

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025

NEWSLETTER



'If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking.'



This Week at James Dixon

Phew! There were so many exciting moments at James Dixon this week that we'd like to express our gratitude to the teaching team who made it all happen...



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THANK YOU



Curriculum Focus - Kagan

KAGAN at JD



Kagan is a part of daily life at James Dixon. This term we have been using the Kagan strategy Quiz, Quiz, Trade to help us remember key information for our History and Geography topics.



"I love interacting with my classmates and it has helped me to remember information"
Eldana Yr5

Sustainability



This week, the Eco Leaders did some litter picking in our school grounds.



Bedrock Parents' Evening

Bedrock Parents' Evening 2024/25

Sophie Joyce (Teaching & Learning Consultant)



Bedrock is the award-winning literacy platform that is used at James Dixon Primary to develop children's language skills and reading comprehension.

Bedrock's Parents' Evening is coming up on Thursday 20th March (7pm to 8pm) [REGISTER HERE](#)

During this session parents and guardians will get:

- Insights on why language is vital to academic success
- Essential takeaways to equip parents to play an active role in language development at home
- A demo of Bedrock's platform and the parents' portal

Pupil Leadership



Hi JD! I hope you have all had a wonderful week. On Thursday last week, Y6 went on a trip in the morning. We measured the air pollution in two different areas; Crystal Palace triangle and Thicket Road. Both had a reasonable amount of air pollution but CP Triangle had a lot more, so maybe you could persuade your parents to drive their car less and take the bus or the tram instead.

Hi JD,
I hope you all had an amazing week! I know I did. Last week, year 6 went on a trip to find out where had the most air pollution. We went to the Triangle and Thicket road.
Rose.



Good morning everyone, last week we went on a school trip to the triangle and we had to count how many vehicles went past. Then we headed to a less popular road right outside of Crystal Palace Park and see what had less pollution. Good bye.



World Book Day

Thursday 6th March we celebrated World Book Day!

We loved seeing all the fantastic costumes children (and staff!) came wearing to school.

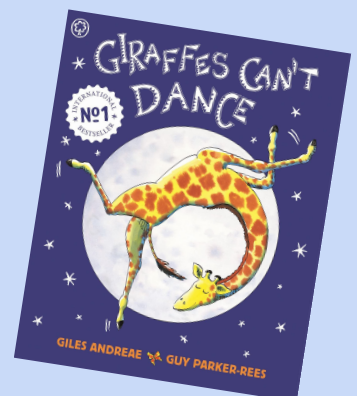


The day was filled with lots of fun reading inspired activities such as drawing along with an illustrator, making pop up art books, the Masked Reader JD edition (guessing which disguised teachers were reading different books).

A World Book Day themed quiz and meeting up with Mes Amis year group partners.



But of course, who could forget the whole school parade where Mr Minnott surprised everyone by dressing up from Giraffes Can't Dance!



Chinese Workshop



This week, Reception and Year One finally took part in the postponed China Workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Lunar New Year through dance. There were lots of routines to learn but the children were phenomenal and absolutely nailed it!



Dynamic Display Team



Congratulations to our fabulous James Dixon Gymnastics Teams, who travelled to Bromley Valley on Wednesday and competed in the Key Steps Gymnastics Competition.



All gymnasts performed on 3 disciplines: floor, vault and body conditioning. Miss Huxley was incredibly proud of their hard work and determination. Well done team JD!

Composition of the Week



Click here to listen
[Woody Herman - Perdido](#)

Woody Herman - Perdido

Genre: Bossanova & Swing

Composed in 1952

Composed by Woody Herman, performed with his big band
Herman was an American jazz clarinetist, saxophonist, singer, and big band leader. His bands often played music that was cutting edge and experimental at the time

What do you like about the piece?

Which brass instruments can you hear?

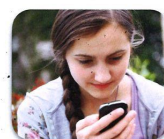
Online Safety



⚡ SMARTPHONES HAVE BECOME THE NORM

The average teenager spends 9 hours a day on screens, 5 hours a day on social media

The average time a British 12 year old spends on a smartphone per week is 30 hours

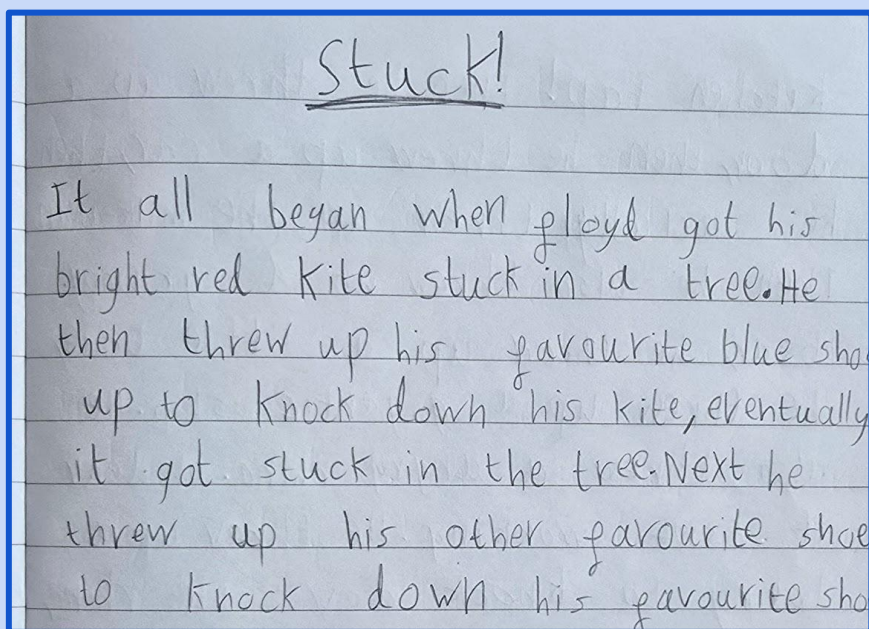
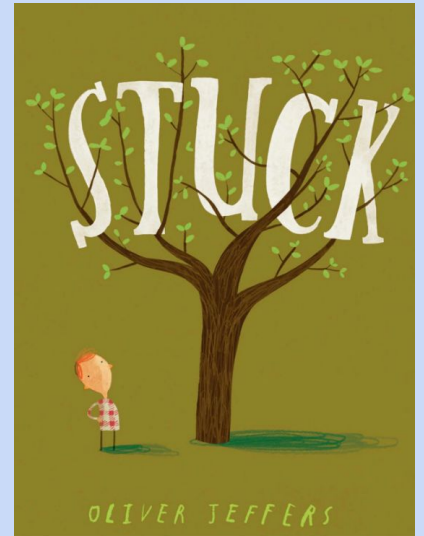


