

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025

NEWSLETTER



"The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus."

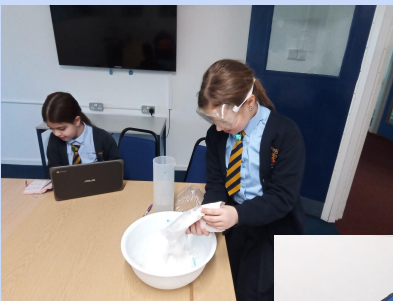
Pupil Leadership



Hi Everyone, it seems like the Science Pupil Leaders have taken over this week.....



Some of the Science Pupil Leadership team were very keen to put their leadership skills to the test to run a Science Club session for some Year 4 children who love Science. They spent hours of their own time planning and preparing the session.....



Here are some facts about earthquakes...

Wait for it!.....



Looks like an explosive time was had by all!



This Week at James Dixon

FUNDRAISING for JAMES DIXON PRIMARY


QUIZ
Night

Have you booked your place yet?

Last year one of our teacher teams beat the parents. It's time for you parents and carers to bring your A game!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/james-dixon-primary-school-pta>

Term Dates 2025

	 HELLO SPRING	 HELLO SUMMER	 HELLO AUTUMN
Term Starts	Monday 6th January 2025	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Monday 1st September 2025
Half Term	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October
Term Finishes	Friday 4th April 2025 @ 2pm	Tuesday 22nd July 2025 @ 2pm	Friday 19th December @ 2pm

Curriculum Focus - Art

Amazing work
from Art Club



Working on our self
portraits in Year 2



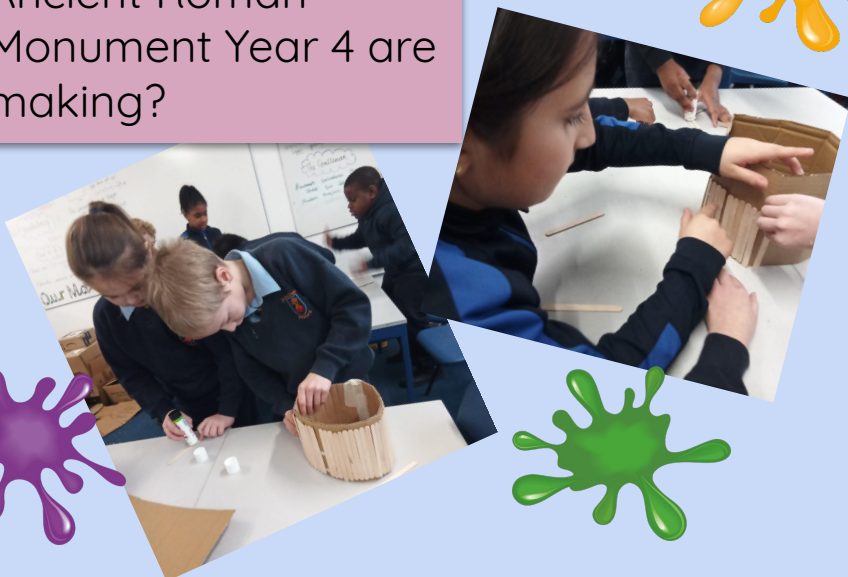
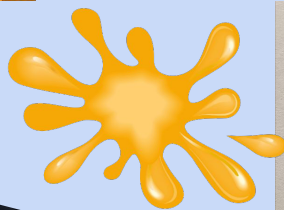
**"ART IS NOT WHAT YOU
SEE, BUT WHAT YOU
MAKE OTHERS SEE."**

EDGAR DEGAS

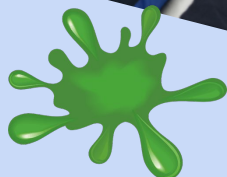
liltigers.net

Here at James Dixon, every student receives weekly art lessons, giving them the opportunity to express themselves creatively. From sculpture in Year 1 to Photography in Year 5 to Impressionism in Year 6, an incredibly wide range of art forms are taught as part of your child's artistic journey.

Can you guess which
Ancient Roman
Monument Year 4 are
making?



Exploring still life and
form in Year 3



Sustainability



It's been a shame to see so much litter in the area surrounding our school this week. Litter is anything from a crisp packet or sweet wrapper to a bag of rubbish. All litter is unsightly and makes our local areas look untidy and uncared for.

Litter does not clean itself away. It can take years to degrade, causing harm to wildlife and habitats. Food people drop – whether it is half-eaten burgers, chips or apple cores - can attract pigeons and vermin such as rats.

