

Friday 9th October

NEWSLETTER



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'Fall seven times, stand up eight.'

This Week at James Dixon



Prepare for Works on Anerley Road

FM Conway will be starting works at Anerley Road from Monday 12th October. Stop and Go boards will be in place for one day on Anerley Road near the junction of Versailles Road / Thicket Road.

Versailles Road will be closed from Monday 12th October for up to two weeks at the junction of Anerley Road. Local signed diversions will be in place for motorists.

Thicket Road will then be closed from Monday 26th October (once Versailles Road has re-opened) for up to seven weeks at the junction of Anerley Road. Local signed diversions will be in place.

Term Dates 2025

			
Term Starts	Tuesday 1st September	Monday 4th January	Tuesday 13th April
Half Term	Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Term Finishes	Friday 18th December at 2:00pm	Thursday 25th March at 2:00pm	Thursday 22nd July

Pupil Leadership



Hello JD, Welcome back, and thanks for reading this today! I am going to talk about how I will try and improve our school, because why would you vote us if we didn't change anything? As you guys voted me, I have to pay you guys back, and I mean I will REPAY you! I would really like to try to add new subject leadership roles. If you did not get to become one previously, then all you have to do is simple, fill out a form with your name and why you'd like to be a part of that team, easy peasy!

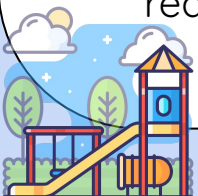
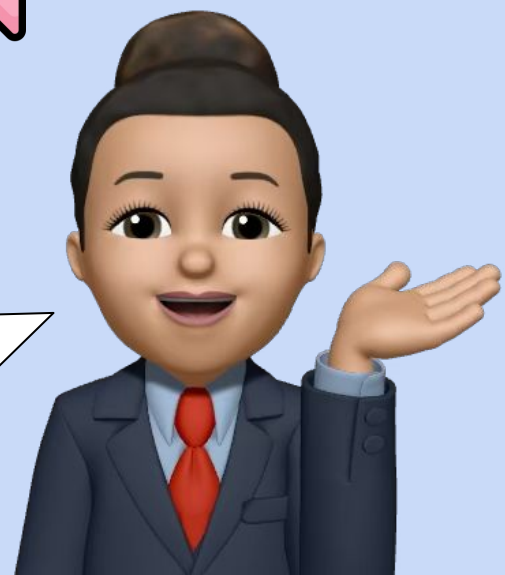
Like Isaac from the last newsletter, I will be sharing FACTS about random stuff, just like Isaacs jokes! SO-

Here is a fact - A simple fluffy white cloud can weigh up to about 1 MILLION TONNES (1.1 million tonnes... And that's crazy right?



Hi everyone, I'm back! Once again, I just want to say a huge thank you to the people that voted for me, if it wasn't for you amazing students, I wouldn't be writing this brilliant newsletter with my partner Areeb. I'm trying my very best to make my promises come to life but I need your guys power to make them true. I really want to try and improve your break times and help stop your boredom. If you guys give me that amazing enthusiasm and that motivation, I promise I will push myself to make it happen. Thank you all for reading and have a great day.

Ilham signing.....OUT!!!!



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Curriculum Focus - Music

Reception - Year 2 will be learning about the different components of Music by exploring a variety of instruments and their voice

Year 3 will be learning the recorder this year!



So what does music look like at JD this year?



