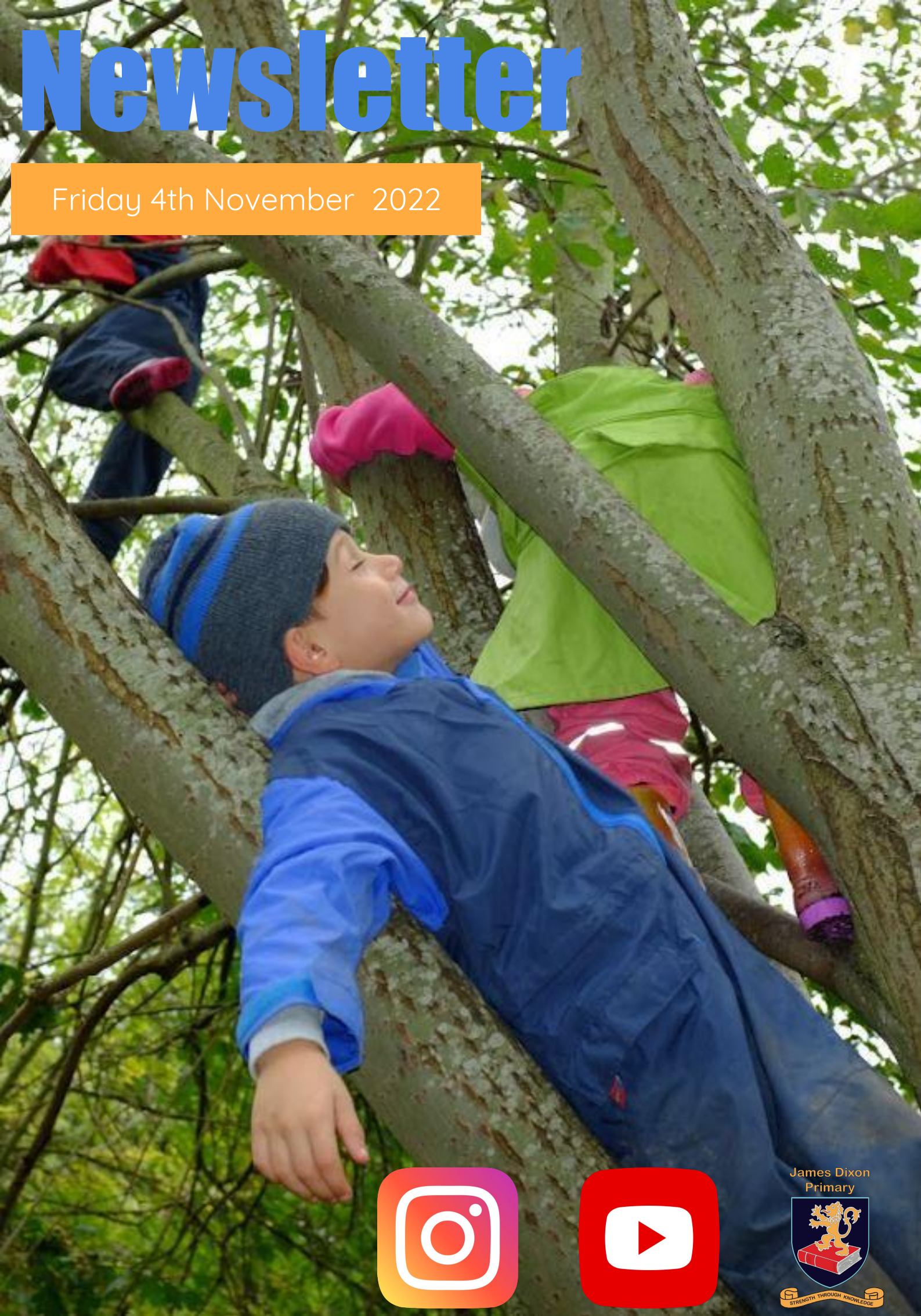


# Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022



James Dixon  
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

# Pupil Principals

Hi Everyone,

This is only the second time I've written to you all since I was elected and I'm excited to tell you all about our week!

On a personal level, I've received two awards this week for helping out around the school. The first was for collecting lost property and returning it to the office and reminding people to not wear their coats indoors. If you do lose your coats or jumpers, it's important to make sure you have your name inside them so you can easily get them back.