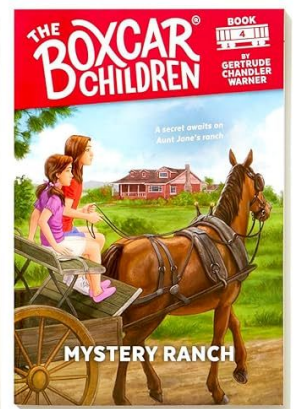
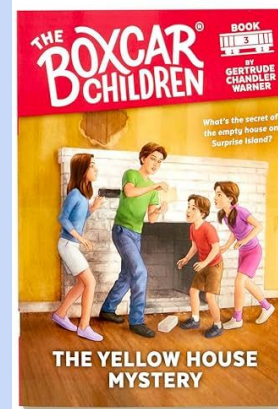
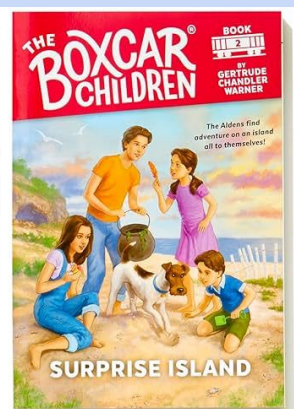
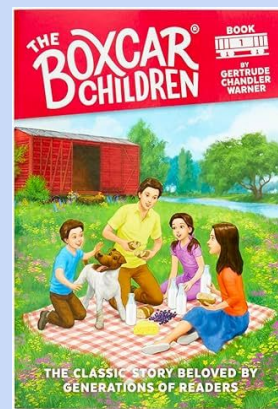
Research shows litter contributes to further crime and that people feel less safe in areas that are littered.

Please think twice before littering.

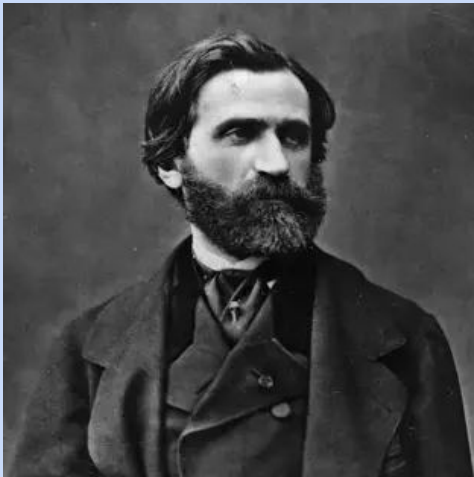
Book Recommendation

As recommended by one of our children in Energetic class! The Boxcar Children is a beloved children's book series. The series follows the children's adventures as they face challenges and mysteries. The stories often involve helping others, solving puzzles, and uncovering secrets.

The Boxcar Children series is known for its wholesome values, exciting mysteries, and heartwarming themes of family and friendship. It has captivated generations of young readers with its timeless appeal.



Composition of the Week!



Click here to watch it being performed live
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHw4GER-MiE>

Messa da Requiem - Giuseppe Verdi

Genre: classical

Verdi composed his 'Requiem' in 1874 in memory of the famous poet and novelist Alessandro Manzoni. Dies Irae is Latin for 'Day of Wrath'

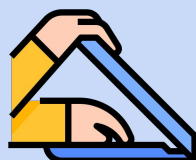
How would you describe this piece of music? What sense do you get from it?

Online Safety

TOP TIPS FOR BEING ONLINE

Does your child know this simple rule for when they see something which makes them feel uncomfortable online?

STOP, CLOSE, TELL



Exciting Writing!

Year 5 have recently been working on narratives.

They focused on using dialogue in their work to help show who their characters are and to drive the plot of the story forward.

This is a tricky skill to learn but they did a fantastic job!

My Narrative Scene

I woke up early in the morning and rushed out of my fluffy, cosy bed filled with excitement. As I went by all I could hear was my sister, Lola was snoring in her bed like a hyena.
"Wake up Lola! It's the day you've been waiting for all year." I exclaimed. As soon as I said that she woke up like a heavenly angel and jumped out of her bed.
"Why is your bedroom so clean?" I questioned with confusion. She looked at me puzzled.
"I need Santa to be impressed." She said with a weird smile on her face.