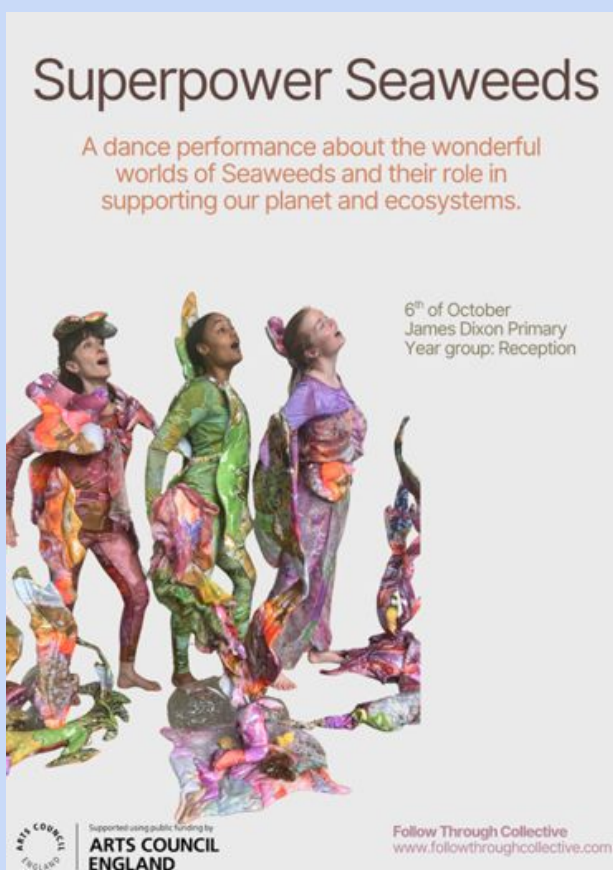
Year 4 will be learning the djembes!



Year 5 will be learning the steel pans ready to audition to be part of our prestigious orchestra - here are some of our Year 6 musicians in action!

Super Seaweeds!

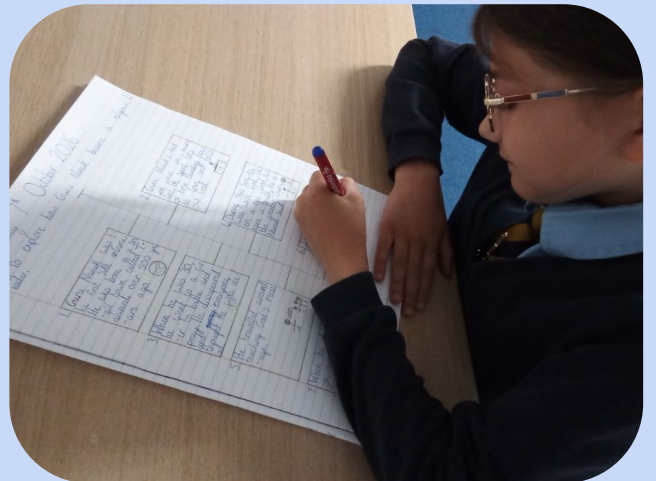
On Tuesday, the Follow Through Collective visited Reception to give a dance based performance called 'Superpower Seaweeds.' Through dance, the superpowers of seaweeds were explored as the children got to join in and help clean the ocean and make oxygen, both of which help support one of our major ecosystems.



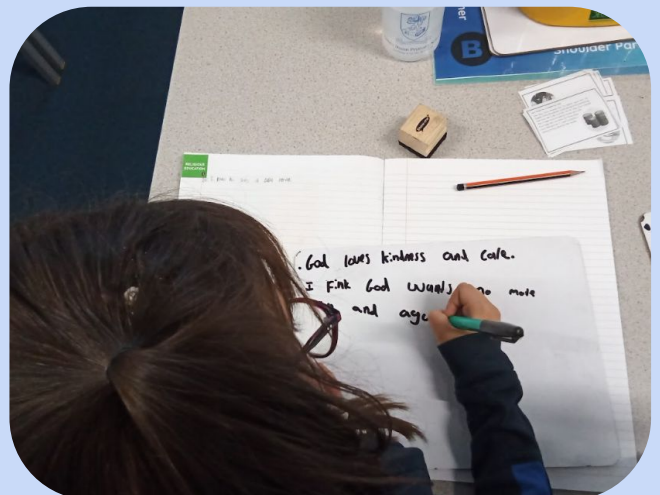
RE Day



Sikhism



At James Dixon, in Years 1-6, we teach Religious Education through termly R.E days. This term the focus was on Sikhism.

