

# Newsletter

Friday 10th June 2022



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Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

# Pupil Principals



I woke up on Monday morning nice and early ready to come to school. My mum gave me a lift to school only to find out nobody else was here because it was an INSET day!! When we did start on Tuesday, Year 6 began rehearsing for our school production. I have the job of warming up the audience before the actors come on to the stage - I hope I do a good job. On Wednesday we had a Jigsaw lesson in which we discussed self esteem and how we see ourselves and other people.



Our three other Pupil Principals have been at Worsley Bridge School in Beckenham today with our Steel Pan Orchestra. More about that next week.



# Open House at JD

As Monday was an INSET day here at JD, the children did not come back to school until Tuesday and Year 2 began the last term with a bang by hosting the first of the James Dixon Open House sessions in the school hall. Open House is a fabulous way for the children to show off all the hard work they have been doing over the course of the year. Not only that, they get to show and tell parents and carers the pieces of work they are most proud of. This event was attended very well as our JD community continues to come together after the lockdown periods. The summer term has been an exciting one for Year 2 as they have been basing their learning on the topic of Rainforests. In Science they have been looking at habitats and the classification of different types of living creatures. To find out where some of these habitats are in the world, in Geography, they have been learning how to examine maps of the world and looking at what and where the equator is and the impact this has on the climate of a country. One of the many highlights of this topic was the opportunity to handle some of the smaller types of creatures that live in rainforests courtesy of a visit from the animal man.



# Year 6 Getting Ready...



Earlier this week, some of our Year 6 pupils began thinking about the next steps in their educational journey as the Transition Coordinator from Harris Girls' Academy Bromley visited JD and had a "get to know you" session with the girls who are going there. Ms Nicola Saunders from Harris Academy was joined by the girls in the school library. She provided the girls with all sorts of useful information about the transition process and what they could expect to find during their first few weeks at secondary school. This included information about the uniform policy and details of clubs the girls could join including baking club and cheerleading club. It was also an opportunity for the girls to ask questions about their new school. These included questions about timetables, lessons in subjects that are not taught in primary school and the timings of the school day. Destiny and Tajawna in Year 6 said they really enjoyed the talk and it has made them feel more excited about starting their new school.

# Let's Get Cooking!

It was back to school on Wednesday for our members of staff in Key Stage 1 as Miss Smoker held a baking lesson in our fantastic Workshop Room. Miss Smoker modelled a lesson which can be taught to children in which the staff were taught how to make banana muffins. The results were delicious as shown by Mr Entwistle who managed to escape with four muffins!



# Our Creative Curriculum in Action This Week



Computing in Year One



Yoga in Year Three



Year Six Basketball



Reception children made lanyards!



Art & History in Year Five



Year Two Geography



Preschool imaginary play

# THANK YOU!



You raised a grand total of  
**£1,858**  
from the Sponsored Fitness  
Challenge!

A huge well done to all the  
children that took part!

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COME IN AND AND SEE  
WHAT YOUR CHILD  
HAS BEEN LEARNING!

# OPEN HOUSE 1.30PM ONWARDS

Tuesday 14th June - Year 1

Tuesday 21st June - Year 3

Tuesday 28th June - Year 4

Tuesday 5th July - Year 5



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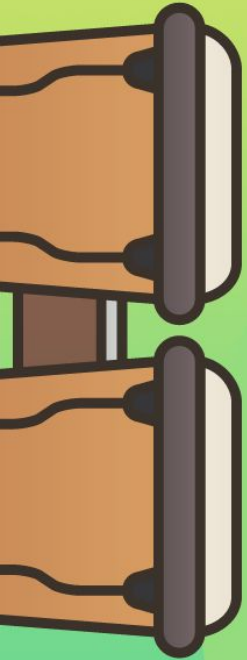


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*Welcome back!*

# PICNIC & PROMS

*Friday 15th July, 3pm - 5pm on our school field  
Bring a picnic blanket, relax and enjoy family fun,  
ice cream and performances*

