

Friday 16th October

NEWSLETTER



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'Be the one who makes everyone feel included.'

This Week at James Dixon



This photo of Mr Entwistle wearing a traditional Indian vest and holding the St Kitts & Nevis flag represents the beauty of Diversity Week here at James Dixon. It has been another opportunity for us to celebrate who we are as well as learn about others so that we can ensure that everyone feels included.

Have a restful half term break. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November at 8.30am!

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

Diversity Week



Share A Story

We would like to say 'Thank You' to all of the parents who came into school on Thursday and read The Very Hungry Caterpillar in a range of languages. The children and staff had a fantastic afternoon.



Steel Assembly

On Monday, we kicked off Diversity Week with our annual Steel Orchestra Assembly. We welcomed back last year's orchestra to on present ties to our current Year Six.

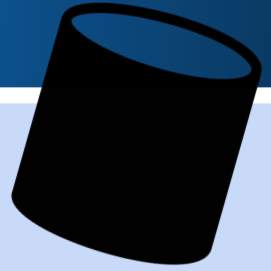


Cultural Dress Assembly





Pupil Leadership



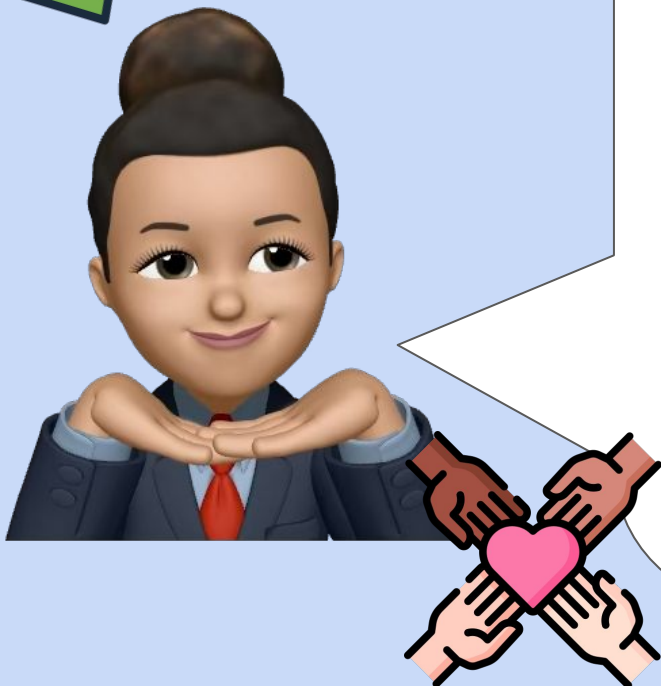
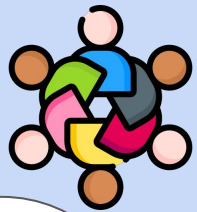
This week is Diversity Week, which means we get to learn and show our different cultures.

On Monday, our fellow year 7 orchestra (year 6 last year) came back to see if they remember how to play the steel pans. Then the year 6 hit the stage and flowed lovely sound waves through your ears and down your spine. On Thursday, different parents of our school community came in to read 'The Hungry Caterpillar' in their traditional language. And finally on Friday, we had the opportunity to dress in our cultural dress and express our feelings.

Q: What do you call an American bee?

A: a USB.

Did you get it!?



Hi everyone, I'm so excited today because guess what IT'S DIVERSITY WEEK!!!!

Sorry I went a little bit too overboard there. On Monday, there was be a lovely steel pan group orchestra for you all, and the year 7s are came to play too. On Friday, we got to dress up in our cultural dress and show our culture off with pride. I obviously ran that runway! And last but certainly not least, on Thursday it was Share a Story, where parents that speak different languages came and told the story in their language. The story was called.....The Hungry Caterpillar!!!! I bet by the end of Thursday that caterpillar was so full, I can't even imagine!