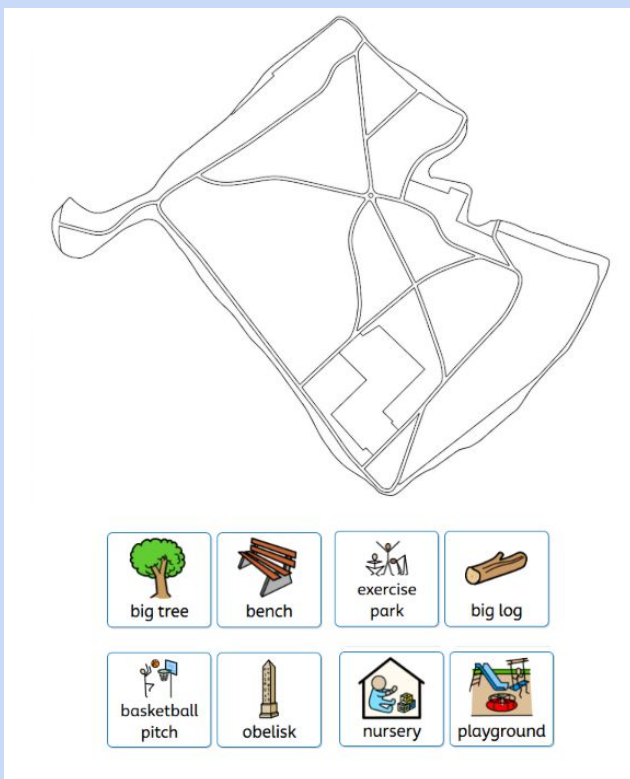


Year One Trip to Betts Park

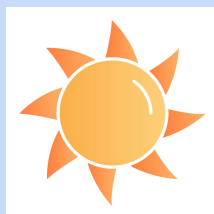
Last week, Year 1 visited Betts Park as part of ur Geography unit of spatial sense.



We have been learning about maps. The children used their key to plot the main features of Betts Park on their maps.



The children enjoyed the sunny afternoon!



Reception to Crystal Palace Park



On a beautiful, autumnal Thursday morning, Reception headed up (on foot) to Crystal Palace Park on what was the first of many school trips they will enjoy at JD. The aim of the morning was to enjoy the fantastic weather, play in the brilliant new playground and to observe the signs of Autumn as that has been the theme of this week's learning. The children had an excellent time and certainly made the most of the equipment. A big thank you to all our parent helpers without whom this trip would not have been possible.





Exciting Writing!



This week, we're sharing two fantastic examples of narrative writing from our Year 4 writers. The children have been working hard to create exciting opening scenes that grab the reader's attention and set up their stories brilliantly.

Take a look at these impressive extracts!



Powerful Narrative Openings

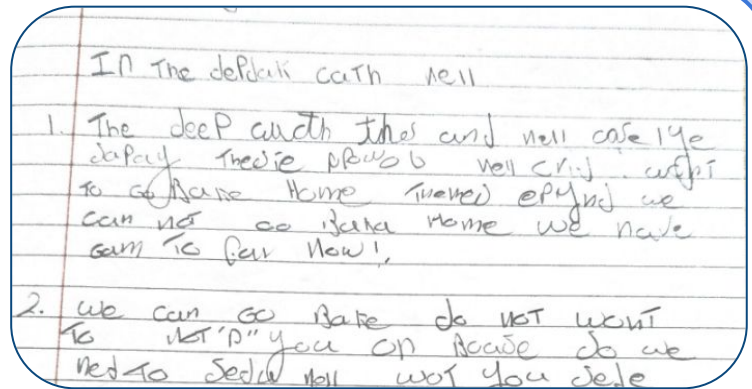
Two examples of exciting writing from our young authors.



Frankie G from Expressive Class

"We cannot go back home, we have come too far now!"