[Click To Visit Website](#)

Exciting Writing!

In Year 2, the children have been writing their own version of the fantastic book, 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers.

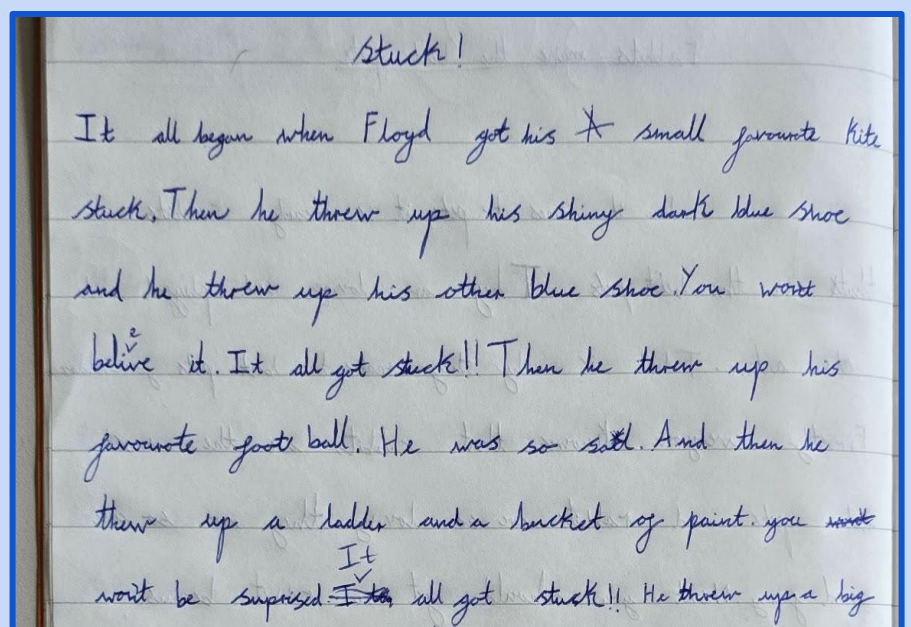
In their writing, they are re-telling the story by changing the things that get thrown at the tree!



This is an extract from the amazing work produced by Orest!



And this extract is from the pen of Monroe! Brilliant job!





FAMILY FUN MATHS

Returns

	Monday 17th March	Tuesday 18th March	Wednesday 19th March	Thursday 20th March	Friday 21st March
9:00- 9:40	Year Two				
13:10- 13:50	Year One	Year Five	Year Four	Year Three	Year Six

Come and join your child for a fun
Maths session.

17th-21st March 2025

S T E M W E E K

Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

96%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	94%
Honest	99%
Respectful	99%
Energetic	91%
Expressive	99%
Reflective	98%
Resilient	99%
Considerate	94%
Kind	98%
Capable	96%
Cooperative	99%
Caring	96%
Successful	94%

James Dixon
Primary

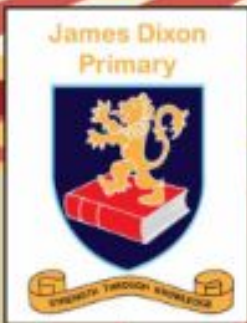




Dates for your diary

<p><u>Mon. 10th March</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>Cross Country Parents Meeting Yr 3 & 4 3.00 pm</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday 11th March</u></p> <p><u>CLASS PHOTOS</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 March</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</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 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 13th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 Trip to Buddhist Centre</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 14th March</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon. 17th March</u></p> <p>Family Fun Maths Yr 1 1.10 pm Yr 2 9.00 am</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>Tuesday 18th March</u></p> <p>Family Fun Maths Yr 5 1.10 pm</p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 19th March</u></p> <p>Family Fun Maths Yr 4 1.10 pm</p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am</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 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 20th March</u></p> <p>Family Fun Maths Yr 3 1.10 pm</p> <p><u>Yr 2 to the Horniman Museum Gardens</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 21st March</u></p> <p>Family Fun Maths Yr 6 1.10 pm</p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p><u>PTA Bake Sale</u></p>
<p><u>Mon. 24th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 1 Trip to the Horniman Museum</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>Tuesday 25th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 3 Trip to British Museum</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. 26th March</u></p> <p><u>Circus Skills</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am</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 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 27th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 2 visit to Christ Church</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 28th March</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>

PTA Event



JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Because of YOU, The Circus ? is coming to School

During the School day on:
Wednesday 26th March



Thanks to the awesome success of our **PTA Quiz**, we've raised enough money to bring the circus to school – and **every class is invited!**



PTA Event

