

Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary

Love - Learn - Believe

Newsletter

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Headteacher: Mrs Hourihan

Deputy Headteacher: Ms Sulis

Diary Dates

Monday 8th June - Yr 5 Mass in the Church 10am
Wednesday 10th - 12th June - Year 6 PGL
Wednesday 10th June 3B Class assembly - 2.45pm
Monday 15th June - Reception trip to the Zoo
Wednesday 17th June - 3D Class assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 18th June - Barnet Dance Festival
Thursday 18th June - Nursery and Reception Sports Day - 9.15am
Monday 22nd June - Yr 6 Mass at Church 10am
Tuesday 23rd June - Yr 2 Barbican Trip
Wednesday 24th June - 1B Class assembly - 2.45pm
Wednesday 24th June - Year 6 - TFL Citizens Year 6 Finchley Youth Centre 9.00am
Thursday 25th June Sports Day - KS2 am and KS1 pm
Tuesday 30th June - Year 2 Seaside Trip
Wednesday 1st July - Family Fun Event 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Thursday 2nd July - 1D Class assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 9th July - Reception Graduation at 9.15 am
Thursday 9th July - Year 2 Graduation at 2.15pm

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term in the sunshine. During the half term we had a window vinyl installed in the upstairs corridor to promote our mission statement – Love, Learn, Believe. Please look up or see the photo.

As we move into the final half-term of the academic year, we start to look forward to the new beginnings that lie ahead. This week, we were delighted to welcome our new families at our Nursery and Reception information meetings. It was wonderful to meet those who will be joining our school family in September. We also met with our Year 5 parents to discuss the transition to secondary school, helping families prepare for this significant next step in their children's educational journey.

On Wednesday, we welcomed two headteachers from neighbouring schools who worked alongside us to review and evaluate our curriculum as part of our planning for next year's school improvement priorities. They were highly complimentary about our pupils' behaviour, the presentation of work in their books, and the wide range of learning opportunities available across the curriculum. We are incredibly proud of the children and the positive impression they made.

On Thursday, Fr Brian joined us to celebrate Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi. This special feast celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and the institution of Holy Communion. During the Mass, we recognised and celebrated those children who have made their First Holy Communion this year. It was lovely to see the children wearing their Communion attire and to welcome their parents and families to share in this special celebration. We hope this will become a treasured tradition within our school community, and we look forward to celebrating with our current Year 2 children as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion next year.

Our PTA has already begun planning this year's Family Fun Day, which will take place on 1st July. This is always a wonderful community event, and we would be grateful for any support families can offer to help make the day a success.

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be attending their PGL residential from Wednesday to Friday. We know they are looking forward to this exciting opportunity to develop their confidence, independence and teamwork skills. On Thursday morning, BICS delivered a transition workshop for Year 6 parents, sharing practical advice and strategies to support a successful move to secondary school.

Today, we also enjoyed our 'Disconnect to Reconnect' Day. This provided an opportunity for children and staff to step away from technology and focus on spending quality time together, building relationships and enjoying shared experiences.

Mrs Hourihan

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year A)

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Corpus Christi Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for the gift of the Eucharist and for being with us
always.

Help us to follow Your example of love, kindness, and service to
others.

May we grow closer to You each day and share Your peace with
everyone we meet.

Amen.



Celebrating Success

STAR OF THE WEEK

DAISIES - Richard
BLUEBELLS - Elizabeth
1B - Szymon
1D - Hubert
2B - Mario
2D - Serioaga
3B - Thomas
3D - Aida
4B - Mikhah
4D - Matteo
5B - Jason
5D - Asia
6B - Natalia
6D - Immanuel



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

DAISIES -95%
BLUEBELLS -96%
1B -98%
1D -92%
2B -93%
2D -97%
3B -95%
3D -96%
4B -93%
4D -98%
5B -98%
5D -91%
6B -97%
6D -98%



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Football News

On Friday 21st May, some of our Year 4 and Year 5 girls travelled to Mill Hill Stadium to compete in the annual Barnet Girls' Football Championships.

The girls played an impressive nine matches in total, winning seven and progressing all the way to the semi-finals. Their outstanding performances earned them an overall 3rd-place finish in Barnet based on total points scored throughout the tournament. A special congratulations goes to Maya, who was awarded Player of the Tournament for her exceptional strength, teamwork, and determination. Several members of our team were also identified by scouts and invited to explore opportunities with other girls' football teams across Barnet.

Throughout the competition, the girls demonstrated fantastic confidence, resilience, and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the way they represented our school.



Making Healthy Choices

Last Wednesday, as part of our Healthy Lifestyle topic, Year 2 tasted a variety of different breads and discussed healthier food choices. The children enjoyed exploring the different textures and flavours while sharing their opinions about their favourites.

At the end of the term, the children will be making their own healthy pizzas, so today's activity gave them the opportunity to try some healthier bread alternatives that could be used as pizza bases. It was a fun and engaging way to encourage the children to think about making healthy choices.





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Sports Day



Thursday 18th June - EYFS Sports Day -
9.15am

Thursday 25th June - KS2 Sports Day -morning

Thursday 25th June - KS1 Sports Day -
afternoon

Details to follow

Family Fun Event



Family fun event will take place on

**Wednesday 1st July from
3.30pm – 5.30pm**

Please keep this date free.

More information will follow shortly.



