



BLESSED DOMINIC CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This morning, each class presented their book of remembrance during assembly. The books contains children's memories of loved ones that are no longer with us and describes the impact they had on their lives. We also remembered those who have lost their lives as a result of the war and prayed for those who are suffering as a result of conflict.

As part of next week's national Anti-bullying initiative, we are holding an 'odd socks day' on Monday 13th November to highlight the importance of being able to express oneself and celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique!

At Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary School, we teach our children about positive behavioural choices and how we can all set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in our homes, communities and online.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes,
Mrs Pears



For the Fallen, Laurence Binyon

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor do the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.



Following School Uniform Policy

I would like to thank you all our parents who make sure their children arrive at school in the proper school uniform. We are really proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear it. However, I have noticed increasing numbers of children who are not wearing correct school uniform—mainly this is children forgetting what's allowed and what isn't by neglecting to come to school wearing a PE kit on PE days or forgetting swimming kits. Furthermore, our expectations around uniform extends to hairstyles and jewellery, below is a reminder of the uniform and expectations for ALL our children. The School logo should be seen on the jumpers/cardigans, PE polo shirts, fleeces, showerproof coats and sun caps.

Nursery children

Light blue polo shirt (with embroidered logo). Royal blue school sweatshirt (with printed logo)
Royal blue school joggers. Sensible black shoes (not trainers)

Reception – Year 6

Boys

Grey Trousers. Blue shirt (Long or short sleeve). School Tie. Royal Blue Knitted V neck Jumper (with embroidered logo). White/grey socks. Sensible plain black shoes (not trainers)

Summer Uniform

Grey shorts. Blue shirt (Short sleeve) White socks (no trainer socks please) School tie

Girls

Grey Tunic/skirt. Blue Shirt/blouse (Long or short sleeve) School Tie. Royal Blue Knitted Cardigan/V neck Jumper (with embroidered logo) White socks. Sensible plain black shoes (not trainers)
Black/grey woollen tights

Summer Uniform

Summer Dress (blue and white check) White socks (no trainer socks please)

P E KIT

White tipped Polo shirt (with printed logo) Royal Blue Shorts
School tracksuits top and joggers. Black plimsolls, plain white or black trainer

School Hats

School baseball cap (with printed logo) School sun hat (with printed logo)
Non-uniform jumpers and baseball caps are not allowed.

School Coats

School coats must be black or navy and ideally have a hood. No other coloured coats are allowed.
School fleece and waterproof jackets (with printed logos) are available to purchase from the school office.

School bags

Blessed Dominic Book bags for Foundation and Key Stage One
Blessed Dominic rucksacks (with logo) are permitted for Key Stage Two



All items of clothing should be clearly labelled even swimming kit.

Appearance

1. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery or any form of necklace or bracelet in school as this could be a cause of injury
2. Only children in Year 6 are allowed to wear watches but must accept responsibility for their own property. Smart watches and wearable smart technology are not permitted.
3. Nail varnish is NOT allowed
4. Sensible black shoes (flat)
5. Hairstyles must be simple, neat and tidy, of a natural colour and must be worn off the face.



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School Meals



Primary school children in state-funded schools in London will get free school meals for the 2023-24 school year. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has provided the funding as an emergency cost of living support measure.

The Mayor recognises that families are in urgent need of support and the meals will help families with the spiralling cost of living by making sure that children in state-funded London schools will receive free school meals in this academic year.

Please do not pay for school lunch on Parent pay

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. Only **13%** of parents have donated so far this term 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 prepare them for the future.

CHILDLINE - WHO WE ARE!

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](#)

Whatever feels best for you.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childline/>



E-Safety Updates

Please use the following links to keep up to date with online safety and what you can do to keep your children safe online.

[E-Safety: Help & Advice](#)

[Social Media & Mental Health; the positive and negative impact](#)

[Screen Addiction: A Parents Guide](#)

[A Parents Guide to Call of Duty \(COD\)](#)

[FIFA](#)

[FORTNITE](#)

Please click link below for tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice->



Lunches and snacks



Early Years Foundation stage and KS1 all receive a piece of fruit/vegetable as part of the government healthy eating scheme. This does not extend to KS2. Children may bring in their own fruit or vegetable for break, which should be kept separate from packed lunches. Biscuits, cakes, rice cakes are not acceptable. **Please keep packed lunches healthy.** They should not contain sweets or chocolate (A mars bar is chocolate, a Kit-Kat is a chocolate covered biscuit) and must not contain nuts of any kind as we have children with severe allergies. Please be careful with things like chocolate spreads and satay coverings, which don't look like nuts. Plenty of ideas can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthierlunchboxes>



Odd Socks Day -

On Monday **13th November** we are holding Odd Socks Day at Blessed Dominic. This is a chance to celebrate 'Anti-Bullying' in a positive way by asking children to wear odd socks to school.



Criteria for Attendance and Punctuality –

Updates from our Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

In an effort to improve attendance and punctuality across the school, we will be implementing the fixed penalty notice scheme for both persistent ABSENCE and persistent lateness.



Recently, our Barnet Education Welfare Officer came to review our attendance. She was disappointed to see that attendance wasn't as high as it used to be pre-covid times.

There are quite a few children who have attendance below **90%**. *This figure is significantly below the national average and is considered as **persistent non-attendance**.* **96%** attendance is expected by the school and the Education Welfare Team for children to achieve their educational potential. Children who are unwell (e.g., sickness, vomiting or high temperature) should not come to school but children who are slightly under the weather should attend. Please be assured, that if we feel your child is ill, we will send them home.