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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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Curriculum Focus - PE

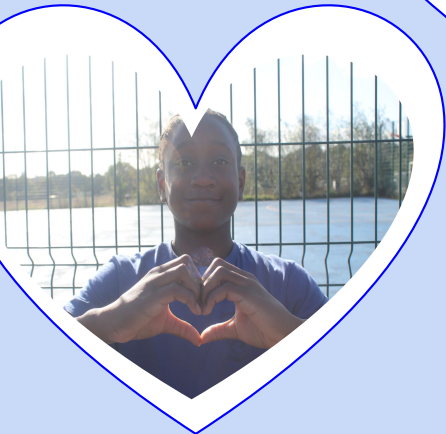


"At JD, we learn a range of skills in PE. It's great to be in an environment that allows us to make mistakes to learn."

"PE helps to develop my resilience. At first skills can be challenging but I love achieving my goals!"



"The best part about PE is being able to work in a team and help each other to improve."



"During indoor PE, we have been learning different rolls in gymnastics. I like giving feedback to my friends."



"I love being a Sports Leader! I can't wait for Sports Day again. I really enjoy helping KS1 children too!"





TTROCKSTARS DAY!



On Friday 9th October we held our second TTRockstars Day!

The pupils and adults dressed in their best rockstar outfits and they looked awesome! Thank you parents and carers for supporting your children with this.



Throughout the day, the children competed against each other, other classes and year groups to score the most points. The pupils in each class with the most points then competed against others in a live competition at the end of the day.



Exciting Writing!

This week, we're showcasing two examples of instruction writing from Year 3. The children have been learning how to organise their ideas clearly using headings, lists and numbered steps.

Reuben B from Respectful Class

Example 1

Year 3 Instructions

How to Build a Green Ship

Are you in desperate need of a bold, green, sailing boat that will blow your socks off? Follow these instructions and get building!

What you will need:

Materials:

- tall, thin trees
- smooth planks of wood
- lush green hedges
- soft green, comfy leaves
- a large, strong sail canvas

Equipment:

- sharp hand saw
- cordless hedge trimmer
- strong claw hammer
- new nails
- rough rope
- garden rake

Method:

- 1 **First**, find the tall, thin trees and cut them into sizes with a sharp hand saw to make the masts.
- 2 **Next**, locate the lush green hedges and cut them with a cordless hedge trimmer to make the stern.
- 3 **Then**, get the smooth planks of wood and put them together. Use a strong claw hammer and new nails.



Great use of headings and a clear equipment list!



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Equipment:

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- cordless hedge trimmer
- strong claw hammer, new nails
- rough rope
- garden rake

Method:

1. First, find the tall thin trees and cut it into sizes with a sharp hand saw to make the masts.

Mia V from Respectful Class

Example 2

Year 3 Instructions

How to Build a Green Ship

Are you bored of playing with boring toys or tired of the same old games? Look no further! This will get you out and about with adventure and fun. So get building!

What you will need:

- tall, thin trees
- dark, lush green bushes
- smooth planks of wood
- large, strong sail canvas
- soft, smooth leaves

Equipment:

- one sharp, pointy hand saw
- an ultra-strong claw hammer
- some new nails
- a hedge trimmer or garden shears
- rough rope
- a leaf blower

Method:

- 1 **First**, find the tall, thin trees and use a ladder and a hand saw to cut off the branches.
- 2 **Next**, collect a dark, lush green bush and use hedge trimmer or shears to cut it into a shape for the stem.
- 3 **Then**, get the smooth planks of wood, some new nails and a claw hammer and fix the planks in place.
- 4 **After that**, get a large sail and tie it to the tall, thin trees.
- 5 **Finally**, blow some soft, smooth leaves into place to make a deck with a leaf blower.



Excellent imagination and detailed steps!

How to build a green ship

Are you too bored of playing with boring stupid toys and parents? Then look no further! This will get you out and about with adventures and fun. So get building!

