

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
30<sup>th</sup> October  
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 3A 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.



#### Half Term

Today is the last day of this half term as tomorrow is a school Inset Day. We return on **Monday 30th October.**

A full list of term dates is available on the school website:

[www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk)



#### Holidays during term time

The Local Authority is carrying out greater scrutiny of pupils who take holidays during term time. Please note that we cannot authorise holidays taken during school time.

While we appreciate how much you value time spent with your children, we cannot grant any leave of absence from school during term time. Removing your child during school time will affect their education. You will also incur a Penalty Notice Fine of £60 per child from Hackney Education.

Please support us by not booking family holidays in term time.



## 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.

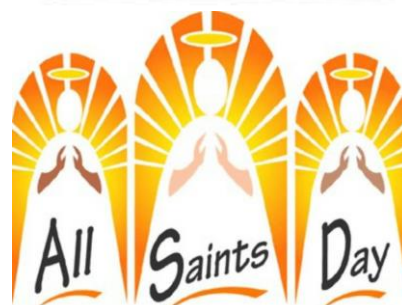
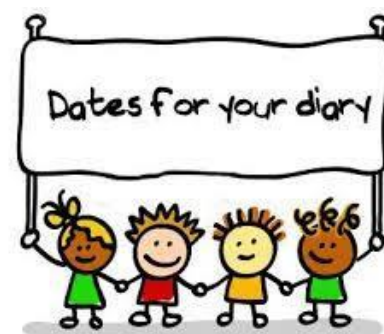
This week, all year groups attended workshops led by our visitor, Nina Leigh.

At the sessions, Nina spoke to the pupils about Judaism and showed the pupils various artefacts.



#### Wednesday P.M. School Office Closed

Please note that our school office will be closed EVERY Wednesday afternoon from 12.30pm.

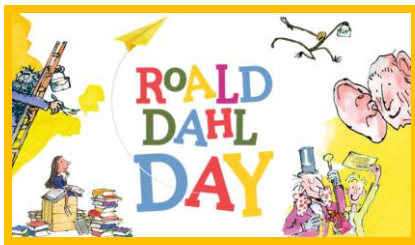


#### All Saints Mass

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Father Patrick will celebrate our All Saints Mass.

Mass will be held in the parish church of The Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic at 10.30am.

We would like to invite parents/carers to join us to observe this Holy Day of Obligation.



### Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we will be celebrating our annual Dahlicious dress up day at school. Children pay just £1 to dress up as a character from one of their favourite Roald Dahl books or wear yellow, which was Roald Dahl's favourite colour.

We will also be holding a cake sale at morning break. All monies raised will be donated to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which help to make lives better for seriously ill children in the U.K.

If you're stuck for inspiration as to what to wear, there are lots of dressing up ideas on roald Dahl's website at <http://www.roalddahl.com>



### WOW! Day - Wednesday 8th November.

St. Dominic's will be holding WOW Day on Wednesday 8th 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 the incredible costumes!



### Hackney's Young Comic of the Year.

Hackney Speaker Cllr Anya Sizer, as part of the 2023-24 Speaker's year, is looking to find Hackney's young comic of the year. The winners will be invited to perform their pieces, alongside other spectacular local acts, in front of an audience in one of the UK's last original music halls, Hackney's very own Hoxton Hall, on 8 February 2024 in an exclusive, one-

off variety show featuring wellbeing and mental health, for an evening of fun and laughter. Winning prizes will be tickets to the show and amazon vouchers.

Comedy categories are 6-11 year olds, 12-18 year olds and 19-25 year olds.

Please feel free to request further information, or submit your entries directly to [speaker@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:speaker@hackney.gov.uk)

The deadline for entries is 15 December 2023 and the winner will be announced in early January 2024.



### 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.



### Party Bags and Cakes

Can we please ask parents that if cakes are brought into school to share with the class they are cut into sections ready to hand out at the end of the school day. Party bags should also be kept small and simple.

Thank you for your cooperation.



### 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 1	Alessia & Lashaya
Year 2	Agie
Year 4	Eileena



### Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

Everything we have was given to us by God, who pours out his love for us with unending generosity. How often do we remember to say 'Thank you' or to return just a little of what we have been given?

### Prayer

Father in heaven I give you today, all that I think, and do, and say. Fill me with grace and make me strong, with you at my side I won't go wrong.

Amen

