

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
13th November
is
Relaxation.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Yr1 for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 99%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5B 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.



Poppy Appeal 2023

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 13th November** we will be holding our Remembrance Service to remember, in a special way, all those who 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. Prayers will be offered for them during the month of November.



WOW! Day - Wednesday 8th 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:

Egyptians, The Black Death, The Vikings, Peru & Kenya.

Here is what Marcus from Year 4 had to say about their day.

"On Wow day we had the best time!

Our topic is Peru so we used the Ipad to do research. We searched up lots of things about Peru like

what they eat and what language they speak. We made amazing posters about Peru. After lunch we had cinema tickets to watch Paddington with popcorn, we learnt that Paddington comes from Darkest Peru!"



Odd Socks Day - Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day aims to highlight the issue of bullying and create safer environments for young people. The campaign uses the playful act of wearing odd socks to send a serious message about accepting and celebrating differences.

To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on **Monday 13th November.**



Coffee Morning

Veronica (Mrs Frankland), Eva and Roisin are the team focused on Wellbeing in St. Dominic's School. They would really like to meet with you and hear your ideas about how they can best support you and your families.

They would like to invite parents to meet and enjoy cake and hot drinks on **Tuesday 14th November at 9.15am** in the studio.

Please come along!



Parents' Meetings

Our parents' meetings will be taking place on the following dates:

Year 2 - Tuesday 14th November

Year 1 - Wednesday 15th November between 1.30 - 5.30pm.

Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot are available outside each classroom.

Year 3 - Tuesday 21st November

Year 4 - Wednesday 22nd November

Appointment lists will be available outside the year 3 classes from Monday 13th November.

We encourage all parents to attend as these meetings provide an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's attainment and progress.



City & Hackney Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Free workshops for all Hackney parents are being held at St. Dominic's every Wednesday at 9.30am.

The Workshops run for 6 weeks and will be led by Eva, our Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP). The topic is: 'Managing behaviour that challenges'.

All parents in Hackney are invited and St. Dominic's parents can attend from **15th November** onwards. Ms Frankland is available if you have any queries.



Children in Need - The Great Spotacular!

The BBC's Children in Need event takes place on **Friday 17th November**.

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

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



Wick Town Hall

The Wick Award are pleased to announce the next Wick Town Hall - a free public meeting for locals to chat through issues that are concerning them.

When: **Tuesday 21st November 6pm**

Where: Trowbridge Senior Citizens Club.



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 2	Kenaya
Year 3	Sukhpreet
Year 5	Josephine
Year 6	Gabriella



Thirty-second Sunday of the Year

It is easy to be ready for something to happen when we know the day and time to expect it. Jesus explains that we must always be ready for his return, even though no-one knows when he will be coming.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
We know that one day you will return and we will be with you in heaven.
Help us to make each day our best, so that we will always be ready to greet you.

Amen