The excitement overwhelmed us and we rushed downstairs to check under the Christmas tree. There were so many presents scattering like it was a grotto. After we looked at which presents belonged to which person, Lola got suddenly extremely mad as she figured out all the presents belonged to me. I was astonished! Last year I only got two.
"Where are my presents?!" Lola cried as she looked like she could have a panic attack.
"I made bedroom neat, I made cookies and i've been so good this year but I get no presents?!" Lola gasped then started to giggle sarcastically. The horrendous sound woke up our parents. The booming footsteps came down the stairs like rumbling thunder.

"What is going on?" asked Mum.
Just before I could tell the truth Lola jumped in like a toddler and screamed "Eldana stole all my presents!" in her whiny voice.
"No, all these presents say my name!" I yelled bursting with anger as Lola stared at me with a fight look in her eyes.
"Enough! Just give half your presents!" she bellowed.
The arguments recently had been really bad. Should I just give in and then everything will be peaceful? I agreed because I didn't want anymore arguments. Before I knew it, Lola gave me a smirk while running upstairs dramatically with half the presents in her hand. My mum could tell I was sad from the disappointed look on my face and tried her best to comfort me with a warm hug.

By Eldana Ewgie

By Eldana

My Narrative Scene

"Mila, Mila!" I bellowed, "Do you want to go for a swim in the public pool?" I was desperate to hang out with my sister for a while, we hadn't done it in such a long time.
"Yeah, um... I'm not doing that," Mila stated.
"Well, why not? We used to do it all the time before you got your phone." I waited patiently for her reply.
"Look Billie, I'm, uh... Doing homework," Mila snapped back. My face was squished against the door now and I was worried that my nose was going to be a different shape soon. Then, I jumped a foot in the air as a booming knock came from our grey front door. I felt myself falling and realised Mila had opened her door and was now trying to use me as a carpet. I peered into her room. Ha! I knew it. Her laptop was downstairs, she couldn't be doing homework unless it was scrolling on TikTok and lying to her little sister.
"Hey, you weren't doing homework! Your Mac is downstairs," I caught her as she was about to make her descent downstairs.
"Sorry, not sorry. Now scram, Milly's here," and she raced downstairs. I heard the door's latch click open and Milly wipe her feet on the mat.
"Hey girl, how you going?" Milly's voice floated up the stairs and that mixed feeling of hatred and envy flooded me again. Before I knew it, flaming hot tears of jealousy were streaming down my face. I heard the girl's venomous voice again and it was as poisonous as a deadly viper slithering amongst the many vines of my mind.
"So, what level of idiocy has your sister been at this week?" She hissed, I held my breath and rushed to my room, avoiding all the creaky spots. Once I had locked myself away, I lay on my bed, trying to imagine a scenario where my sister hadn't talked ill of me while I weeped but came up with none. The creak of the stairs then returned. Milly and Mila closed the door to her bedroom.
"Ok, you got this. You're cool," I reassured myself.

I took it step by step, creak by creak, until the air got to that muggy stage where you're too close to something. Everytime I took a breath, the door which stated the sign 'Mila's Room - Knock!' bounced right back at me. I stood there and counted back from ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one, KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK. My hand was trembling as I removed it from the painted oak. So afraid of being turned away. Please be Mila, please be Mila, please be Mila. My pleading thoughts echoed.

By Eliza

Could you write a conversation between two characters where they sound like different people?

Give it a go!

Free Parenting Support

CELEBRATE FEBRUARY 2025

RELATIONSHIPS WELLNESS MONTH

The relationship between parents, whether together or separated, significantly affects their child's emotional well-being and mental health. Some families may argue more frequently and intensely. If these arguments are left unresolved, they can change relationships from healthy to unhealthy and even to abusive.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

FREE Reducing Parental Conflict
e-learning course

10.2.25 10-11am
FREE online webinar
"How to look after YOU" run by
SE London Mind



SCAN HERE



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Learn about healthy relationships and **FREE** support available in Bromley to reduce the conflict in all relationships



www.bromley.gov.uk/BromleyParentingHub



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

94%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	93%
Respectful	96%
Honest	99%
Energetic	96%
Expressive	84%
Reflective	96%
Resilient	96%
Considerate	97%
Kind	99%
Capable	99%
Cooperative	98%
Caring	97%
Successful	93%

James Dixon
Primary



Next week's achievers

PHSE

Energetic	Albie
Expressive	Ava-Sylvia
Reflective	Ayda
Resilient	Milena
Kind	Isaiah
Considerate	Kira
Capable	Lyra
Cooperative	Sara
Caring	Emmanuella
Successful	Anne

