

Newsletter

Friday 2nd December 2022



James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Pupil Principals

This week at JD has been great! On Monday, we began writing our diary entries for the book we are reading called Holes. On Tuesday, we had a member of BYMT come into school and play some pieces from Star Wars on different brass instruments. On Thursday, Mr Melia did his assembly on Leadership and read us a book about sharing. The story was about a little girl who didn't want to share anything and only ever did what she wanted to do. We talked about why her friends didn't want to play with her. Shekinah and I came up with the idea that she was being very self minded but we knew she could be a nice person but she couldn't see her real self. I think the message was that all leaders aren't perfect and actually it needs lots of people to make a leader not just one.

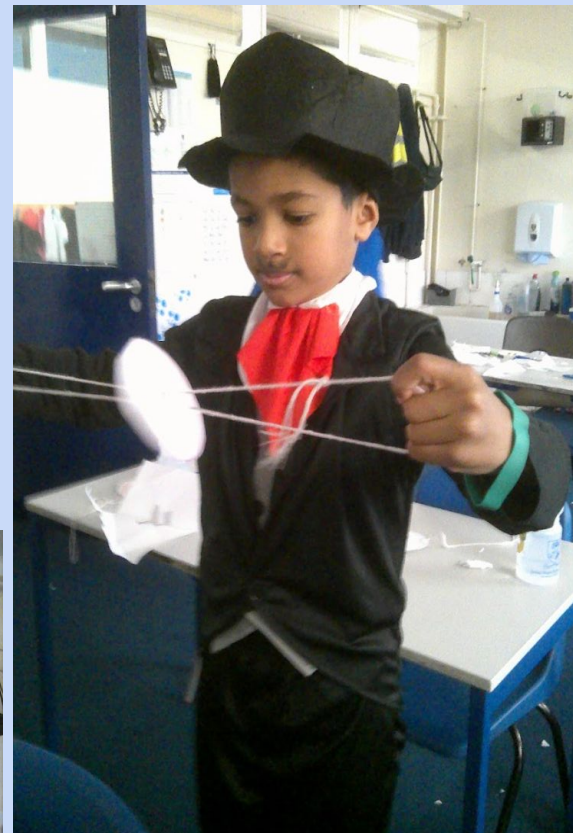


Hi JD!

I haven't written much in the newsletter recently but today is the day I get to tell you about my week. On Monday, in Art, we peacefully drew our own Navajo patterns on paper and it was really fun! On Tuesday, I played the steel pans. Right now we are learning the song Power of Love and it was quite difficult not to hit the pans too hard but after we played it a few times it sounded good. I also created 3D snowflakes that were hung in the hall. On the same day in Drama I acted out a modern day fairytale play (mine was Little Red Riding Hood.)

Victorian Day

Year 5 celebrated their learning about the Victorians by having their very own Victorian Day this week. Children dressed up and experienced some of what life was like in the nineteenth century. The teachers implemented some Victorian discipline and boys and girls were separated for some lessons to prepare them for Victorian adult life.