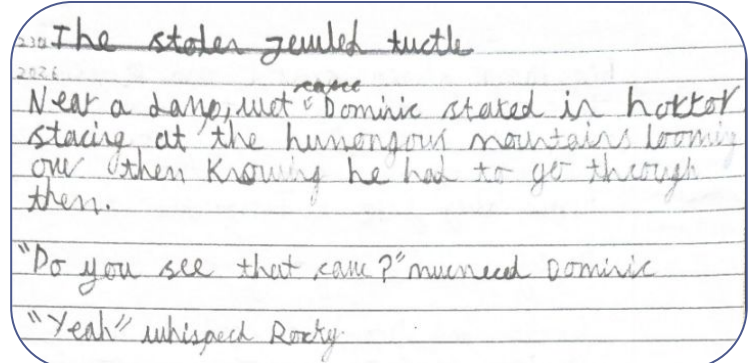
"We can go back, I do not want to," said Neil.



Julian D from Expressive Class

Near the damp, wet cave, Dominic stared in horror, staring at the humongous mountains looming over them, knowing he had to get through them.

"Do you see that cave?" murmured Dominic.



Sustainability

International E-Waste Day

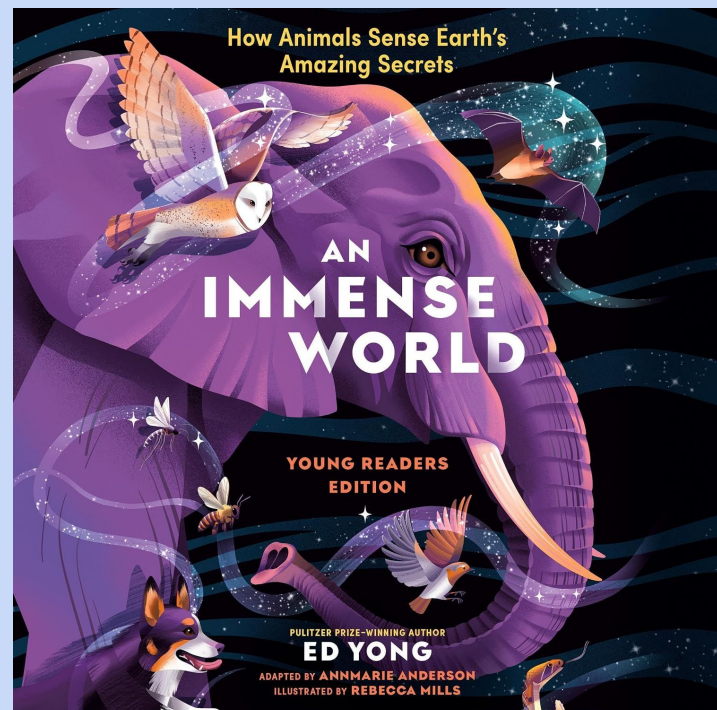
Old cables, broken toys, and unused electronic devices contain valuable metals like copper and gold.

When electrical items get thrown into the normal household bin, those valuable materials are lost forever, and toxic chemicals can leak into the ground. Take a look around your home this week for any dead batteries, broken electronics, or mystery chargers. You can drop them off at local supermarket recycling points or council recycling centers so the metals inside can be melted down and used again.

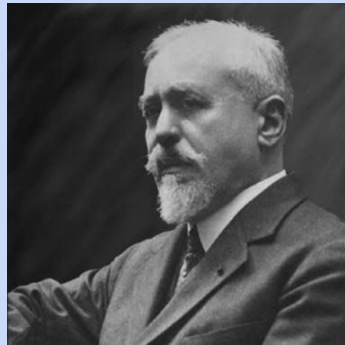


Book Recommendation

In Ed Yong's *An Immense World* (*Young Readers Edition*), readers explore the hidden sensory realms of the animal kingdom. Illustrated by Rebecca Mills, this engaging guide reveals how creatures perceive reality using magnetic fields, electricity, and unique senses. From electric fish to sea turtles, the book highlights the wonders of animal biology, changing how readers view the natural world.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

P Dukas - The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Genre: Classical

Composed in: 1897

This piece is a symphonic poem composed by French musician Paul Dukas is based on Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's 1797 poem *Der Zauberlehrling*. The music captures the theme of rising panic and chaotic energy from the poem.