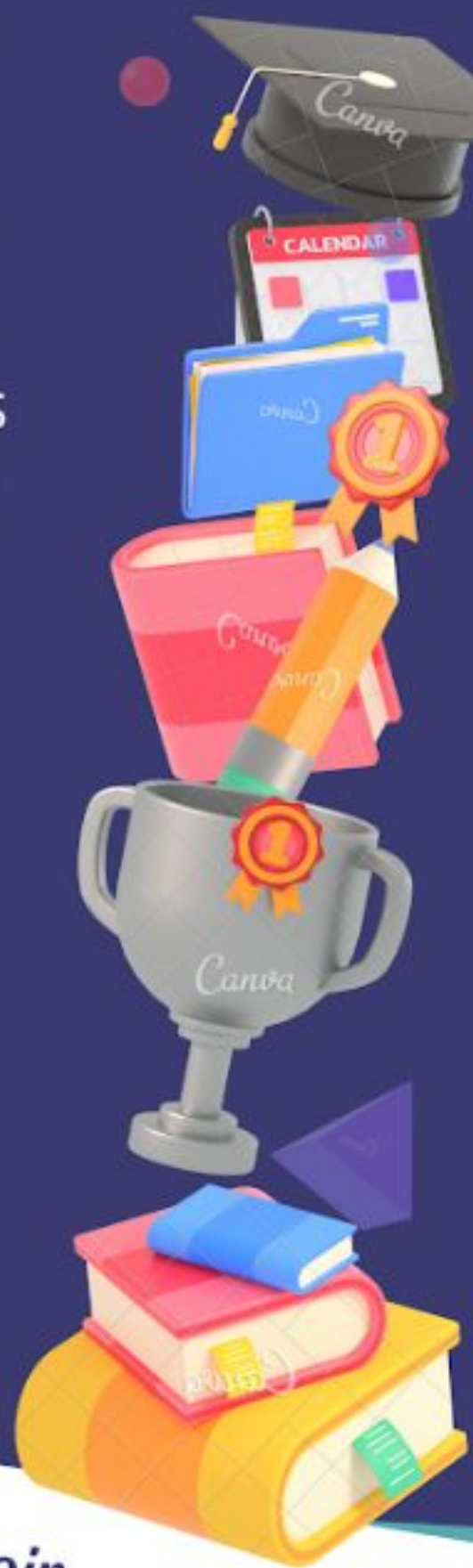


# SCHOOL COUNCIL & ECO TEAM

Last term, the Eco Team completed an environmental review of our School and grounds. We identified three topics to work on as part of our action plan. These are:

**ENERGY**  
**WASTE**  
**MARINE**

*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Repair*



# This week's achievers

## P.E

Capable Class	Jaxon
Cooperative Class	Ameera
Successful Class	Samuel
Caring Class	Isaiah
Adventurous Class	Jan
Confident Class	Brandon
Appreciative Class	TJ
Observant Class	Joshua
Proud Class	Cassius
Considerate Class	Monae
Honest Class	Thomas
Kind Class	Kevin
Respectful Class	Mya

# Weekly Attendance

**95%**

*Be here every day,  
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	95%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	98%

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# Diary Dates

## Next Week:




Monday 13th June	Drama Club Years 1-3 3:00pm
Monday 13th June	Football Club 3:00pm
Monday 13th June	Swimming 1:00pm Year 4 Adventurous Class
Tuesday 14th June	Open House Session Year 1 1:30pm-2:45pm
Tuesday 14th June	Swimming 1:00pm Year 4 Adventurous Class
Tuesday 14th June	Drama Club Years 4-6 3:00pm
Tuesday 14th June	Taekwondo Club 3:00pm
Wednesday 15th June	Gym Club AM
Wednesday 15th June	Swimming 1:00pm Year 4 Adventurous Class
Wednesday 15th June	Gym Club PM
Thursday 16th June	Swimming 1:00pm Year 4 Adventurous Class
Thursday 16th June	Taekwondo Club 3:00pm
Friday 17th June	Dance Club 8:00am
Friday 17th June	Swimming 1:00pm Year 4 Adventurous Class
Saturday 18th June	BYMT



## June

Friday 15th  
July Picnic  
and Proms



<b>Wednesday 22nd June</b>	<b>Year 4 Trip to Horniman Museum</b>
<b>Wednesday 22nd June</b>	<b>Windrush Day</b>
<b>Friday 24th June - Monday 27th June</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential - Manor Adventure</b>

# Tpr Sam Wallace



Sam Wallace is a soldier in the Life Guards who had the unique honour of heading the Queen's Retinue during this year's Trooping the Colour after being judged "Best of the Best" amongst his peers at the Household Cavalry. Sam was born in the Cayman Islands but grew up in Honiton, Devon with his Grandfather who served in the Logistic Corps. Sam said, "This is a huge honour and it shows all my efforts have paid off. It's going to be such a memorable occasion to ride in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee."

Sam is also a Rastafarian and when he first joined the Corps he was worried there would be misconceptions about his faith, but he made contact with the Defence Rastafari Network which was created in 2017 to support serving Rastafarians in the military and they helped him write to his CO about the style of dress and hair he needed to express and maintain his beliefs. He said, "My CO was really helpful, we sat down and he was so open to learning and understanding about me and being Rastafari."