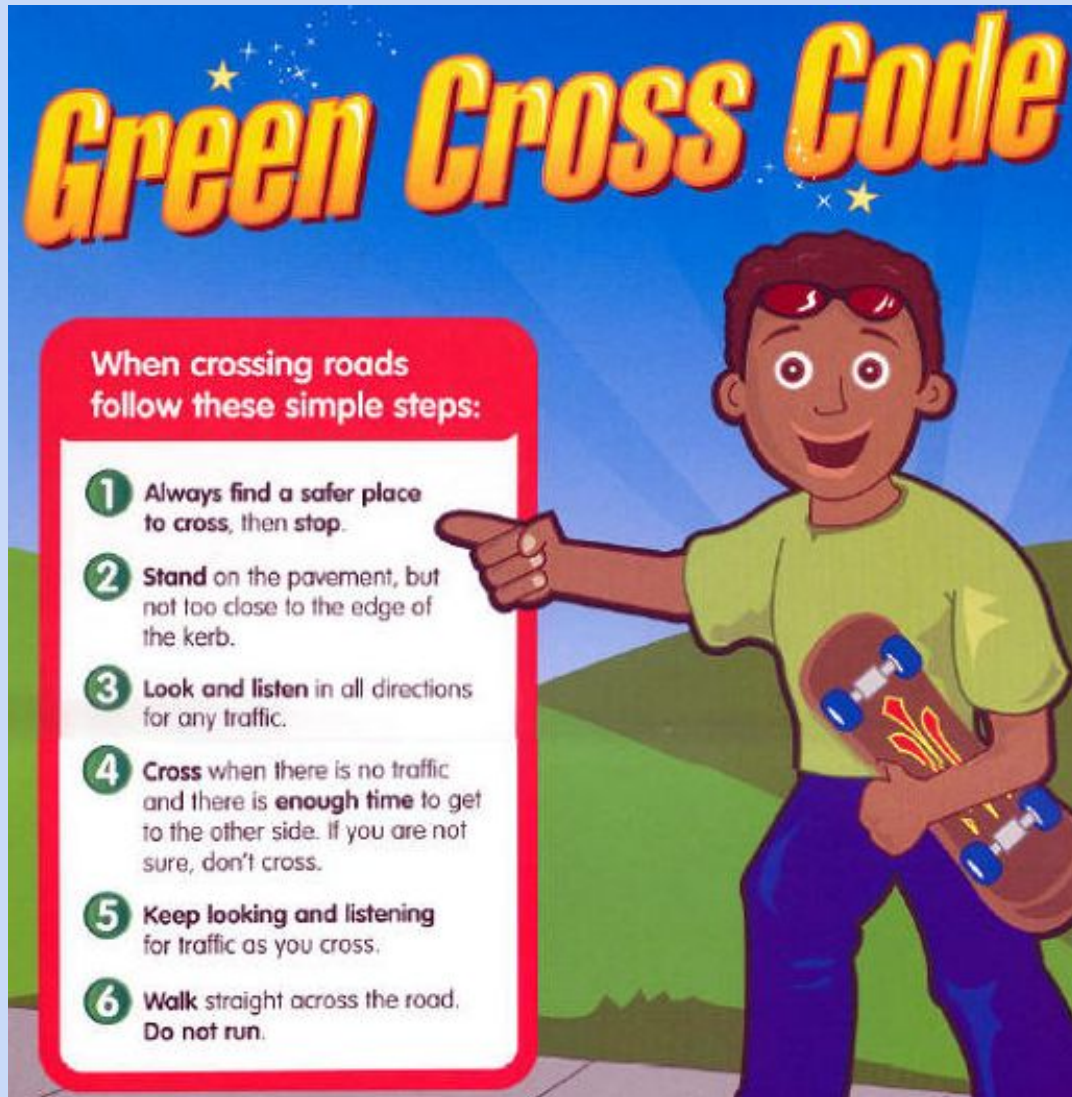
Winter Jumper Day



This Friday is Winter Jumper Day here at JD where we encourage all children and adults to wear a winter themed jumper. Everyone should bring in £1 which will go to the Save the Children UK charity. As well as sporting winter jumpers, Year 2 upwards will also go to Anerley Christ Church to sing songs and watch a Christmas performance. After all that singing everyone will enjoy a festive lunch back here at JD.



Road Safety



Today's assembly was all about staying safe whilst out and about on the pavements and roads. The children watched videos of Mr Entwistle using a variety of crossing facilities including a pelican and zebra crossing, a traffic island and where to cross after getting off a bus. The children were also reminded of the Green Cross Code and the dangers of using mobile devices when attempting to cross.



Pupil Leadership Teams

This week's featured leadership team are the Science Leadership Team who are organised by Mrs Treleven. To get on to the team the children had to plan an activity for Science Week that children in Key Stage 1 could take part in. They had to think what resources would be needed and what instructions would need to be given to the children so they could complete the task effectively. The team have already held their own achievement assembly. The team is made up of Melanie, Sanai, Edwin, Jojo, Ariaahna, Loubna and Yani.



Forest School Fun!

Year 3 have had an excellent two weeks in their autumnal Forest School setting. The children have learnt the skill of whittling sticks using potato peelers and sawing wood using a bow saw. They have also built shelters in the wooded area of the site as well as a hammock and an imaginary blue ship.



Gunpowder Plot



Year 1 consolidated their learning all about the Gunpowder Plot this morning when they welcomed the Perform for Schools workshop. The children recapped all the learning carried out this term through drama activities, poetry and dance.

Term Dates 2022-2023

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



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WINTER BAKE SALE! **Friday 9th December 2022**



The last bake sale of 2022.

Bring your best savoury bakes and sweet treats to the school office either at 8:30am or 2:45pm. Strictly no nuts please...

