

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025

NEWSLETTER



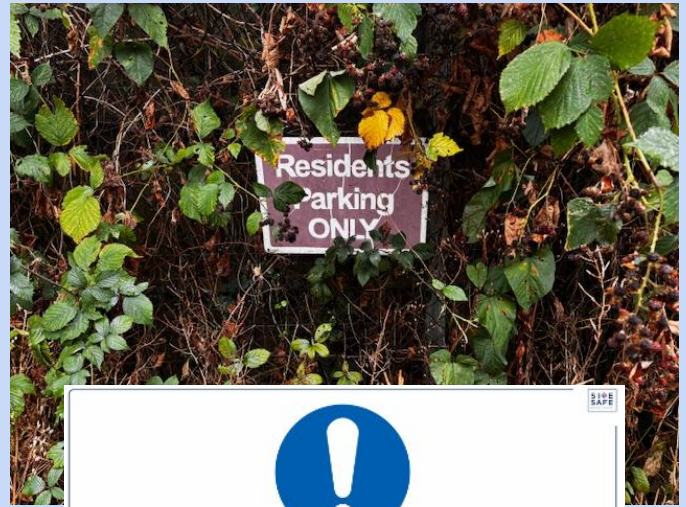
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into the
Future*



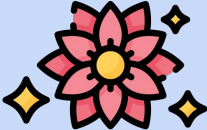


This Week at James Dixon

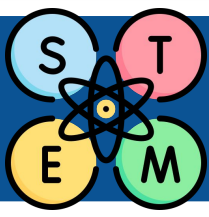
Most people like to have good relationships with their neighbours. Here at James Dixon we do too!

This is a polite reminder that all of the parking bays on William Booth Road are private; paid for by the residents.



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



STEM Week

This week at James Dixon has been STEM week.

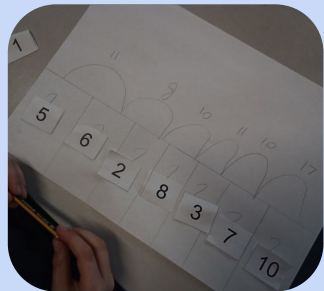
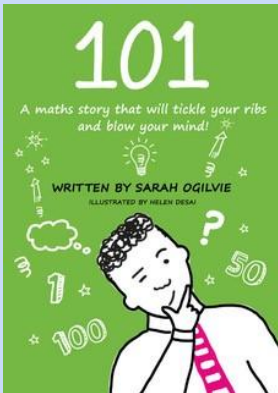
Everyone took part in a Mes Ami activity.

Some animals live their whole lives in dark places, like glowing spider worms that lives in caves.

We designed a way to help spider worm larvae catch bugs.



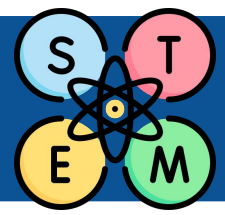
A whole school maths lessons was taught in every class. It was based on the book '101' which is written by Sarah Ogilvie, a previous James Dixon teacher!



Thank you to all of the parents that joined us for our Family Fun Maths sessions. We had a great time and were so pleased to see so many of you joining us.



STEM Week



We have been lucky enough to have some visitors come to talk to us about all areas of STEM. Thank you Helayna, Susie and Hannah!



Everyone had some rocket fun. There was a competition to see whose rocket would travel the furthest. Well done to Mia in Year 1 and Jevontae in Year 4, their rockets won.



Have you heard of Wind Power? We were set a challenge to see if we could build our own wind turbines.

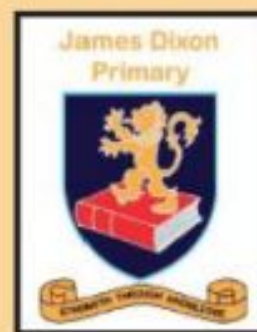
Pre school joined in with the action!



And back by popular demand, we had the KS2 STEM quiz!

We hope everyone has enjoyed STEM week and that the children have come home telling you all about the fun activities they have taken part in.

STEM Week PTA Funded Event!



SPECIAL EVENT
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PTA

FRIDAY
21
MARCH!

SCHOOL VISIT FROM A FEMALE ROBOTICS SCIENTIST



THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF THE PTA,
WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME HANNAH ROSSITER,
A ROBOTICS SCIENTIST AND SISTER OF ONE OF OUR PTA
MEMBERS, FOR A SPECIAL TALK DURING STEM WEEK.

