

Newsletter

Friday 11th February 2022



James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

WE NEED YOU!



You are invited to stand as a parent governor; the Governing Board welcomes all eligible parents, regardless of skills and experiences.

Nomination forms, personal statements and declarations must be completed by 10am on Monday 21st February 2022, either by completing the form via this link:

[PARENT GOVERNOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST](#)

or via email to jdpoffice@swale.at or by post to: James Dixon Primary School, William Booth Road, SE20 8BW.

Term Dates 2021-2022

	AUTUMN 2021	SPRING 2022	SUMMER 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 1st September	Tuesday 4th January	Tuesday 19th April
Half Term	Thursday 21st October - Friday 29th October	Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February	Monday 30th May - Monday 6th June
Term Finishes	Thursday 16th December, 2pm	Friday 1st April, 2pm	Thursday 21st July, 2pm

Pupil Principals



Hi JD, This week felt longer than usual as we were doing mock SATS tests. On Wednesday and Thursday we did maths. I was a bit disappointed as there were no questions on ratio or algebra which I really like but it was still fun. I tried my hardest and I hope I've done a good job although I'm happy that I've finished. Maths is fun and an important part of life so it's always worth trying your best. Bye JD!

This week Year 6 have been doing their mock SATS tests. On Monday we did the grammar test which I didn't think was too difficult. The reading test on Tuesday was a little more tricky. In guided reading, we worked on finding information from a text and answering questions; the practice really helped! We had one or two tests every day up until Friday. It was a little stressful but I think we all did really well.





Year 4

Viking day



Monday was Viking Day for the children of Year 4. The children took part in a Viking workshop and also made their own Viking shields. Writing was considered a special skill amongst Vikings and they would do this using **runes** which were carved into wood, stone, bone or metal using a knife or a chisel. To make the carving easier the runes only used straight lines

Year 3

CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP



Thursday saw Year 3 involved in their very own chocolate workshop where they got to taste and make their own chocolate. All their work is based upon the book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In DT the children will all be designing their very own chocolate bar.





Year 2

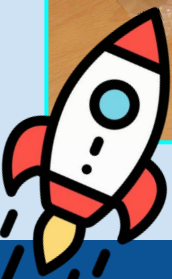


Space Day



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic Space Day celebrating the end of their Space Creative Curriculum topic. We gave the moon buggies we designed and made in DT a test run, with Star War figures at the wheel. We also measured the distance travelled by a balloon rocket, took part in craft activities and did some space-themed yoga. Thank you parents for helping your children look so great! Altogether now... 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

We have Lift Off!!



Considerate Behaviour

Idling is when a car is stationary but the engine is left running. Idling often occurs whilst waiting in traffic. However, idling whilst waiting for children to come out of school is not necessary and should be avoided.

Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain a number of harmful gases to be released into the air including Carbon Dioxide which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change. Idling also releases Nitrogen Dioxide, Carbon Monoxide and Hydrocarbons that are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.



Diary Dates

Next Week:



Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February	Half Term Break
Monday 21st February	9:40am Return to School
Monday 21st February	3:00pm Drama Club KS2
Monday 21st February	3:00pm Football Club
Tuesday 22nd February	3:00pm Drama Club KS1
Tuesday 22nd February	3:00pm Taekwondo Club
Wednesday 23rd February	7:45am Gym Club Starts AM
Wednesday 23rd February	3:00pm Gym Club Starts PM
Thursday 24th February	3:00pm Taekwondo Club
Friday 25th February	8:00am Dance Club
Saturday 26th February	BYMT



March

Friday 4th March	Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum
Tuesday 15th March	Class Photo Day
Thursday 31st March	Year 5 WW2 Day



Half Term
Break
Monday 14th
February -
Friday 18th
February

This week's achievers

Computing

Capable Class	Amber
Cooperative Class	Rory
Successful Class	Sophie
Caring Class	Rose
Adventurous Class	Barnaby
Confident Class	Cassius
Appreciative Class	Tymon
Observant Class	Adib
Proud Class	Divine
Considerate Class	Lewis
Kind Class	Suki
Respectful Class	Nico

Weekly Attendance

95%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	94%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	97%

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to the recycling competition winners:

Observant & Proud

Over the next few weeks, The Eco Team will be carrying out a Learning Review. We will keep you posted on our Progress. The first area we will focus on is Biodiversity.

Eco Team

Sofia
Percy
Fatima
Kylan
Roise
Callum
Asiyah
Ivy
Zahrah

School Councillors are responsible for ensuring their class saves energy. Turn off lights and screens everytime you leave the classroom.



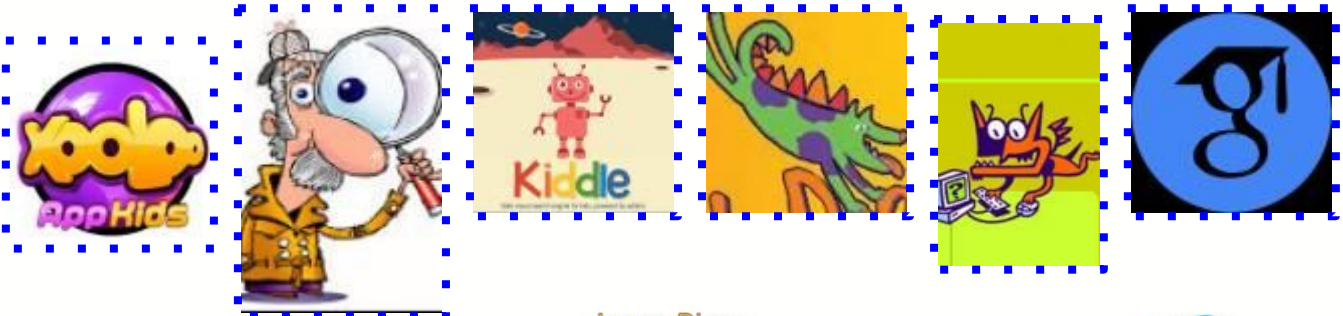
Building Digital Resilience

Kid-Safe Browsers and Search Sites

Want to let your kid do some online research for homework and projects but you're worried (understandably!) about what they might find?

This list of safe search sites for kids lets young surfers investigate topics they're interested in while protecting them from the stuff they're not ready to see.

<https://www.common sensemedia.org/lists/kid-safe-browsers-and-search-sites>





JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our community!



TREASURER APPLICATIONS OPEN!



The PTA needs a new treasurer in 2022! Have you got a little bit of free time you'd like to put to good use and fulfil this rewarding and important role?

If you have a basic understanding of bookkeeping, good organisational skills and an eye for detail please contact the PTA. Applications are now open! Register your interest by email to jamesdixonpta@gmail.com



Come and help the James Dixon PTA create exciting projects and raise funds for those little extras which make school-life richer for all our children!



YOUR P.T.A

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**Make a difference
Get involved. All welcome.**



Find out more & join the conversations on James Dixon Parent Forum