Get ready for a yummy treat at pick up time!

Friday 9.12.2022 (Winter jumper day)

- 3:00pm
- 50p an item.
- Outdoors by the picnic tables, under gazebos.

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Could you be a PTA Year Rep?



Are you interested in being more involved in school life? Want to help the PTA?
Fancy getting to know your fellow parents/carers in your child's year?

The PTA is looking for parents/carers from each school year to be a Year Representative. People to help spread the word about events and activities, whilst helping create a strong parent/carer community across James Dixon.

To find out more email the PTA Committee: jamesdixonPTA@Gmail.com

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



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Weekly Attendance

93%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	94%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	98%

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Next week's achievers

Science

Kind Class	Sofia
Considerate class	Adam
Capable Class	Maser
Cooperative Class	Aurora
Caring Class	Umar
Successful Class	Kaiyah
Adventurous Class	Barnaby
Confident Class	Keegan
Honest Class	Perrine
Respectful Class	Sanai

Dates for your diary

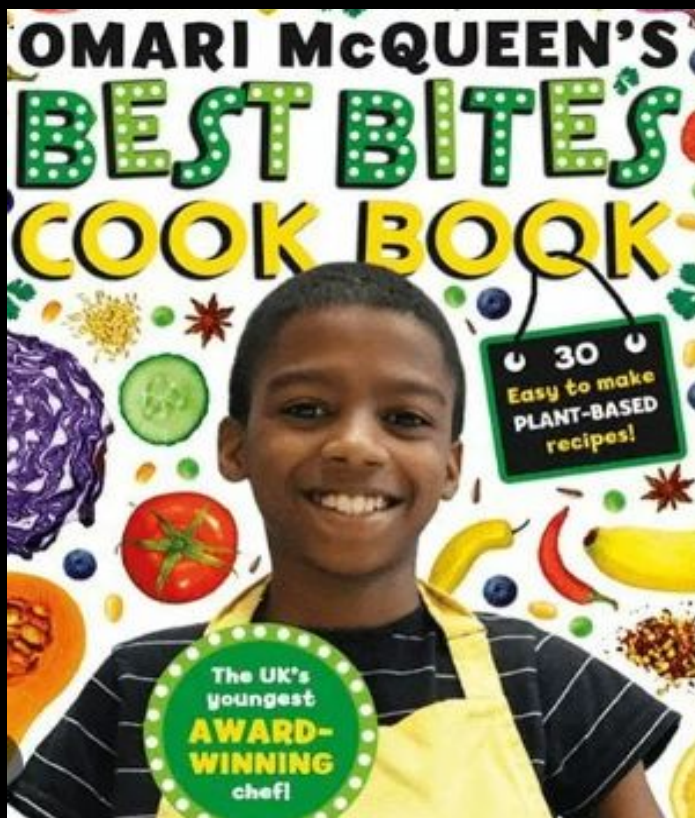


Next week

Monday 5th December	Football club 3:00pm
Tuesday 6th December	Phonics booster Year 1 3:00pm Taekwondo Club 3:00pm
Wednesday 7th December	Gym Club 7:30am SaLT Refreshment morning 9:00am (by invitation only) Achievers assembly 10:10am SaLT Refreshment afternoon 2:00pm (by invitation only) Gym Club 3:00pm
Thursday 8th December	Year 6 Wild West Day Taekwondo Club 3:00pm
Friday 9th December	Winter Jumper Day Visit to Christ Church Anerly Christmas Lunch Dance club 7:50am

Omari McQueen

For his 10th birthday, Omari McQueen asked his parents for a LinkedIn account. Three years later the enterprising youngster is the country's youngest award winning chef, with his own business Dipalicious and CBBC programme, *What's Cooking Omari?* He was inspired to begin cooking at seven years old when his mum was ill and he wanted to cook her something to make her feel better. All Omari's recipes are vegan and he is a great believer about eating healthily and happily whilst having fun in the kitchen and experimenting with different foods to find healthy options to enjoy.



Omari is originally from Peckham and opened up his first restaurant as a pop up in Boxpark, Croydon. Omari's ambition is to open up a chain of restaurants all over the world. He also has ambitions to have his kids' ready meals in stores as well as his dips so as many people as possible can try them. His favourite recipe is his Chocolate Cookie Dough Cups which he says are delicious with a vegan twist.