It is heavily featured in Disney's Fantasia, if you have seen it. It was released in 1940 so is a classic!

Online Safety

ONLINE SAFETY QUIZ



The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life.

You can access the quiz here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/>

Weekly Attendance

Every School Day Matters

96%

Class	Attendance %
Curious	96%
Imaginative	99%
Innovative	97%
Adventurous	96%
Confident	98%
Honest	95%
Respectful	98%
Energetic	96%
Expressive	95%
Reflective	96%
Resilient	93%
Kind	97%
Considerate	100%

Next week's Achievers

Geography

Adventurous	Anna
Confident	Jakhari
Honest	Nafissatou
Respectful	Dominic
Energetic	Marlina
Expressive	Leonel
Reflective	Bella
Resilient	Dimitar
Kind	Isaac
Considerate	Orion
Colourful Class Star of the Week	Joshua & Sumaya



Dates for Your Diary

<u>Monday 12th Oct.</u>	<u>Tuesday 13th Oct.</u>	<u>Wed. 14th October</u>	<u>Thu. 15th October</u>	<u>Fri. 16th October</u>
<u>PARENTS EVENINGS</u> Nature Makers Club 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 1-3 3.00pm Football Club all years 3.00pm Mini Athletics Rec-Year 2 3.00 pm	Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm	<u>INDIVIDUAL PHOTO DAY</u> <u>PARENTS EVENINGS</u> Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 3.00 pm Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm Robotic Club Year 1-6 3.00 pm	<u>Achievers Assembly 10.10 am (invited parents only)</u> Arts Team to Harris Creative Writing Club Year 3-6 3.00 pm Taekwondo club all years 3.00 pm Steel Pans Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm	Dance Club all years 7.50 am
<u>Mon 19th October</u>	<u>Tue 20th October</u>	<u>Wed 21st October</u>	<u>Thu 22nd October</u>	<u>Fri. 23th October</u>
<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>
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James Dixon
Primary





Thank you, Annalisa

As the Summer Term 2026 came to an end, with the joys of Picnic and Proms still being felt, the PTA Committee had the sad news that Annalisa and her family were moving away. Annie joined us after volunteering for the Fireworks, and we had two amazing years of her help.

The improved PTA posters, the one-woman-set-up of the Basketball game, the club nights for current Year 2 parents, securing a female planet Mars engineer to talk to the pupils; so many great ideas, a huge smile, and a tonne of energy. We miss this great Committee member, though she'll be back for Fireworks. Thank you, Annalisa!

We're so excited to see who joins us next!

Ella, Justyna, Bayly and Amy x

LIGHTS

Early bird price list

GLOWSTICKS (3)		£1
RAINBOW LIGHT FOAM STICKS	£5	£4
CANDY FLOSS LED STICKS	£7	£6
RAINBOW WINDMILLS	£12	£10



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James Dixon PTA Forum

The PTA is looking for a new co-secretary (or two!) to join the team.

Is this you?

About the role

- This is a voluntary position
- Help with rallying volunteers, marketing, being organised, and bringing ideas to life!
- Help to build external relationships
- Catch up with the Committee once a week (in-person at pick-up/drop-off, or via WhatsApp)

What do you get?

- Free tickets to all the big events which the Committee attend
- Supporting your child's journey and fundraising for all the children
- Be part of this community
- A recognised role - if you're getting back into work, we can give a formal reference!

We're an ambitious team and would love to hear from you. To find out more, please email [**jamesdixonpta@gmail.com**](mailto:jamesdixonpta@gmail.com) and we'll arrange a chat, answer your questions, and go from there!



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