Corpus Christi Mass Holy Communion Celebration

Today, we celebrated Corpus Christi with a special Mass. During the celebration, we recognised and celebrated the children who have recently made, or are preparing to make, their First Holy Communion.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in prayer and reflection as we celebrated this important occasion in the Church's calendar.





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Clean Streets Discussion with David Pinto-Duschinsky MP

Join David Pinto-Duschinsky MP for a Clean Streets Discussion on
Thursday, 11 June, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

This community event is an opportunity for local residents to
discuss issues affecting our neighbourhoods, including litter, fly-
tipping, street cleanliness, and civic pride. We welcome your ideas
and feedback on how we can work together to keep our streets
clean and improve our local area.

The exact location will be announced closer to the date.
To confirm your attendance and secure your place, please sign up
via the David Pinto-Duschinsky Event RSVP form on Facebook, or
register by contacting his office directly at
david.pintoduschinsky.mp@parliament.uk.

Date: Thursday, 11 June
Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm



Our new window vinyl



GIRLS £1 FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Looking for fun, friendly football for girls? Come and join our girls-only £1 football sessions at St James School, Colindale!

<https://forms.gle/8MFWw9xs7NVsGE6LA>

Open to all abilities, whether you are completely new to football, play at school, or already love the game.

St James Catholic High School
Grahame Park Road Entrance
Colindale
NW9 5NZ

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ckbNnocqusY3dcqy5>

Sundays
9.30am to 10.30am - Year 4 to Year 6
10.30am to 11.30am - Year 7 & 8

For just £1 a session, girls can: Have fun and stay active
Learn new skills and build confidence. Make new friends in a welcoming girls-only environment,
come along with friends, or bring one with you!

Register via the link below

<https://forms.gle/8MFWw9xs7NVsGE6LA>

Or email training@barnetpanthers.com





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Birthday Celebrations

While we love to celebrate each child's special day, we kindly discourage gift bags and food items being brought in. We have a lot of children with allergies so as a community we need to help keep each other safe.

Instead, we encourage children to bring a book to share with the class, which can be added to the class library as a lasting memory of their birthday.

Thank you for your support in keeping celebrations simple, inclusive, and focused on learning!



Attendance

Regular attendance plays a vital role in your child's learning and overall development. Every school day counts!

Unfortunately holidays cannot be authorised during term time and authorised absences can only be granted in exceptional circumstance. Please contact the office if you need to request an exceptional leave of absence. These will be considered on a case by case basis.

FPNs (Fixed penalty notices) can be issued for unauthorised absences and the fine is up to £160 per parent.



Governors' Fund £60 per Pupil Contribution



Each year, our school's Governing Board asks families to contribute to the Governors' Fund, which supports important projects and improvements not covered by our regular school budget.

This year, the suggested contribution remains £60 per pupil.

The fund helps us enhance our school environment and resources — for example, improving playground areas, upgrading IT equipment, and supporting enrichment opportunities for pupils.

We do this via the 'Governors Fund' where we ask parents to contribute. We don't stipulate or mandate this but instead prefer to encourage all families to contribute what they can.

A huge thank you to all the families who have already contributed — your generosity makes a real difference to what we can offer our children.

If you've not yet had the chance to donate and would like to, contributions can be made via Parent Pay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please make sure your child brings their school PE kit every week if they have been accepted for Ninja Warriors, Football, Spykids, Tennis, Dance or Archery after-school clubs.

**FOR SAFETY REASONS, CHILDREN
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN
THE SESSION IF THEY DO NOT HAVE
THE CORRECT PT KIT WITH THEM.**

Thank you for your support.





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Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team:

- **Mrs Hourihan (Headteacher) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**
- **Ms Sulis - (Deputy Headteacher) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**
- **Ms Smart - (Assistant Head) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**
- **Ms Sanduleasa - (Attendance) Member of Safeguarding Team**

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.



SAFER SCHOOL STREET

IN OPERATION
8.15AM – 9.15AM
& 2.45PM – 3.45PM



**WE REMIND ALL FAMILIES TO USE THE
FREE PARKING AVAILABLE
AT THE RAF MUSEUM**

**WHICH HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE
EXCLUSIVELY FOR BLESSED DOMINIC
PARENTS AND CARERS DURING
DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES**

Uniform Reminders

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our school uniform expectations. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their full uniform each day.

- **Trainers should only be worn on PE days and must be plain black or white.**
- **On non-PE days, children should wear black school shoes (not boots).**
- **School socks should be plain grey or white.**
- **School trousers should be grey (leggings are not part of the school uniform).**
- **A school tie should be worn each day.**
- **School coats should be plain blue or black.**
- **Hair below the shoulders should be tied back.**

Uniform is an important part of our identity at Blessed Dominic. As a community, it is important that we all follow these expectations and wear our uniform with pride. If you are experiencing any difficulties with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school—we are always happy to help.



Summer Uniform

Summer uniform consists of either the gingham summer dress or a blue polo shirt (without a tie) and shorts or skirt.

If children wear vests or base layers, these must be fully hidden under their clothing. Long-sleeved base layers should only be worn under a long-sleeved shirt and must not be visible at any time.

For PE, children may wear blue school shorts. These should be plain blue, with no logos or branding.

Our uniform is an important part of our school identity and helps to foster a sense of belonging. We ask for your support in maintaining these standards, as when expectations are not followed, it can encourage others to do the same.



FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges — like the pressure to win — and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play: demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to "win at all costs", which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest — that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

Meet Our Expert

Caroline Holder is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.



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