Friday 27th November

NEWSLETTER



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

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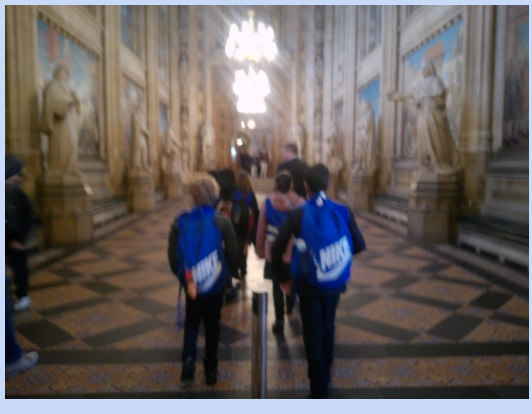
This Week at James Dixon

This week was UK Parliament Week so Mr Melia and Mrs Salisbury took the opportunity to take our Pupil Principals to meet our local MP Liam Conlon at the Houses of Parliament and to Number 10 Downing Street. Our children were deeply impressed with our MPs knowledge of pretty much everything political.



Our Pupil Principals also took part in a Trust event with Q&A sessions with MP Kevin McKenna (MP for Sittingbourne and Sheerness) and MP Josh Babarinde (MP for Eastbourne), Ruby Overal a final year Political Science Student.



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 everyone, I hope you are going to have a great weekend and a great week at school too. Year two, I heard you guys singing, you sound great, keep it up! This week on Monday, we went to the **Houses of Parliament** and it was so fun. Maybe when you're pupil principle you'll get to go to into the **House of Lords** and the **House of Commons.** We got this tour by Liam Conlon the local MP for Penge and Anerley. We also got to visit number 10 Downing Street where the prime minister lives.
Fun fact: Big Ben isn't the clock, it's the bell inside of it

Hello JD, did everyone have a nice week? I know I did :)
Us pupil principals went on a trip to the **Houses of Parliament** and we had a tour by our local **MP; Liam Conlon.** And to top it all off we actually had the chance to stand on the doorstep of **number 10 Downing Street,** which for those who don't know, that's the doorstep of every prime minister to ever live.

Q:why did the chicken cross the road?

A:to get to the other side.

Funny right ;)?



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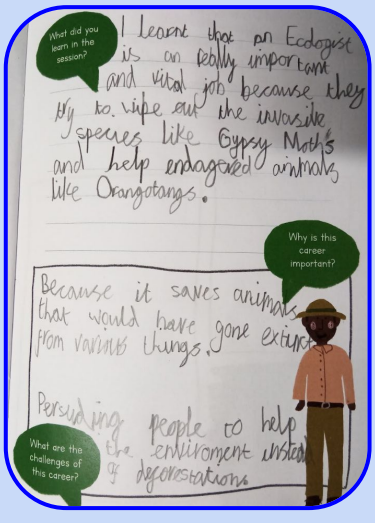
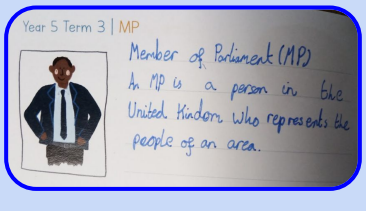
Curriculum Focus - Careers

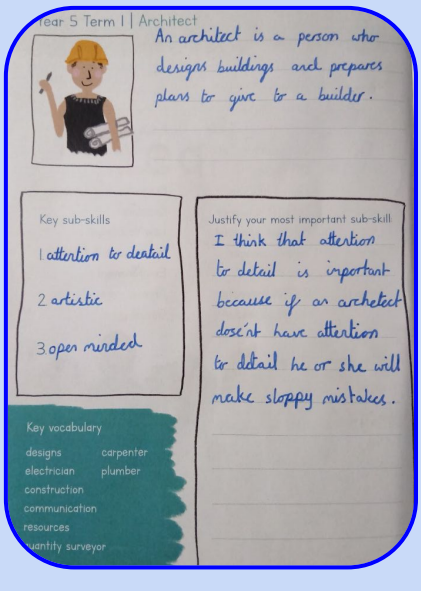


I really enjoyed finding out about an ecologist. It's a fun kind of job. I feel like you need to have a lot of empathy in this job.
Fraser Year 4