When your child is absent for **more than three days**, we would expect all parents to substantiate with **medical evidence**. This could include:

- a stamped doctor's appointment card,
- information about the medication your child has been prescribed (a photo can be emailed to the office or brought in on return to school).

As you know, we can administer medication on site (if it is prescribed by the doctor).

The Education Welfare Team from the London Borough of Barnet regularly monitor our attendance. They may contact you if your child's attendance is significantly low (below 90%). This may be a letter or a phone call. Absences before and after school holidays will also be monitored. If there is not a sufficient reason to substantiate the absence, the Education Welfare Team will issue a fixed penalty notice.

Families should also be aware that the London Borough of Barnet will issue a fixed penalty notice to parents if children are consistently arriving late into school. Any 6 incidents of lateness within a four week period could result in this outcome.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with your child's attendance, please contact the school for further guidance.

I would like to thank you for your continued support with regards to attendance.

Attendance this Week

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

Congratulations to 1D who achieved the highest attendance this week.



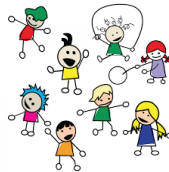
STAR WORKER

Bluebells –Brandon
 Daisies –Zuzanna
 1B – Maximiliano
 1D – Lena
 2B – Rachael
 2D – Eveline
 3B – Natalia
 3D –Aaiah
 4B – Shyllah
 4D –Daniil
 5B – Deborah
 5D – Cameron
 6B – Sofai
 6D –Riechet



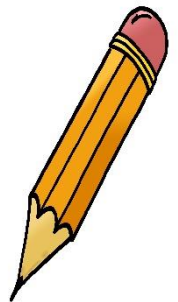
TEAM PLAYER

Bluebells –Claire
 Daisies -Aiyana
 1B –Sarah-Patricia
 1D –Marcel
 2B – Kasian
 2D - Santiago
 3B – whole class
 3D – Luca
 4B –Felicity
 4D –Kezia
 5B –Whole Class
 5D –Sienna
 6B –Whole Class
 6D –Maida



STAR HANDWRITER

Bluebells – Santiago
 Daisies - Gabriel
 1B –Chloe
 1D –Olive
 2B – Shawn
 2D - Sebastian
 3B – Jason
 3D – Jasmine
 4B – Ariela
 4D –Willow
 5B – Mia W
 5D –Alfie
 6B – Maryam
 6D- Breckin



New Year Camp 2024 Non Stop Action are looking forward to **New Year 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, from **Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 25th January.**

Head to our website to book now: <https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

Cameron Smith Holiday Camp Manager



PRICES START FROM £99 FOR A WEEK BOOKING
Use your child care vouchers

NEW YEAR CAMP 2024
FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS

DANCE CAMP
Dance Studios
Millbrook Park Primary School (NW7)

FOOTBALL CAMP
FA Qualified Coaches
40 Astroturf
Millbrook Park Primary School (NW7)

MULTISPORT CAMP
Amazing Indoor & Outdoor Facilities
Moss Hall Junior School (N3)

TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY - FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY



If you would like to try any of our classes in Football, Dance or Acro, call us on 020 8446 0006 for a FREE trial session

[WWW.NONSTOPACTION.CO.UK](https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk)



Road Safety Week



Blessed Dominic will be celebrating Road Safety Week from 19th –25th November 2023

Did you know that a driver can see a pedestrian 3 seconds sooner if they are wearing or carrying something bright or reflective? That's enough to prevent serious injury or save a life!

Now that the clocks have gone back, evenings become dark much earlier and it becomes more difficult for drivers to see pedestrians.

Whilst we want children to get out and about more and have active healthy lifestyles, we also want them to be safe!

Help your child **be Bright** so they can **be seen** by making sure they are wearing something bright for daytime AND reflective for night time.

If you are buying a new coat for your child, look out for brightly coloured ones with reflective strips.

For more information and support, please email: Road.safety@barnet.gov.uk

Be Bright, Be Seen and Be Safe!

BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

13 th Odd Socks Day	
14 th SEND coffee morning (parents)	9.30am
15 th Diwali Workshop	ALL DAY
16 th 4D Collective Worship	2.45pm
20 th Anti-Bullying workshop	ALL DAY
21 st 3B School Trip	ALL DAY
27 th 1D Collective Worship	2.45pm
28 th 1B Collective Worship	2.45pm
29 th Westminster Carol Service -4B	9.15am
30 th 5B Collective Worship	2.45pm



DECEMBER

1 st Advent Reconciliation Service	9.15am
1 st 6B Collective Worship	2.45pm
4 th Little Elf Performance - Reception	
4 th KS2 PANTO	
5 th KS1 PANTO	
7 th Christmas jumper day	ALL DAY
7 th 5D Collective Worship	2.45pm
8 th 6D Collective Worship	2.45pm
12 th Reception Nativity	9.30am
12 th KS1 Nativity 1st Performance	2.00pm
13 th KS1 Nativity 2nd Performance	2.00pm
14 th School Christmas Lunch	
18 th Nursery Nativity	9.30am
19 th KS2 Carol Service years 3-4	7.00pm
20 th KS2 Carol Service years 5-6	7.00pm
21 st End of Term	1.30pm

JANUARY

8 th Back to school	8.40am
15 th 3B School Trip	ALL DAY
22 nd 3D School Trip	ALL DAY

FEBRUARY

7 th Parent Consultation Evening	3.30pm – 6.30pm
8 th Parent Consultation Evening	5.00pm – 8.00pm

12th – 16th – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

14th Ash Wednesday (Half term)
29th Feb World Book Day

MARCH

7th – Dance Festival
13th International Evening

Year 6 Visited the RAF Museum

Wartime Classroom

What was life like for school children during the Second World War?

