

Newsletter

Friday 1st April



James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Goodbye and Thank You!



As I'm sure you all know, today was Mr Banks' last day of teaching here at James Dixon.

Mr Banks joined JD twelve years ago as a Year 2 teacher. But it is his work in starting Forest School that he will be best remembered for. His Learning Outside the Classroom ethos spread not only through JD but many other schools as well.

Every child in the school has experienced something that was begun by Mr Banks and for that we all thank him profusely. His legacy also includes our outdoor stage which was initially built with parents help from pallets and the two ponds that the children love to use to spot wildlife.

Mr Banks, we wish you all the best on your travels - make sure you keep in touch!

Bon Voyage!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to say, for want of better words, THANK YOU.

The community of children, parents and carers at James Dixon is what makes this such a special and unique place and without you my 12 years here would not have been the same. I've been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to teach many of your children, some of which are now old enough to take driving lessons, which really makes me feel old!

I loved getting to know your children in both the classroom and outside, be it on school residentials, through Forest School or building the outdoor stage.

Over these years the school has been on a significant journey, and again, that wouldn't be possible without amazing teachers and backing from our community. The JD shenanigans of group dances, dress up days, picnic and proms and encouraging our ethos of learning outside the classroom are testament to all of you and your support.

I have truly loved every minute at James Dixon and leave with many fond memories of the children, staff and parents. Thank you for all your continued support, friendships, conversations and those that have been so widely generous towards me.

I will miss seeing you all in the mornings for school drop off and after school for pick up come rain or shine, but for now this is goodbye (and see you soon).



Year 3 & 4 Production

This week, Year 3 & Year 4 performed their production of Let The Games Begin to a live audience who were welcomed back to JD after a long time away due to Covid. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers back in the hall to watch the children perform. The acting from the children in Year 4 was superb and they were backed up by some fabulous singing from the children in Year 3. Well done to all children and adults who were involved.



WWII Day

Year 5 packed up their troubles in an old kit bag yesterday and enjoyed celebrating this term's topic of WWII. There were some amazing homemade costumes as the children experienced what life may have been like on the Home Front.



Pupil Principals



Hi JD! Lydia here!
This week is a bit different as it's Mr Banks last before he goes to Australia so I'm going to share with you my favourite memories of him. In Year 3, I remember learning how to use a saw with him. In Year 1 during Forest School, we made a campfire and we made smores. I am definitely going to miss Mr Banks especially when we go on the Year 6 residential. Have a lovely Easter. Bye!

This week has been amazing as it is the last week of term but instead of writing about my week, I'm writing a nice memory I had with Mr Banks and it actually happened today! We were making chocolate rice krispies but I don't like them so I went looking for Mr Banks so I could give mine to him. Then I found him looking for a tent. It was perfect as he hadn't had any breakfast so he could eat the chocolate rice krispies!



KS1 Football Club

UNIQUE FA IS COMING TO KS1!



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
THAT UNIQUE FOOTBALL
ACADEMY WILL BE RUNNING A
KS1 FOOTBALL CLUB AT JAMES
DIXON.

**EVERY MONDAY 3PM-4PM
STARTING MONDAY 25TH APRIL -
MONDAY 23RD MAY INC.**

**Years 1 and 2.
First come, first
served basis.**

The four week group of
sessions will cost £22. To
book your place please visit
www.uniquefa.com

Telephone: 0208 3916 5255 Email: info@uniquefa.com

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Understanding and Managing Anxiety

Anxiety webinar for young people struggling with physical symptoms and anxious behaviours

This one hour session covers:

What anxiety actually is and where it comes from

A range of physical and mental anxiety symptoms

How anxiety can become a vicious cycle

Step-by-step approaches to gradually overcome anxiety



Coping strategies and distraction techniques

Bromley Y practitioners host this free session once a month on **Wednesdays at 4.30pm** via Microsoft Teams.

Upcoming sessions



16th March
6th April
4th May

8th June
6th July

To help participants feel comfortable, we ask cameras and mics to be turned off throughout, with optional interaction via the chat function.

Book your place on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).



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SCHOOL COUNCIL & ECO TEAM

The recycling winners are

Observant Class

Coming soon
Earth Day
Friday 22nd April



No screens on Earth Day! Can your teachers handle it?



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

Free tea, coffee & biscuits!

*Join online or watch
live in the school hall!*

DIGITAL SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

How to keep your child
safe online.

*Thursday 12th May
4:00pm - 5:00pm*

Join the meeting using the below link

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8asg5w>



JD Preschool Places

**Is your child turning 3 years old
before 31st August 2022?**

**If so, then they are eligible for 15 hours
free Early Years education.**

**Working parents may qualify for 30 hours
under the Government scheme.**



For more information visit the school website
<https://www.jamesdixon.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Preschool&pid=78>

Or email jdp-preschool@swale.at

Diary Dates

Next Week:



Monday 18th April	Easter Break
Tuesday 19th April	Return to School 8.45am
Tuesday 19th April	3:00pm Drama Club KS1
Tuesday 19th April	3:00pm Taekwondo Club
Wednesday 20th April	7:45am Gym Club Starts AM
Wednesday 20th April	3:00pm Gym Club Starts PM
Thursday 21st April	3:00pm Taekwondo Club
Friday 22nd April	



May



Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May	Health Week
Thursday 26th May	Sports Day
Friday 27th May	Last Day of Term

Tuesday 19th
April
Return to
School
8.45am

Weekly Attendance

94%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	92%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	93%

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JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

PTA COMMITTEE POSITIONS OPEN!

- ✚ The PTA needs a new committee to fundraise, fund projects and connect parents! **Every parent and carer is automatically a member of the PTA**, but a small elected committee is needed to steer projects and keep accounts. The roles are:

Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead the PTA committee• Drive fundraising and community projects• Chair meetings and work with the wider PTA to delegate tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check and respond to PTA emails• Arrange dates/venues for events• Manage PTA communications with parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorise all financial transactions (online banking)• Pay invoices• Cash banking and management• Prepare annual accounts

Email jamesdixonpta@gmail.com to find out more and put yourself forward.

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!

Nominations welcome from 19th April, and must be in by Wednesday 4th May. Elections will take place on **Tuesday 10th May 2022**.



YOUR P.T.A

jamesdixonpta@gmail.com

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



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



Nira Chamberlain OBE



Nira Chamberlain was born in 1969 and is the President of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications. Nira was born in Birmingham and studied mathematics at Coventry Polytechnic before completing a PhD at Portsmouth University. He became the first black mathematician to join the exclusive list of living British mathematicians to feature in Who's Who.

Nira is of Jamaican parentage and widely campaigns for more diversity within mathematics and the sciences. He frequently gives talks in UK state schools through the charity Speakers for Schools. In 2016 he was asked by the Black Cultural Archives to submit his own mathematical biography, parts of which were published in Mathematics Today. In 2022 he was awarded an OBE in the New Years Honours list for services to mathematics.