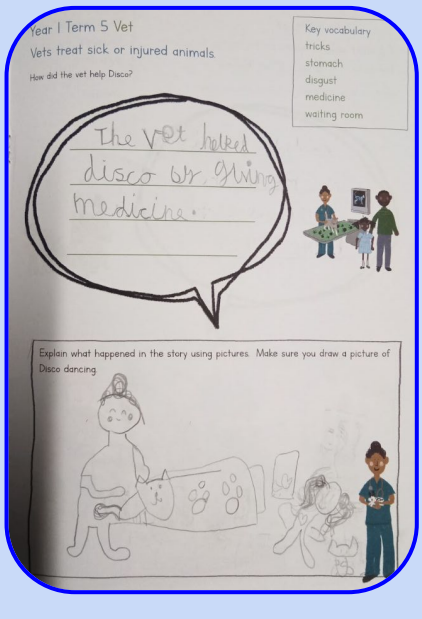
Our Opening Young Minds Career Curriculum provides the children with an opportunity to find out about a whole range of different careers - ranging from Florist in Year 1 to Mortgage advisor in Year 6. The children find out about the career and then carry out activities to give them a idea of what is involved in the job, with a focus on the essential skills needed.





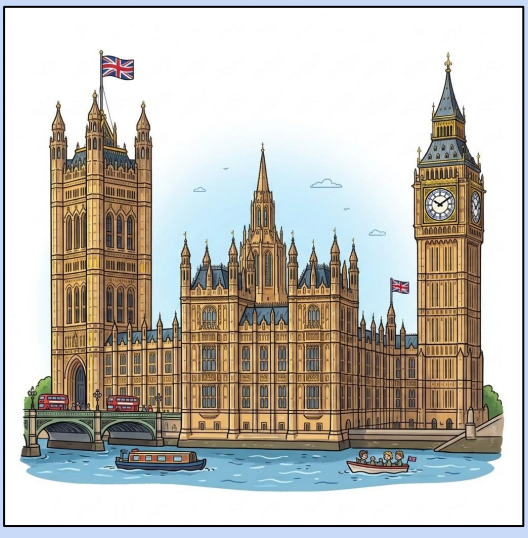
We found out about an Architect. I might like to do this job as I like drawing. It would be interesting as you would get to see different people's styles. It might be hard if you wanted to add something you thought was good but the person you were drawing for didn't agree.

Olivia Year 5





Pupil Principals to Parliament



On Monday, our James Dixon Pupil Principals received a personal guided tour of the Houses of Parliament from local MP, Liam Conlon.

They visited the House of Commons and House of Lords before getting a very special treat...

The chance to visit Downing Street for a photo opportunity outside the home of the Prime Minister, Number 10.





A huge thank you to Liam Conlon MP and his team for organising what was truly a once in a lifetime experience for our amazing Pupil Principals.

Anerley Church Events



Bromley New Asthma Service

Bromley Healthcare is developing a new asthma service for children and young people aged 3–17 years who have asthma or are suspected to have asthma. We want to give parents and carers the opportunity to help us shape the service around what children, young people and families really need. We are inviting you to join a friendly online event where you can:

- Hear about our plans for the new asthma service
- Share your experiences of asthma care in Bromley
- Tell us what works well and what could be improved
- Help us understand what support would be most useful for families
- Ask questions and share your ideas

Our aim is to make it easier for children and young people to get the right asthma care and support closer to home, including assessment, diagnosis, advice, education and ongoing support.

Your experience matters. By joining the session, you can help us develop a service that works well for children, young people and their families across Bromley. SIGN UP HERE

Christmas Holiday Clubs

Eligibility:

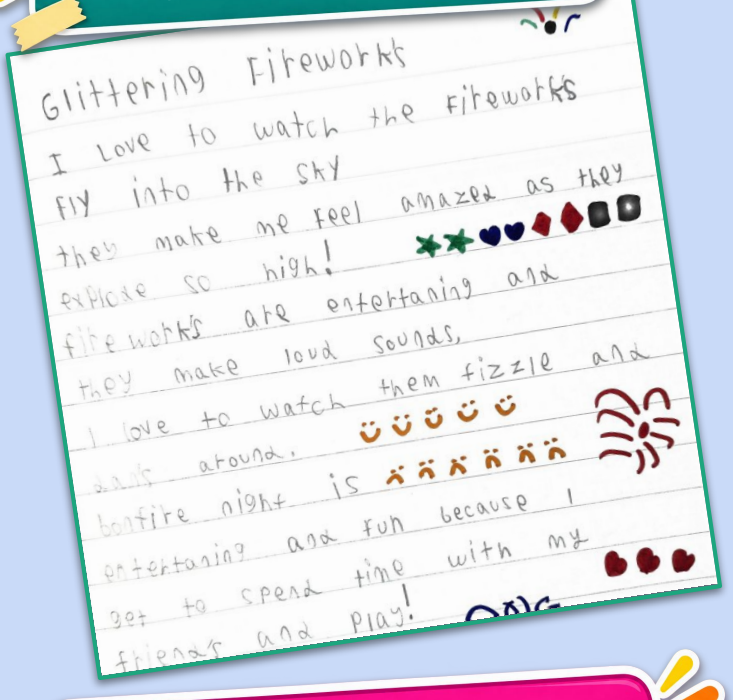
- In receipt of Targeted (Benefit-Related) Free School Meals (FSM)
- Looked After Children
- Children from refugee families residing in Bromley



Exciting Writing!