Dates for your diary

<p><u>Mon. 27th January</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tue. 28th January</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 29th January</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.30 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitees only)</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec - Yr 6</p>	<p><u>Thur. 30th January</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 31st January</u></p> <p>Year 5 to Natural History Museum</p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon. 3rd February</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tues. 4th February</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 5th February</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.30 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitees only)</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec - Yr 6</p>	<p><u>Thurs. 6th February</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 7th February</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p>PTA QUIZ NIGHT 7.00 pm</p>
<p><u>Mon. 10th February</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p><u>Parents evening from 3.10 pm</u></p>	<p><u>Tue. 11th February</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 12th February</u></p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitees only)</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p><u>Parents evening from 3.10 pm</u></p>	<p><u>Thur. 13th February</u></p> <p>Penge & Anerley Field Trip Yr 6</p> <p>China Workshop Rec - Yr 1</p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 14th February</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p>Spirit of the Wild workshop Yr 2</p>

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND.....

Friday 7 February 2025 : 7pm to 9:30pm

£5.00 / ticket. Bar and snacks (cash and card).

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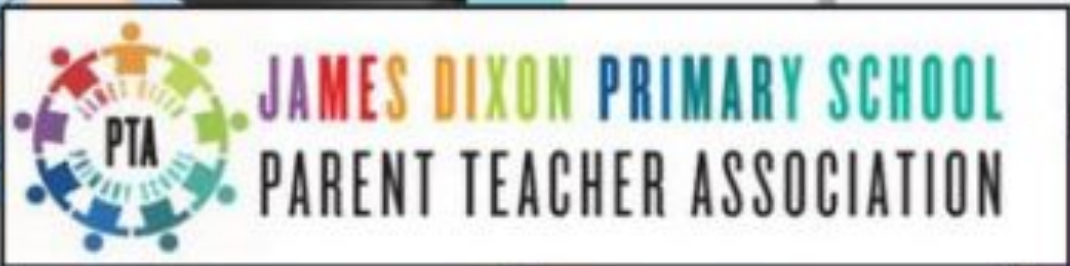
Phoenix Community Centre, 66 Westow Street, SE19 3AF

Booking: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/james-dixon-primary-school-pta>



**Come on your own or in teams, of up to six.
Open to your friends and family.**

Prize for the best Team Name.



PTA

Annual Gen

THANK YOU!

For all the parents and carers who attended in person and online. To all teacher, parent and carer **volunteers** over the last year. **Special thanks** to Mr Entwistle, Mr Minnott and Mrs Aldred from the leadership team and Toni Oakham, Annalisa Maguolo and Thanh Ly in the Office for all their help and support. **The Minutes** will be shared via email within a week.



WELCOME to your 2024/2025 PTA Committee

Chair: Ella Milward Hamylton

Treasurer: Justyna Winkler-Tamiola

Co-Secretaries: Annalisa Addison, Adrienne Bouchagoua, Ian Long, Steve Phillips

James Dixon Preschool

Morning and Afternoon session availability

Mornings: 8.30-11.30am Afternoons: 12.15-3.15pm

What we do:

We focus on learning through play, providing enriching play opportunities and learning experiences.



We also have learning sessions, including:

- Phonics
- Maths
- History/science/geography

We also have weekly Forest school and PE lessons.



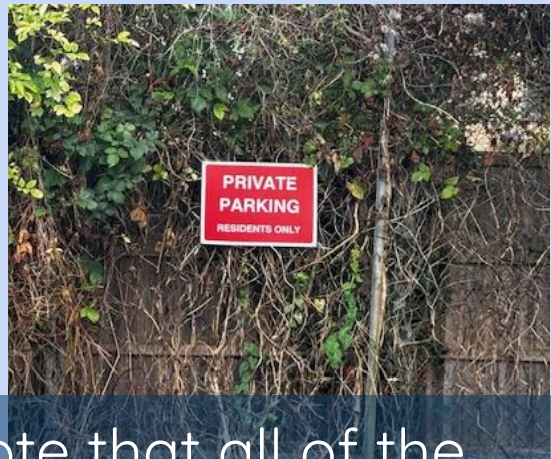
Please scan QR code to visit our website and complete an application form.

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Primary



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COURTESY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Respecting Our Neighbours



Please note that all of the parking bays on William Booth Road are private; paid for by the residents.



Help us to have positive relationships with our neighbours.



Respect our neighbours

DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE BAYS

