

Newsletter

Friday 25th February 2022



James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Pupil Principals



Hi! It's me, Lydia, and I'm going to tell you about my week. In English, we are writing very serious arguments about colonial artefacts in museums. Did you know that some artefacts were actually stolen and are the spoils of war? In Science, we are still studying light and this week made some periscopes. There are two mirrors placed at a 45 degree angle which allows you to see over things or around corners.

Hi JD! This week felt long but never boring. Maths was fun because we made rectangles and triangles and then found their area and perimeter. During PE we got the apparatus out in gymnastics. My favourite was the vaulting horse as I could spring off the springboard and land on the horse without using my hands. In computing we quizzed each other with questions we had put into a spreadsheet.



PE Tracking



We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the PTA for funding our new set of activity trackers. These have already been used in a number of PE lessons, where the children were able to track how active they were being. All children were very enthusiastic to see how many steps they could achieve in their PE lesson, some even went on to create a spreadsheet to compare their data!



Year 6 Ancient Egypt



Year 6 are learning about Ancient Egypt and made cartouche's with aluminium foil and paper mache.

When they were dry they painted them and used hieroglyphics to write their names and some messages. Here we can see what Adib's name is in hieroglyphics.

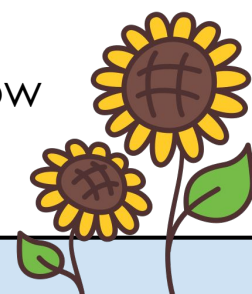


Garden Competition



In preparation for this years garden competition Mrs Read, along with a little help from members of the student science team, helped each class plant their sunflowers.

Fingers crossed they grow tall and strong.



Forest School



This week, Year 5 begin learning about the tools we use in Forest School. The first tool we are learning how to safely use is a penknife.

We practised the technique of whittling with potato peelers first and then moved onto learning how to safely open and lock the penknife. We whittled sticks from willow and ash trees to make forest school wands.



Year 1

Wild Science Visit



This week, Year 1 had a visit from the Wild Science Workshop. We have been learning about different groups of animals such as mammals, reptiles and amphibians. On Wednesday, we actually got to see and hold some of these creatures. Here are some pictures of the bearded dragon, Australian millipede, rainforest frog and corn snake.



PANTS

From time to time we share the NSPCC PANTS rules. These are designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term “sexual abuse”.

More information about talking PANTS, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at

www.nspcc.org.uk/pants



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 |

It's World Book Week at James Dixon!

Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March

We'll be celebrating books and reading here at James Dixon all week!



We'll be sharing stories with our "mes amis" class.



The James Dixon "Battle of the Spells" is back - our school-wide spelling competition where children of all ages and abilities can take part.



And there will be lots and lots of other fun themed activities happening in the classrooms and around the school!

And finally ..



Our big James Dixon World Book Day Parade

is taking place on

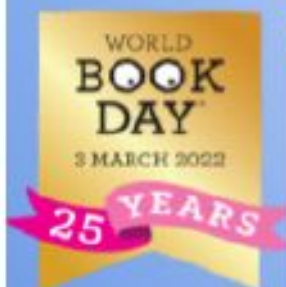
Friday 4th March

You can wear your favourite book costume from home

or

make something to wear for the parade in class.

The choice is yours!





Embracing Diversity in the Special Needs Community

We all need a break sometimes, we all need to be heard,
and we need to listen to one another.

Come let's chat over a meal about our unique experiences
and challenges as SEND parents/carers from minority ethnic
and cultural backgrounds.



Come with your traditional dress and favourite dish to
share. Little ones are invited too.

Date: **Monday 7th March 2022, 11:30-1:30pm**

Venue: The United Reformed Church, 20 Widmore Rd, Bromley BR1 1RY.

To book your place please email:

parentengagementservice@yvhs.org.uk

It would be great if you could let us know what dish you plan to bring.

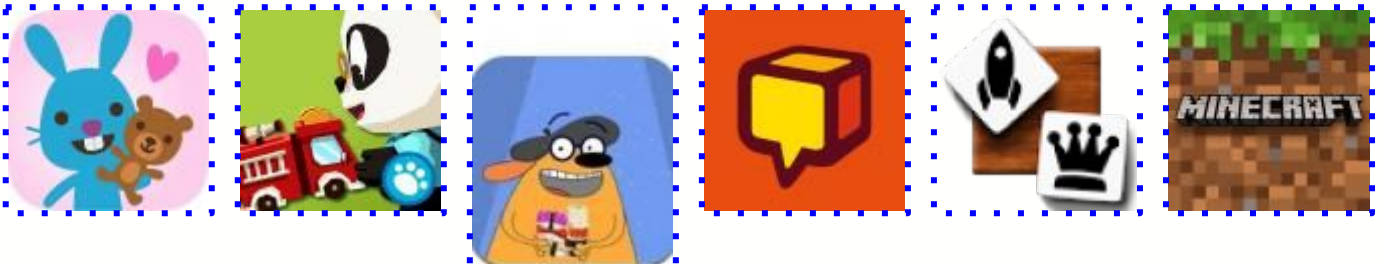
Building Digital Resilience

Apps and Games That Promote Collaboration

A lot happens when kids learn about collaboration. They learn about being flexible, making compromises, working together to meet a goal, and so much more.

These apps and games promote collaboration in a variety of ways, and we include options for parents to play with kids and for kids to play with their siblings or peers.

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/apps-games-that-promote-collaboration>



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Diary Dates

Next Week:



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| Monday 28th February | 3:00pm Drama Club KS2 |
| Monday 28th February | 3:00pm Football Club |
| Tuesday 1st March | 3:00pm Drama Club KS1 |
| Tuesday 1st March | 3:00pm Taekwondo Club |
| Wednesday 2nd March | 7:45am Gym Club Starts AM |
| Wednesday 2nd March | 3:00pm Gym Club Starts PM |
| Thursday 3rd March | 3:00pm Taekwondo Club |
| Friday 4th March | Whole School - World Book Day Parade |
| Friday 4th March | Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum |
| Friday 4th March | 8:00am Dance Club |
| Saturday 5th March | BYMT |



March



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| Tuesday 15th March | Class Photo Day |
| Tuesday 22nd March | Year 2 Trip to Christ Church Anerley |
| Thursday 31st March | Year 5 WW2 Day |

**Friday 4th
March
Whole School
World Book
Day**

This week's achievers

Learning Outside the Classroom

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| Capable Class | Laura |
| Cooperative Class | Vivvanka |
| Caring Class | Davi |
| Adventurous Class | Riley |
| Confident Class | Caio |
| Honest Class | Shekinah |
| Appreciative Class | Louise |
| Observant Class | Shayaan |
| Proud Class | Ruby |
| Considerate Class | Sol |
| Kind Class | Vasilis |
| Respectful Class | Brooklyn |

Weekly Attendance

95%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

| Year Group | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| Reception | 95% |
| Year 1 | 96% |
| Year 2 | 95% |
| Year 3 | 93% |
| Year 4 | 98% |
| Year 5 | 96% |
| Year 6 | 95% |

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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



Happy Birthday!



Happy birthday to Fred VanFleet who plays point guard in the NBA for the Toronto Raptors. VanFleet was named as a 2014 NCAA Men's Basketball All-American by a variety of media outlets.

VanFleet played high school basketball for Auburn High School in Rockford, Illinois and then went on to represent the Wichita State Shockers at college. On 7th January 2022, he recorded his first career triple-double with 37 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists including 24 points in the 3rd quarter alone.