What you will need

Materials:

- four tall thin trees
- dark lush green bushes
- 60 smooth planks of wood
- large ultra strong sail canvas
- soft smooth leaves

Equipment:

- one sharp pointy hand saw
- ultra strong claw hammer
- rough rope
- leaf blower

Method:

1. First, find four tall thin trees and use a ladder and hand saw to cut off the branches.
2. Next, collect one dark and lush green bush and use a garden shears or a cordless hedge trimmer to cut the bush in a shape of a stem.
3. Then, get 60 smooth planks of wood, some new nails and a claw hammer. Now use the planks of wood into the shape of a deck. Use the nails to keep the wood in place but use the nails to keep the wood in place.

What makes good instructions?

- ✓ A clear title
- ✓ Organised headings
- ✓ A list of what you need
- ✓ Numbered steps in order
- ✓ Bossy verbs and time words (e.g. First, Next, Then, Finally)

Well done to our Year 3 writers for such creative and clear instructions!

More brilliant writing coming soon!

Keep writing - your work could be featured here next week.

Sustainability

Around 18 million pumpkins are bought in the UK every October, but over half of them are thrown straight into the bin without anyone eating the inside.

Pumpkins are a delicious autumn vegetable, full of vitamins that keep us healthy. If you hollow out a pumpkin for Halloween this year, keep the scoopings to make a warming soup, a pie, or simply roast the seeds in the oven with a little salt for a crunchy snack. Using the flesh of pumpkins and squash for food and composting the carved shell after keeps good food out of landfill.



Book Recommendation

In C.C. Harrington's middle-grade novel *Wildoak*, eleven-year-old Maggie struggles with a severe stutter in 1960s England. Sent to stay with her grandfather in the Cornwall countryside, she discovers Runt, an abandoned snow leopard cub hiding in ancient woodland. As the two form an unbreakable bond, Maggie must overcome her anxiety and find her voice to save Runt and protect the threatened forest. The book offers an emotional story about empathy, nature, and finding one's courage.



Composition of the Week



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Online Safety

WHATSAPP USERNAMES



WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number.

Wayne Denner provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here:
<https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-username-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Weekly Attendance

Every School Day Matters

95%

Class	Attendance %
Curious	95%
Imaginative	100%
Innovative	94%
Adventurous	94%
Confident	94%
Honest	95%
Respectful	99%
Energetic	96%
Expressive	98%
Reflective	93%
Resilient	95%
Kind	93%
Considerate	98%

Next week's Achievers

R.E.

Adventurous	Rosan
Confident	Imran
Honest	Nylah
Respectful	Niamh
Energetic	Sarah
Expressive	Hamzah
Reflective	Kyra
Resilient	Rita
Kind	Asma'a
Considerate	Indira
Colourful Class Stars of the Week	Chloe & Keely



Dates for Your Diary

<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>
<u>Mon 26th October</u>	<u>Tue 27th October</u>	<u>Wed 28th October</u>	<u>Thu 29th October</u>	<u>Fri 30th October</u>
<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>
<u>Mon 2nd November</u>	<u>Tue 3rd November</u>	<u>Wed 4th November</u>	<u>Thu 5th November</u>	<u>Fri 6th November</u>
Nature Makers Club 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 1-3 3.00 pm Football Club all years 3.00 pm Mini Athletics Rec-Year 2 3.00 pm Art Club Year 2-6 3.00 pm	Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm	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> 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

LIGHTS

Early bird price list

On sale at school from 3pm

Thurs 5th & Fri 6th November

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

PTA Call Out



Volunteer call out!

PTA FIREWORKS: Sat 7 November 2026. Display at 7pm!

We need Volunteers to:

- ✓ **Scan Tickets at the gate** 30 minute shifts 5:15pm-6:45pm.
- ✓ **Sell PTA Light wands, Foam LED sticks & Glowsticks** 30 minute shifts 5:15pm-8:00pm. *[You may have children with you. No selling during the Display.]*

Not only do you help the School & PTA, but each Volunteer gets a free Adult & Child ticket. **EMAIL: JamesDixonPTA@Gmail.com with "Fireworks Volunteer" as Subject.** Please state any preference for time or role (though not guaranteed) and any questions you may have.

THANK YOU! WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS PTA EVENTS & OUR FUNDING OF SCHOOL TRIPS, WORKSHOPS AND MORE TO JAMES DIXON WILL CEASE!