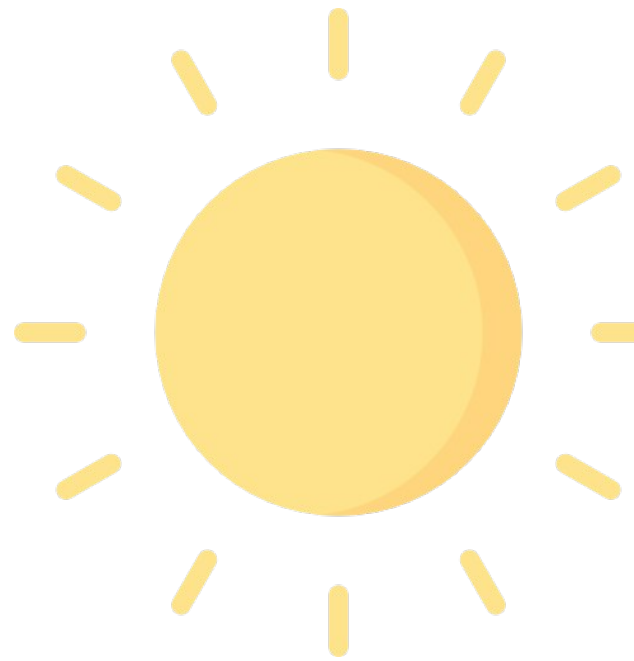
My second award was for how well my class behaved during wet play. Now we're getting to the cold months of the year, we will probably have a lot more wet playtimes and it's important that we use the time well and not mess around in classrooms. Focus people!

In Year 6 we've just started our new topic of The Wild West and we spent some time this week creating title pages and learning about the states in the USA. Next week, we have a cinema trip coming up which I'm really looking forward to.

I hope I get to write to you all again very soon!

Bye everyone,

King



I can't believe the half term has passed so quickly! On Monday we were put on our new tables but our table found it hard to pick a name. We finally made a choice on Wednesday and called it 'The Unknown Ravens'. Also in Science with Mrs Treleven, we talked about mechanisms. At the end we all did different activities like using the door for a pulley system. On Tuesday, we did a creative curriculum lesson with Mrs Treleven and started making our covers for the Wild West. Wednesday in Art, we finished our Ancient Egyptian masks and also at the end we did a drawing activity where we copied what Mr Coxley drew. At the end we managed to all draw a dragon. Thursday and Friday were usual except that on Thursday we did a geography/history lesson where we learnt all about the tribes in the Wild West. Also we got to choose our new clubs and I'm doing Art with Mr Coxley which will be really fun! See you later, Bye!

Shekinah



# Year 3 to Cutty Sark



It's been a busy week for Year 3 this week!  
On Thursday they became sailors for the day when they visited the iconic Cutty Sark Clipper ship in Greenwich. Year 3's topic this term is Explorers and the children certainly will know a little more what it must have felt like exploring in 1870 as a sailor. The year group took part in a workshop about trade and then explored the main, tween and lower decks of the beautiful Cutty Sark as well as coming face-to-face with the figurehead "Nannie."



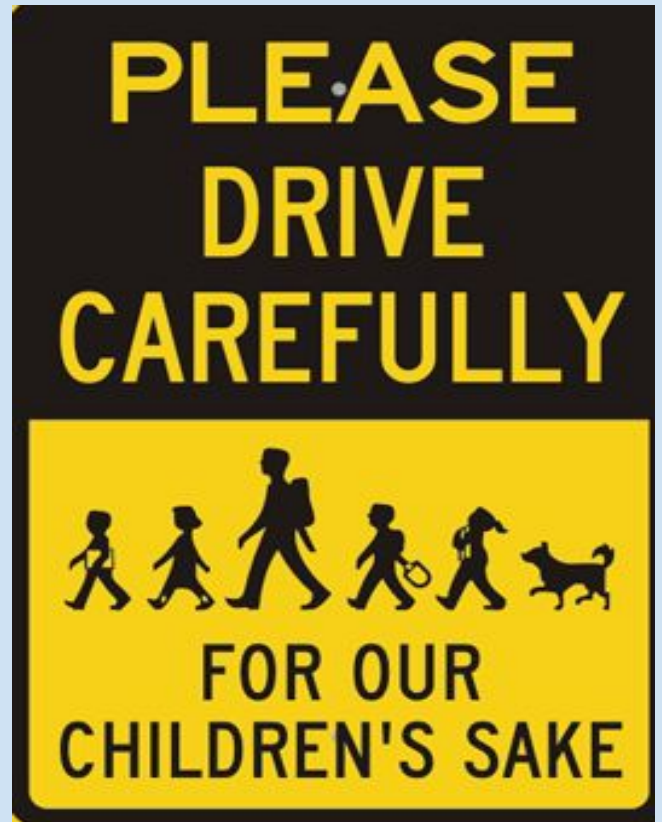
# Fun at Forest School

Year 3 had a fantastic time in Forest School this week. They celebrated Fireworks Day (this Saturday 5th) by helping Mr Fraser build a fire. Then they roasted marshmallows and made s'mores (the North American campfire classic) to eat. Delicious!