Year 2 - Horniman Museum



Year 2 had a fabulous day in the sun when they visited the gardens of the Horniman museum. The children sketched pictures of the beautiful landscape to support their current Art topic. With some brilliant pieces of art produced. The children were beautifully behaved and even had some time in the park afterwards for some fun in the sun! Many thanks to all the parent helpers.



Curriculum Focus - Music

Year 3 have been perfecting their recorder skills all year. Last term they showcased some of the compositions they had learnt to KS1, it was a fantastic performance.



Year 2 are now learning the p-buzz, which is a little bit like a mix between a trumpet and a recorder!

Reception & Year 1 are exploring how to play a range of untuned percussion instruments during their BYMT lessons.



We use Charanga Music school as part of our Music curriculum teaching at James Dixon. The children learn to listen and appraise music, learn to sing and play a variety of songs either on a recorder or glockenspiel, then compose and improvise their own pieces.

Sustainability



"It's the little things
citizens do.

That's what will
make the difference.

My little thing is
planting trees."

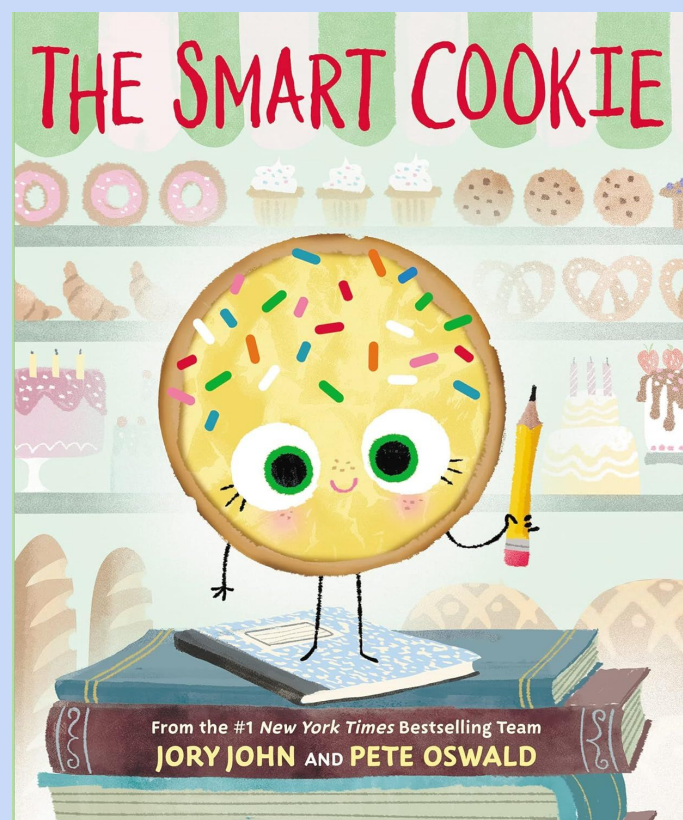
-Wangari Muta Maathai

Wangari Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977 in response to the environmental concerns raised by rural women. She began planting trees and encouraging others to do so. There are now 30 million trees where there were none.

In 2004 she became the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Book Recommendation

This book tells the charming and relatable story of a cookie who doesn't feel very smart, despite everyone telling her she is. She struggles with the pressures of perfection and the fear of not measuring up. Through humorous mishaps and heartfelt moments, the cookie learns that being "smart" isn't about knowing everything, but about trying new things, embracing mistakes, and finding her own unique strengths. A lovely picture book with a sweet message about self-acceptance.



Pupil Leadership



Hi JD!! I hope you guys all had an amazing week. I know I did. Last Thursday, Y6 went to the Buddhist temple. It was very calming. We sat on nice, soft mats and meditated. We heard about stories of the Buddha, AKA Siddhartha Gautama. Last Wednesday was RE Day, the topic was Buddhism.

Hey JD! Did you have a good week? Last week was RE day where everyone in the school learned about Buddhism. On Thursday, Year 6 went to the Vietnamese Buddhist temple. We heard chants, we did meditation and we heard a couple of stories.



Sup J.D, for those of you who are reading this, I went to play paintball on Saturday and it was fun! Let me know what you did. I hope you had a good STEM week!



Quote from a visitor: ***'I was really impressed with the children in both year groups, they were so polite and ready to engage in my session. It was a total delight.'***

Composition of the Week



Click here to
listen [I Feel
Like Jumping](#)

Marcia Griffiths - I Feel Like Jumping

Genre: Reggae

Composed in 1968

The style is 'Rocksteady' the style of vocalized Jamaican popular music that succeeded ska and preceded reggae in the 1960s, influenced by American soul music and having a more upbeat tempo with emphasis on electric bass and guitar rather than on horns

Marcia Griffiths is a Jamaican singer. This song was written by Bob Andy & Jackie Mittoo

Online Safety



SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD



SMARTPHONES APPS ARE STOPPING CHILDREN FROM PAYING ATTENTION

Tech companies spend billions on making apps and devices as addictive as possible because 'maximising engagement' is the fundamental objective of their business model.

