

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
24<sup>th</sup> April  
is  
Sharing.



## Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 99%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5A whose attendance was 99%.

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.



## St. George's Day

Today, we celebrated St. George's Day. For a £1 donation, children and staff came to school dressed in red

and white. All money raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone who took part.



## WOW! Day - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

St. Dominic's will be holding this term's WOW Day on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**.

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!



## School Closures due to Strike Action

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Tuesday 2nd May**

As you are probably aware, a series of school strikes have been announced by the NEU, due to poor school funding and staff pay. These two factors have led to fewer resources for pupils and staff leaving schools for better paid and less intensive jobs elsewhere. Educators do not want to leave the profession but in its current state we believe it is failing our children and this needs to be highlighted. For this reason, staff have made the difficult decision of taking strike action.

Strike by nature is disruptive, and while the striking members acknowledge that their action creates pressure on families, it is done in order to safeguard educational quality, to ensure standards for staff and children are protected now and in the future.

In taking strike action members will be sacrificing their pay. At a time of financial tension, this sacrifice is not taken lightly. Striking staff are hoping that this action will help the negotiation process.

Your support is welcomed and appreciated. If you would like to discuss this further Miss Slingsby is happy to talk to parents.

Our risk assessment has concluded that it would be unsafe for St.

Dominic's to open on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.



## After School Club

Please note there will be **NO** afterschool club on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.



## Coronation Celebration Picnic Lunch - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 111 on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. St. Dominic's will be holding a

special picnic lunch in the playground (weather permitting). We are asking children and staff to join the celebrations by wearing **RED**, **WHITE** and **BLUE** or your favourite party clothes.

Children will also be attending special Coronation Celebration Dance Workshops!

Sharon Francis, one of our parent governors, will be collecting donations in the playground to help make the week of celebrations special for all the children.

Thank you for your support.



#### Coronation Day Bank Holiday

Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** due to the special Coronation Bank Holiday.

School will re-open on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at **9.00am**.



#### Competition Winners!

The Hackney Poets of the Future poetry competition is inspired by the work of Valerie Bloom. The theme is 'special people' and children were asked to write a poem using 'You are' as inspiration.

We are delighted to announce that first place went to Annabel F 6B for her poem 'You are the smell of banana bread' and second place to James 6A for his poem 'My Dad'. Annabel and James will receive book tokens as their prize and also have their poems displayed in Hackney Libraries. Congratulations to you both!



#### Nursery Applications

Do you have a child who is three and needs a nursery place?

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 our nursery 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.*



#### New Water Fountain

The new Water Station in the playground was gifted to us by the Greater London Authority (and the Mayor of London) as part of their programme to encourage water only schools. We had to apply and were lucky to be one of the selected schools.

Children are now able to fill up their bottles with fresh water, meaning that they can save money by using reusable drinking bottles instead of plastic bottles, as well as helping the environment by not contributing to plastic waste.



#### 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.

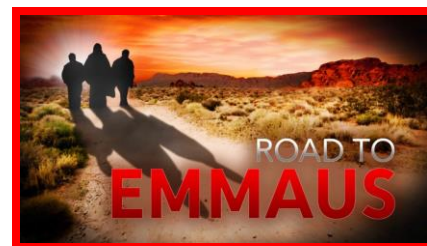
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



#### Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Year 3	Princess & Olasubomi
Year 5	William
Year 6	Ayomide



#### Third Sunday of Easter

After the death of Jesus, his disciples were filled with despair and disbelief. Only days before, Jesus had been greeted by the crowds as he entered Jerusalem, and now he lay dead in a tomb. Sometimes when you feel sad or upset about something, it stops you from seeing things clearly. This is how it was for two disciples as they made their way to Emmanuel early one morning.

#### Prayer

Lord Jesus, each time we come together to share in the breaking of bread, help us to recognise you and to feel our hearts burn with your love. Amen.