# Road Safety

There have been several incidents of dangerous driving recently especially on the bend outside the school. Please ensure you are driving slowly and carefully when picking up and dropping off children. Please do not mount kerbs to park as it is dangerous for our children who are walking to and from school. Please drive as if every child on the street were your own.



## Term Dates 2022-2023

|                      | AUTUMN 2022                               | SPRING 2023                                 | SUMMER 2023                       |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Term Starts</b>   | Thursday 1st September                    | Wednesday 4th January                       | Monday 17th April                 |
| <b>Half Term</b>     | Monday 17th October - Friday 28th October | Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February | Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June |
| <b>Term Finishes</b> | Wednesday 21st December, 2pm              | Friday 31st March, 2pm                      | Wednesday 19th July, 2pm          |



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING  
**PEGI 3**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a must-have for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

### IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their ultimate team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

### CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing weary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder, a recognised mental health issue.

### GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

### STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than email to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

### AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

# Bromley Youth Music Trust



## Join the Junior Singers

*BYMT*

Do you know a child in year 4, 5 or 6 who loves to sing?  
Then we would like to invite them to come and join our Junior Singers

This is a choir of year 4, 5 & 6 children from across the whole borough  
– and our aim is to get as many schools represented as possible.

This next half a term gives them a chance to try it at half price – then  
hopefully they'll want to join us!

### Dates (Thursdays)

3<sup>rd</sup> November, 4.15-5.30, BYMT  
10<sup>th</sup> November, 4.15-5.30, BYMT  
17<sup>th</sup> November, 4.15-5.30, BYMT  
24<sup>th</sup> November, 4.15-5.30, BYMT

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
CONCERT, 3pm  
1.30-2.30 rehearsal  
Langley Park School for Boys



**SCAN ME**

or go to  
[www.bymt.co.uk](http://www.bymt.co.uk)  
and register

Cost: £39. Bursaries are available – please don't let money be a barrier  
Usual cost: £78, for the full term

For any more information, please call the BYMT office on  
020 8467 1566 or email [sseeney@bymt.co.uk](mailto:sseeney@bymt.co.uk)  
Miss S Seeney, Head of Singing, Bromley Youth Music Trust



# James Dixon PTA



**JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

## PTA Chair Election

Elections for the role of PTA Chair will be held on 4th November at the Pre-Loved Uniform Event.

Please email nominations to:

[jamesdixonpta@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdixonpta@gmail.com)



# Weekly Attendance

**96%**

*Be here every day,  
all day!*

| Year Group | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| Reception  | 95%        |
| Year 1     | 94%        |
| Year 2     | 97%        |
| Year 3     | 98%        |
| Year 4     | 99%        |
| Year 5     | 96%        |
| Year 6     | 96%        |

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# Next week's achievers

## P.E.

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Kind Class        | Dylan      |
| Considerate class | Lewis      |
| Capable Class     | Nathaniel  |
| Cooperative Class | Sara       |
| Successful Class  | Kamiah-Rae |
| Adventurous Class | Laila      |
| Confident Class   | Celeste    |
| Honest Class      | Thomas     |
| Respectful Class  | Thomas     |

# Dates for your diary



## November

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday 7th November</b>    | Swimming Caring Class<br>Drama Club Years 1-3 3:00pm<br>Football club 3:00pm                            |
| <b>Tuesday 8th November</b>   | Swimming Caring Class<br>Drama Club Years 4-6 3:00pm<br>Taekwondo Club 3:00pm<br>Phonics booster Year 1 |
| <b>Wednesday 9th November</b> | Swimming Caring Class<br>Achievers assembly 10:10am<br>Gym Club 3:00pm                                  |
| <b>Thursday 10th November</b> | Cineworld O2 Year 6 9:00am<br>Swimming Caring Class<br>Taekwondo Club 3:00pm                            |
| <b>Friday 11th November</b>   | Dance club 7:50am<br>Swimming Caring Class<br>Football club 3:00pm<br>Drama Club Years 1-3 3:00pm       |

# On This Day...

On this day, 4th November 2008, Democratic politician Barack Obama became the first African American to be elected President of the United States. Before winning the presidency, Obama represented Illinois in the US Senate. He was the third African American to be elected to that body since the end of Reconstruction in 1877. In 2009 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize “for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples.”



Obama’s father, Barack Obama Sr, was a teenage goatherd in rural Kenya who won a scholarship to study in the United States and eventually became a senior economist in the Kenyan government. Obama went to school in the Philippines and Hawaii. He received a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Columbia University in New York City in 1983. He became involved in politics after obtaining a law degree in Chicago and joining the Democratic Party.