46%

of teens say they use their phones "almost constantly"

Pew Research Centre, Aug 2022

2 in 3

of 11-17 year olds 'often' or 'sometimes' find it difficult to put down their phone.

Common Sense Media, 2023

[Click to visit the website](#)

Exciting Writing!

Dogs Make the Best Pets
When it comes to pets it is without a doubt that dogs are the best pets because dogs are adorable and kind, making them the best possible pets for children. Firstly, everyone knows that dogs are the most affectionate. They will dance with you, and play with you. Dogs are the cutest pet in the world! Dogs are athletic, can jump on you, and secondly did you know dogs are affectionate animals? They are idper

Micah in Energetic Class, Year 2 is very passionate about why dogs make the best pets.

Do you agree with him or are you a cat person?



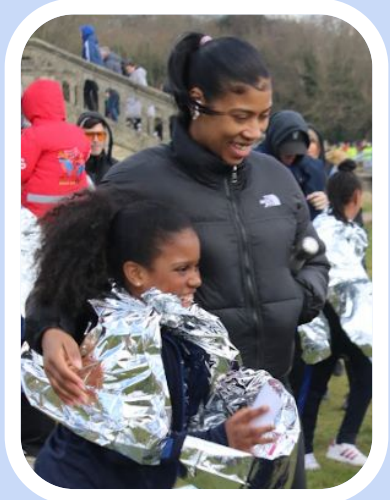
This fantastic piece of writing is from Kayla in Energetic Class, Year 2.

I think Kayla has some great ideas on how she would run the world!

IF I ran The world
If I ran the world I would help the earth and make sure people had enough to eat. I would help to stop wars and make people be kind. I would get people to be safe and be welcome. I would be a fearless and kind leader. I would be fair and listen to people. I would help people that are sad or feeling helpless. I would show them kindness and a smile.

Bromley Schools Cross Country

Saturday 15th March was a special day for JD as 42 children put their trainers on and took part in Cross Country.



Congratulations to all the children that completed the course. All the teachers and parents were so proud of the children's determination and resilience.



GO TEAM JD!



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

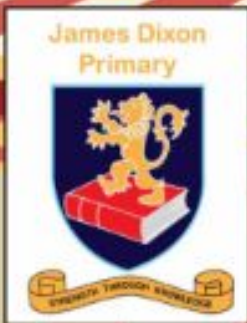
94%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	91%
Honest	98%
Respectful	96%
Energetic	97%
Expressive	97%
Reflective	98%
Resilient	93%
Considerate	96%
Kind	97%
Capable	99%
Cooperative	98%
Caring	93%
Successful	87%

James Dixon
Primary



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

VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE REACH OUT TO
YOUR YEAR REPRESENTATIVE.



YOUR PTA NEEDS

YOU

FOR

Picnic & Proms

ON FRIDAY 11 JULY FROM 3PM - 5PM

Introducing the PTA Prepaid card

A new way to pay for PTA events -
cashless & child friendly!



How will it work?

1. Purchase the card for £5
2. Enjoy £6 of fun and treats,
receiving a stamp with each purchase.

1 stamp = £1

Purchase in advance
for £5 and get £1 free!



JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE
RAFFLE PRIZES

FOR

Picnic & Proms

IF ANYONE HAS A SIDE HUSTLE AND WANT TO DONATE
OR YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES
THAT MIGHT WANT TO SUPPLY A PRIZE?

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PTA:

JAMESDIXONPTA@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE START COLLECTING



EMPTY, CLEAN JAM JARS

AND CONTENTS



What is a Jolly Jar?

Jolly Jars are medium and large jam jars, with lids, that parents and carers fill up at home with a mix of fun treats for children and donate to the PTA for Picnic & Proms.

These might include wrapped sweets (no nuts), unused small toys, stickers, hair clips, stationery, keyrings, stamps and more. They can be decorated with stickers, ribbons, drawings, but don't have to be.

At Picnic & Proms we will have a stall where children pay £1 to pull a ticket out of a box. They then match their ticket to a Jolly Jar and enjoy the treats.



Contents do not need to be new but must be unused.

There are lots of great items in the £ shops of Crystal Palace and Pege.