

Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022



Pupil Principals

This week, we started to design our communication systems to be able to send a message to another table without speaking. This was part of our topic of The Wild West where the people of the time had to find ways to communicate across huge distances. We carried on with our designs for several afternoons to try and make them as good as they could be. On Thursday, we had Wild West day. We were able to dress in Wild West costumes (I had a pair of boots that I borrowed from my mum!) In the morning we built our communication designs with Mr Coxley and then also got to make dream catchers with Miss Sapsford - it was really fun! Today is Winter Jumper Day. Unfortunately, I've managed to lose my jumper but I do still have my stylish blazer to wear!

King



Hi!

This week has been a hectic but exciting week and I can't wait to tell you more about it. For the past two weeks, a group of girls and I from Years 4 - 6 (me, Hikmat, Roise, Ivy, Emmanuella, Fatima and Arianna) have been rehearsing the Nativity with our own spin, putting in lots of modern day references. On Friday, we got to perform our play at Christ Church Anerley where we also got to sing songs and hear solos for Away in a Manger and Silent Night. I hope you enjoyed this week as much as I did.

Shekinah

Church Visit

This morning, Years 2 - 6 popped on their hi-vis jackets and took a stroll to Christ Church Anerley to take part in some Christmas singing and festivities. They were treated to a modern twist on the nativity story and listened to an assembly given by none other than Mrs Hawthorne. Special thanks go to Miss Wilczek for her excellent singing tuition and Roise, Shekinah, Arianna, Fatima, Emmanuella, Hikmat and Ivy who were all superb in both acting and singing.



Winter Jumper Day



Wild West Day

On Thursday, Year 6 had “Wild West” day to support their topic of The Wild West. They spent the day being artists and engineers. This is what Hikmat in Year 6 had to say about the day.

“Wild West Day was the best! We made dream catchers using lollipop sticks for the base and different colour wool for the string in it. We decorated it using feathers, wool made from pom-poms and paper baubles. We then switched classrooms and also worked on inventions that we vector drew the day before. We made buzzers, light bulbs and all kinds of crazy communication devices that had a button. It was such a fun day!”



Pupil Leadership Teams



We are the Eco Team! From left to right - Elena, Fatima, Sofia, Roise, Ivy, Asiya, Alfie, Zarah, Percy and Callum. We will be working towards our Green Flag this year and look forward to some exciting ventures in the New Year - we will keep you posted on our progress.

Please Take Part in a Survey



WARWICK
THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

The University of Warwick is running a study on children's language development at James Dixon Primary School and invites children aged 5 to participate. Please click on the link below to find out more and to sign up.

https://warwick.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_esMe4FcwQQDFBwW



Building Digital Resilience



Internet Safety Tips



Helping you monitor your children

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when are!

Are you in control of their devices?

Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay?

Follow the link below for tips on filtering, safe controls and trends to keep an eye on.



Bonfire Fun!



Year 1 enjoyed their final Forest School session of the year on Thursday. They finished off their Gunpowder Plot topic with a bonfire and scrumptious biscuits.

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

James Dixon PTA



JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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



[PTA Forum Facebook group](#)

Weekly Attendance

90%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	87%
Year 1	85%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	84%
Year 6	89%

James Dixon
Primary



Dates for your diary

Next week

Mon. 12th December	Year 4 Successful class swimming
Tue. 13th December	Christmas performance: <u>Parents from Reflective & Kind class only 1.30pm</u> Year 4 Successful class swimming Phonics booster Year 1 3:00pm Taekwondo Club 3:00pm
Wed. 14th December	EYFS production: <u>Reception parents 2.00pm</u> Gym Club 7:30am Year 4 Successful class swimming Gym Club 3:00pm
Thu. 15th December	Christmas performance: <u>Parents from Resilient & Considerate class only 1.30pm</u> Year 4 Successful class swimming Taekwondo Club 3:00pm
Fri. 16th December	Year 4 Successful class swimming Dance club 7:50am <u>Dance club Performance for parents 8.15am</u>

Ben Anderson



Ben Anderson is the co-founder of concert and live events promotions company “Musicalize.” He started the company in 2011 as a live music showcase event for unsigned artists and he now works with some of the biggest names in the music industry including Ed Sheeran, Stormzy, 50 Cent and Snoop Dogg. Musicalize now promote concerts all over the world and in the past have held events in the UK, Europe and the USA.

Ben is also a dad to five children with his wife Sophie and over the past four years he has built another business off the back of his Instagram page, “The Diary of a Dad.” He now works with a number of globally recognised brands on social media campaigns and has also recently started a podcast focusing on all things fatherhood. Ben was recently awarded the People’s Choice “Father of the Year” award at the 2022 Fatherhood Awards.

