

Newsletter

Friday 29th April

James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Reception to CPP Farm



On Thursday and Friday, Curious Class put on their walking shoes and headed up to see the animals at Crystal Palace Park Farm. The children had great fun learning about the different types of animals they saw. They were focusing particularly on the differences between the fully grown animals and their offspring, looking at the physical differences as well as how they behaved. This was Reception's second trip out of school and everyone was brilliant. Well done!



Transition to Secondary School

Harris Academy South Norwood are currently running transition tours for children and parents in Years 5 & 6 which will continue for the rest of the academic year. This involves a thirty minute tour with the Student Ambassadors followed by a meeting with the Assistant Principal in charge of transition for any questions you may have regarding the school.

Please follow the link below to see available times and to access the booking form:

<https://www.harrissouthnorwood.org.uk/38/announcements/announcement/237/announcement/?home=1>



Forest School Fun



Shekinah in Year 5 was very creative in her last Forest School session and made a whistle out of a piece of wood she found near base camp. She hollowed part of the stick out then carved a V shape for the air to travel through. She then whittled the stick into shape using a sharp knife after being shown how by Mr Banks. Finally, she used sandpaper to remove the knots and make the whistle smooth.

Pupil Principals



Hi JD!

This week for Year 6 has been spent focusing on the volcanic eruption that took place in Pompeii in the year 79 AD. In English, we have been writing a recount about the eruption and the impact it had on the people living in Pompeii at the time. Did you know that it was the Pyroclastic Current that reached Pompeii? In PE, we've been preparing for Sports Day by doing athletics. I've beaten my long distance record by six seconds but my favourite event is the triple jump.

I really enjoyed this week, here are some of the highlights. One of my favourite things that happened this week was on Monday as me and my class went to indoor PE. We played a physical version of noughts and crosses where we did a kind of relay during which we had to place bean bags in the hula hoops first to get three in a row.. On Wednesday, Harley and I ran the achievement assembly presented by Mr Fraser all about attitude to learning.



Free tea, coffee & biscuits!

*Join online or watch
live in the school*

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>



Building Digital Resilience

Family agreement

A great way to start positive family conversations around safe and responsible internet use, and to agree clear expectations and boundaries.

Things to consider

Getting started

- What do we enjoy doing online?
- What apps, games and websites do we use the most?
- What devices, tech, toys or games do we have with internet access?
- Do we already have any rules about use of tech we want to include in our family agreement?

Managing time online

- How long do we spend on our devices?
- How does it feel when we use tech for too long?
- How do know when our screen use is interfering with family life?
- What can we do to help avoid overusing tech?





Eid Mubarak

**to everyone celebrating in
our school community**

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JD Health Week



HEALTH WEEK

Coming Soon



**HEALTH WEEK WILL BE COMING TO
JAMES DIXON ON MONDAY 23RD
MAY!**

**THE WEEK WILL BE FILLED WITH
CHALLENGES THAT SUPPORT YOUR
MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH!**



**DON'T FORGET YOUR SPONSORS FOR
THE FITNESS CHALLENGE!**

**SPORTS DAY - THURSDAY 26TH MAY.
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!**

This week's achievers

Attitude To Learning

Capable Class	Saafir
Cooperative Class	Arshia
Successful Class	Charlie
Caring Class	Nehal
Adventurous Class	Noel
Confident Class	Lucy
Honest Class	Hikmat
Appreciative Class	Zuza
Observant Class	Eli
Proud Class	Malachi
Considerate Class	Lacey
Kind Class	Yunus
Respectful Class	Roise

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 2022 - 2023

	SUMMER 2022	AUTUMN 2022	SPRING 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 19th April	Thursday 1st September	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term	Monday 30th May - Monday 6th June	Monday 17th October - Friday 28th October	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February
Term Finishes	Thursday 21st July, 2pm	Wednesday 21st December, 2pm	Friday 31st March, 2pm



Diary Dates

Next Week:



Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 3rd May	3:00pm Drama Club KS2
Tuesday 3rd May	3:00pm Taekwondo Club
Wednesday 4th May	7:45am Gym Club Starts AM
Wednesday 4th May	3:00pm Gym Club Starts PM
Thursday 5th May	3:00pm Taekwondo Club
Friday 6th May	8:00am Dance Club
Saturday 7th May	BYMT



May



Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May	Health Week
Thursday 26th May	Sports Day
Friday 27th May	Last Day of Term
Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June	HALF TERM BREAK

Thursday
26th May
Sports Day

Weekly Attendance

97%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	93%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	98%

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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

Duke Ellington



Today marks the day, 123 years ago, that Edward Kennedy “Duke” Ellington was born in Washington D.C. Both of his parents were pianists and Duke began taking piano lessons at seven years old. He composed his first piece of music called Soda Fountain Rag in 1914 which he did by ear as he had not yet learned how to read and write music. It wasn’t until 1919 when he met drummer Sonny Greer from New Jersey that he began music as a career.

When Sonny left Duke’s first group, Duke moved to Harlem, ultimately becoming part of the Harlem Renaissance. New dance crazes such as the Charleston emerged in Harlem. Ellington went on to lead many bands and orchestras over the next decades and he was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 1965. He died in 1974 with Ella Fitzgerald describing it as, “A very sad day. A genius has passed.”

