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**Friday 26th April 2024**

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

It's hard to believe that we are nearly in the month of May which is dedicated to 'Our Lady, the Mother of God'. During the month of May, we turn our attention to saying the Rosary and preparing for our annual May procession. This is always one of the highlights of the year.

We are also entering the time of National Testing and all the children involved are working incredibly hard to prepare for the tests. We wish all the children every success in the coming weeks.

Wishing you a very lovely weekend

**Best wishes Mrs G Pears**

**This Sunday – The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** we will hear how Jesus is the vine and how he gives life to us.

*Generous God, support us in all we do as a vine supports its branches,  
and help us to support and share with others around the world,  
especially those who have had to leave their homes.*



## NURSERY AND RECEPTION MEETINGS FOR NEW PARENTS

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm**

Meeting for new Nursery parents whose child  
will start Nursery in September 2024



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm**

Meeting for new Reception parents whose  
child will start Reception in September 2024



**Please note, these meetings are for adults only.**

**Please do not bring your child with you.**

**Thank you.**

### GOVERNORS' FUND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thank you to everyone who has responded this term with either a termly or complete payment for the year. The Governors would like to thank you for your generosity and support. **22%** of parents have donated so far this term so please, if you haven't done so already, make your payment on 'Parent Pay'

**Your ongoing generosity and support is greatly appreciated. It means that we can continue to purchase high quality resources to support your child's learning and enable us to keep the Breakfast and After School clubs running.**

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Children from Reception to Year 6 upwards are able to attend our Breakfast Club, where they are able to eat a filling, nutritious breakfast and prepare for the school day. This runs from 7.55am until 8.30am and the cost is £3 per child.



### **School Meals**



**All Primary school children in state-funded schools in London get free school meals for the 2023-24 school year.**

*The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan provided the funding as an emergency cost of living support measure recognising that families are in urgent need of support and the meals will help families with the spiralling cost of living, making sure that children in state-funded London schools will receive free school meals in this academic year.*

We are happy to confirm that the Mayor is extending the funding for **Universal Free School Meals for Key Stage Two** for another academic year 2024-25. We encourage you to take advantage of this free offer. It means that all children from Reception to Year 6 are entitled to a hot school dinner every day.



## **YEAR 5 SECONDARY TRANSFER MEETING**



This meeting for parents of children in Year 5 will take place on

**Thursday 13th June 2024 at 3.30pm**

In the school hall.

It is important that you attend as information leaflets regarding secondary transfer will be distributed at the meeting.

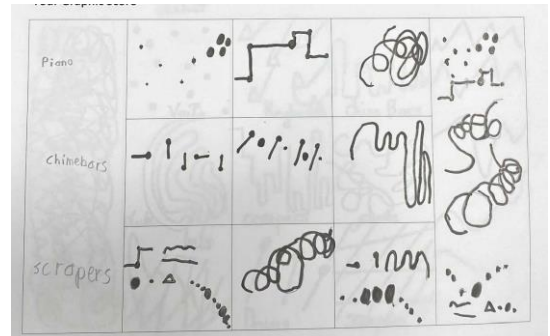
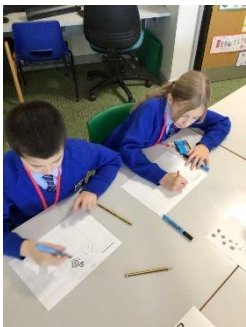
Please see letter sent home

## **The English National Opera - Finish This..**

Year 4 took part in Finish This...which invited students to step into the role of an ENO Composer and respond to, and resolve, a purposefully unfinished operatic piece titled 'Blue, Red, Yellow...' Their response was amazing

*Our team were really impressed with your submissions. Beth Warnock, Head of ENO Engage listened to Raven in the Darkness by 4B Class and wanted to share the following feedback: **Raven in the Darkness is a great title for this piece! I loved thinking of the bird flying through the shadows, certainly spooky as you said! I enjoyed the repeating sequence at the end of your piece too, made me feel very calm!***

*Ellie Wood, Programme Coordinator for ENO Engage also listened to Dancing in the Sunny Brazil by 4D Class and wanted to share the following feedback: **Wow - straightaway your piece took me to a sunny Brazilian street party. I loved the way you layered percussion and melodic instruments and gradually built the intensity before gently fading away. A real carnival of sound and colour!***



## **Following school uniform policy**



**It is essential that your child wears their school tie everyday as it is part of their school uniform.**

All parents agreed to adhere to school policies when their child became a member of Blessed Dominic Primary School. Wearing the correct school uniform is school policy, it also creates an identity for school and is an important part of being a school pupil. Also, a reminder that your child must wear the **school PE kit on their PE day**. Other sports clothing from home is not permitted. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**School Uniform** is available to order and buy through our 'Parent Pay' shop



## Parking near the school site and considerate road use



Please may I remind you to consider the following:

- **Walking wherever possible.** Not only is this a healthy way to get some exercise, but it supports the local community with congestion. In addition, it is much better for the environment.
- **Parking responsibly.** As with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If driving is essential when dropping off or collecting your child, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Parking irresponsibly causes upset and frustration for all, which can lead to unnecessary confrontation. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited.
- **Turning off your engine.** An idling car can produce up to twice as many exhaust fumes than a moving car, which contain harmful pollutants that significantly affect the local quality of air - putting people's health at risk, affecting children's development and contributing towards climate change. By reminding parents to turn their engines off whilst parked, we can help protect young lungs and create a cleaner, greener and healthier borough."

**Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. We appreciate your support in this matter.**

**Please note the RAF Museum is providing 40 minutes free parking for all our parents/carers to ease the congestion on Great Strand.**

**Please make the most of this facility.**

## CHILDLINE

Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through.

You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, our trained counsellors are here to support you. Childline is free, confidential and available any time, day or night. You can talk to us:

- by calling [0800 1111](tel:08001111)
- by [email](#)
- through [1-2-1 counsellor chat](#)

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

## Online Safety information for parents

Our pupils are growing up in a world of ever-changing technology. While we feel that the use of technology is a largely positive aspect of modern life, we cannot ignore the risks that can be associated. Throughout school we aim to teach children:

About the impact of cyber-bullying and what to do if they have been affected.

- To be vigilant when communicating online recognising that people may not always be who they say they are and to be sensible about what they share.
- To tell an adult they trust if something is upsetting them.
- To question the reliability of information given through a web based source.
- To search responsibly for information while using internet browsers.

We understand that much of our pupil's use of the internet will occur at home, away from the school filters. Below are a list of useful websites, advice and resources that you may find helpful when navigating the issue of online safety with your child. At the bottom of this page are resources that your child can directly access as well to help them learn about online safety.

<https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/parent-guides/>

Thinkuknow <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

National Online Safety <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>

Childnet <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

CEOP <http://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>





# Attendance matters



## Attendance this Week

Bluebells	96%
Daisies	95%
1B	99%
1D	94%
2B	95%
2D	99%
3B	98%
3D	94%
4B	98%
4D	98%
5B	98%
5D	100%
6B	99%
6D	97%

Congratulations to 5D who achieved the highest attendance this week.

We are introducing a weekly attendance award for all classes to celebrate strong attendance. This week's winners are:

EYFS/KS1 – 1B & 2D

KS2 – 5D

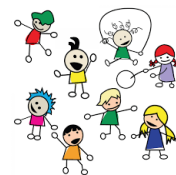
Congratulations to both classes. You should be very proud of your achievements. Well done!

## STAR WORKER



Bluebells – Leia  
Daisies - Gaby  
1B – Delapo  
1D – Aida  
2B - Helena  
2D – Cameron  
3B - David  
3D – Luca  
4B – Whole Class  
4D - Roham  
5B – Casper  
5D – Sofia  
6B – Sean  
6D – Joel

## TEAM PLAYER



Bluebells- David  
Daisies - Maria  
1B – Alexa  
1D – Victoria  
2B – Angel  
2D - Whole Class  
3B – Raphaela  
3D - Lily  
4B – Aadish  
4D – Elisbeta  
5B –Chiara  
5D – Mikha  
6B – Mahniya  
6D – Oliver



## STAR HANDWRITER

**Bluebells** - Jacob  
**Daisies**- Gabriel  
**1B**- Caleb  
**1D** -Raquel  
**2B** - Joshua  
**2D**- Arsema  
**3B** - Isabella  
**3D** - Maria  
**4B** - Devan  
**4D**- Emmanuel  
**5B**- Frankie  
**5D** Edward  
**6B** - Kaifala  
**6D** -Grace



## May Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **May Camp 2024!** We are running **Multi Sports** at Moss Hall Junior School (N3 1NR) and **Football** and **Dance** at Millbrook park school (NW7 1JF)!

We will be running for 1 week in the May Half term, from **Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May**. Bookings made before **Saturday 4th May** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts applied, you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as **£27.50** for a day, or **£109** for a week!

Head to our website to book

now: <https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

**Cameron Smith** Holiday Camp Manager



APRIL		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop	
29 <sup>th</sup>	4D School Trip	
MAY		
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Ascension	
13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	SATs Week	
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
JUNE		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	New Parents (Sept 2024) Nursery Meeting	6.00pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	New Parents (Sept 2024) Reception Meeting	6.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Transfer Meeting	3.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 PGL	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Father's day Event	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Barnet Music Festival	
27 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 /KS2 Sports Day	
JULY		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Evening	3.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Graduation	9.15am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Graduation	2.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production	7.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production	7.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 End of Year Mass	9.05pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term	



**Class 4B visited the Science Museum.  
They watched 'A Beautiful Planet' on IMAX.**



**YEAR 2 VISITED THE RAF MUSEUM AND FOCUSED ON  
LEARNING ABOUT OUR LOCAL HISTORY.**





## Class 5B visited the Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre





