronym taught the children that bullying is not a one-off argument, but unkind

behaviour that occurs over a period of time by one child or a group of children.

The children responded very positively to the message and are keen to display their commitment to demonstrate kindness and care to each other.

Let's continue to nurture the happy, caring school community that we are all proud of.



Apollo Music

Apollo Music Projects brings live classical music to children who might not otherwise experience it.

Our year 5 children have experienced the magic of live performance from classroom to a concert hall, culminating in the thrilling spectacle of a full orchestra in concert.

On Thursday Year 5 visited The Great Hall in Leyton. Here is what **Chidera** had to say about her trip:

'Year 5 went to Leyton Hall to listen to an orchestra packed with wind, wood, string and brass instruments.

All their music was amazing!



On-line Payments

SIMS Pay provides a safe, secure and easy way to **pay** online for **school** items such as **school** meals, trips, events, clubs and other **school** activities.

SIMS Pay allows you to make online **payments** to the **school** whenever and

wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

All parents will need to sign up to SIMS Parent App by clicking on the link sent to you in the activation email. If you have not received an email inviting you to sign up, then please provide the school office with your email address.



Piano lessons

If your child currently receives piano lessons or you would like them to start. The cost is £7.00 per lesson. Lessons take place every Friday during school time. Please pay £42 for this half term using the SIMS Parent



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.

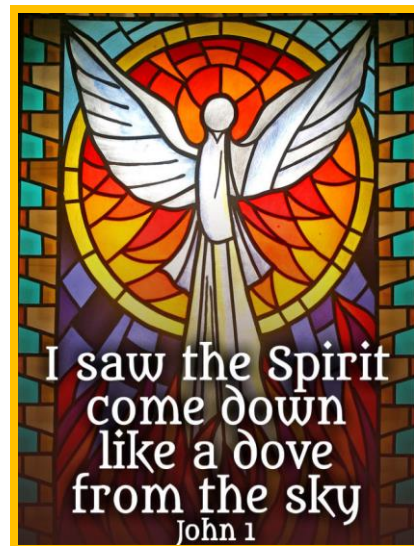
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming weeks.

Year 1	Abigail
Year 5	Amiyah



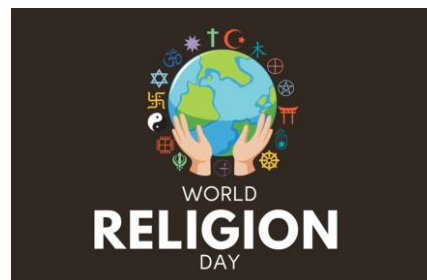
Second Sunday of the Year

John the Baptist had been preaching to the crowds and baptising them in the River Jordan. God had told John that he would send him a sign. The Holy spirit would appear like a dove, and settle on the one he had chosen to send. John would then be ready to show the Son of God to the people.

Prayer

When we see these doves, help us to remember that your spirit is with us in all that we do, helping to guide and protect us always.

Amen



15th January 2023