Celebrating Brilliant Year 2 Writing!

Evelyn - Poetry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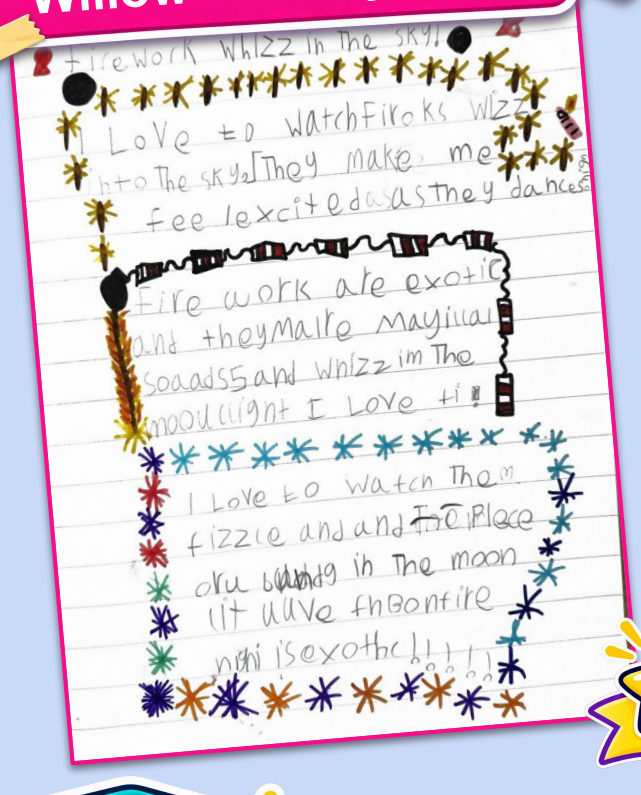
Fantastic writing!

Willow - Poetry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in the moon.

Great writing deserves the spotlight!

Brilliant effort!



Sustainability

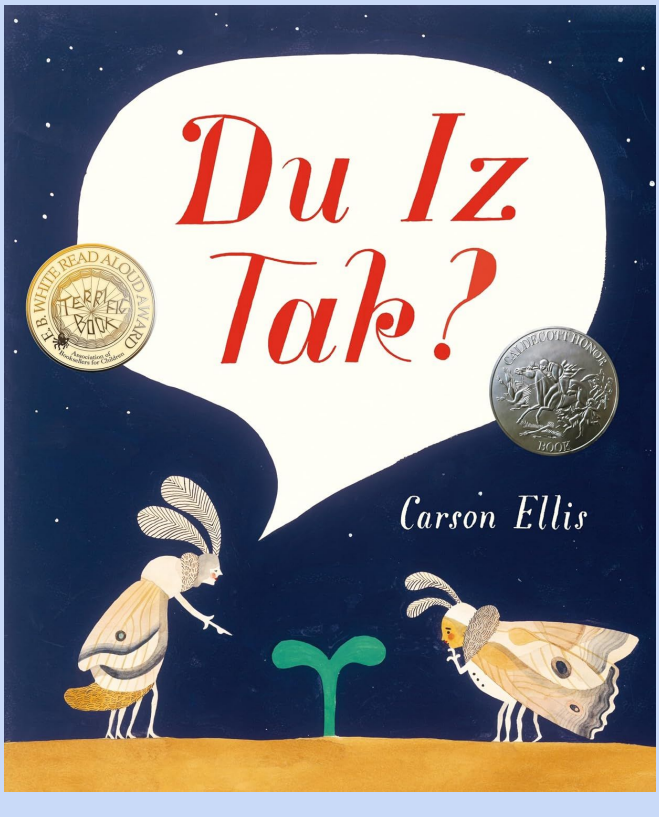


<u>Buy Nothing Day - 27th November</u>

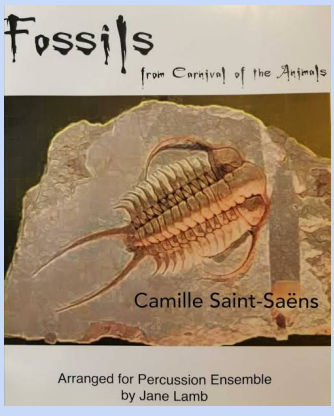
Instead of buying new plastic toys this weekend, celebrate what you already own. Buy Nothing Day encourages us to pause before spending money. Try hosting a book swap with friends, fixing a favourite toy, or building something brilliant out of spare cardboard boxes.

Book Recommendation

Du Iz Tak? is an enchanting picture book told entirely in an invented insect language. When a green sprout appears, curious bugs gather to watch it grow and navigate seasonal hazards like hungry spiders. Expressive illustrations invite readers to decode the dialect, conveying a story of growth and renewal. Playful and rewarding to read aloud, it is a celebration of nature.



Composition of the Week



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Fossils - Camille Saint-Saens
Genre: Classical
Composed in 1886

Part of a longer composition The Carnival of the Animals made up of 14 'movements' each representing a different animal
This is the playful twelfth movement from the piece.
Lasting just over a minute, the piece uses a bright xylophone solo to mimic the sound of rattling skeletons and clattering bones

Online Safety

AI Companions

What should I be aware of?

- ★ Inappropriate content: there is often a lack of moderation so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- ★ Emotional dependence: AI companions are designed to act as a friend, encouraging an emotional dependence.
- ★ Relationships: repeated use of AI may influence a child's understanding of relationships and consent in real life.
- ★ Privacy and personal information: children should not share personal or confidential information with AI companions.



Find out more here

Weekly Attendance

Every School Day Matters

94%

Class	Attendance %
Curious	96%
Imaginative	88%
Innovative	89%
Adventurous	96%
Confident	93%
Honest	99%
Respectful	94%
Energetic	97%
Expressive	96%
Reflective	92%
Resilient	94%
Kind	96%
Considerate	92%

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 30th Nov.	Tuesday 1st Dec.	Wednesday 2nd Dec.	Thursday 3rd Dec.	Friday 4th Dec.
Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson 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	**Year 4 Energetic Class to Crystal Palace Park** **Year 3 to Crystal Palace Park (Honest Class AM, Respectful Class PM)** **Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 7.45 am Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm Robotic Club Year 1-6 3.00 pm	**Prospective Parents Open Morning** **Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** **Year 1 to Christ Church** Achievers Assembly 10.10 am (invited parents only) 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	**Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** Dance Club all years 7.50 am
Monday 7th Dec.	**Tuesday 8th Dec.**	**Wednesday 9th Dec.**	**Thursday 10th Dec.**	**Friday 11th Dec.**
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	**KS1 Performance to Parents (Innovative & Adventurous) 1.30 pm** Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm	**EYFS Performance to Parents (Preschool & Reception) 2.00 pm** Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 7.45 am Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm	**Christmas Jumper Day** **Church Service Year 2-6** **KS1 Performance to Parents (Imaginative & Confident) 1.30 pm** 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 **PTA Doughnuts & Candy floss Sale 3.00 pm**

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Save the date

Come along to
the PTA stall:

11 December at 3pm

We'll be there with
doughnuts
and fresh candy floss!

Cash and card accepted

12 DECEMBER

12.30-3.30

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- Fairy lights
- Funny games
- Mince pies
- And lots of lovely stories!

Parakeet Books is a tiny publisher making kids' books that are beautiful, inclusive and fun







Poster made using human intelligence

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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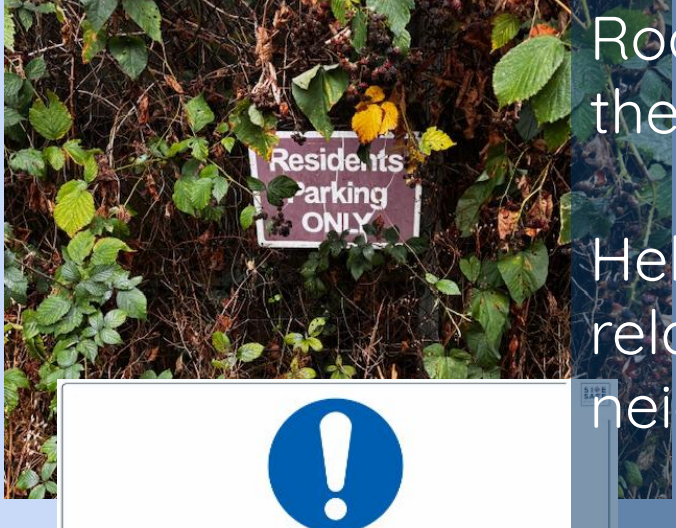
Respecting Our Neighbours











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.

DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE BAYS

