

Newsletter

Friday 24th February 2023



James Dixon
Primary



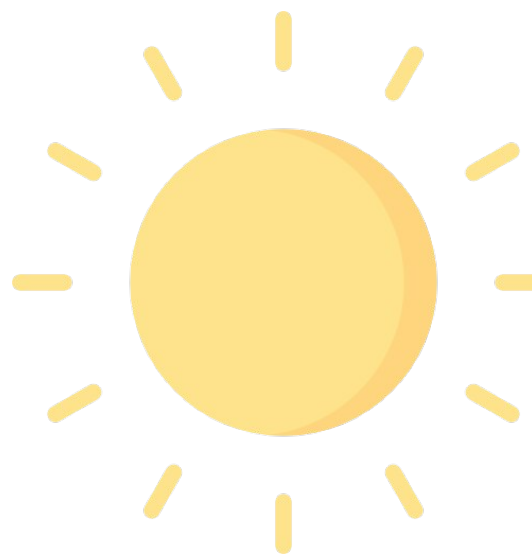
STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Pupil Principals

Hi JD!

I hope that you all had a good half term. On Monday, we had new table seats so I am now sat next to different people and get to work with them. On Wednesday, because I am in Miss Wilczek's choir, I went to Stewart Fleming School to perform the songs we have been learning. They are the same songs we are going to be singing at the Bromley Schools Prom at the Fairfield Halls. We sang them really well but I know we can get better! We had a busy assembly that day as Nico and I had to hand out certificates to two sets of achievers. On Thursday, in PE, we continued to learn about and play hockey; we practised more passes and jabs. Today, we got to choose which club activity we are going to for the rest of this term - I chose Chromebook Club.

Shekinah



Practice Makes Perfect

On Wednesday, Miss Wilczek and her choir took the short trip down to Stewart Fleming Primary School to practise for their upcoming show at the Bromley Schools Prom in two weeks time. This was a cluster rehearsal with other local schools and was a perfect way to get used to singing with and alongside other choirs. Everybody is very excited about the upcoming show which you can read about in this newsletter.



Digital Speakers

On Safer Internet day, Mr Brookes and Maria took three Digital Leaders to the BT Tower. This was an incredible, once in a lifetime experience for Zaidah, Aglaya and Perrine as they got to speak as part of a panel of primary school children. This was broadcast on YouTube to MPs, social network executives and policy makers. All three children spoke with expertise. We are all very proud of them.



Safer Internet Day 2023

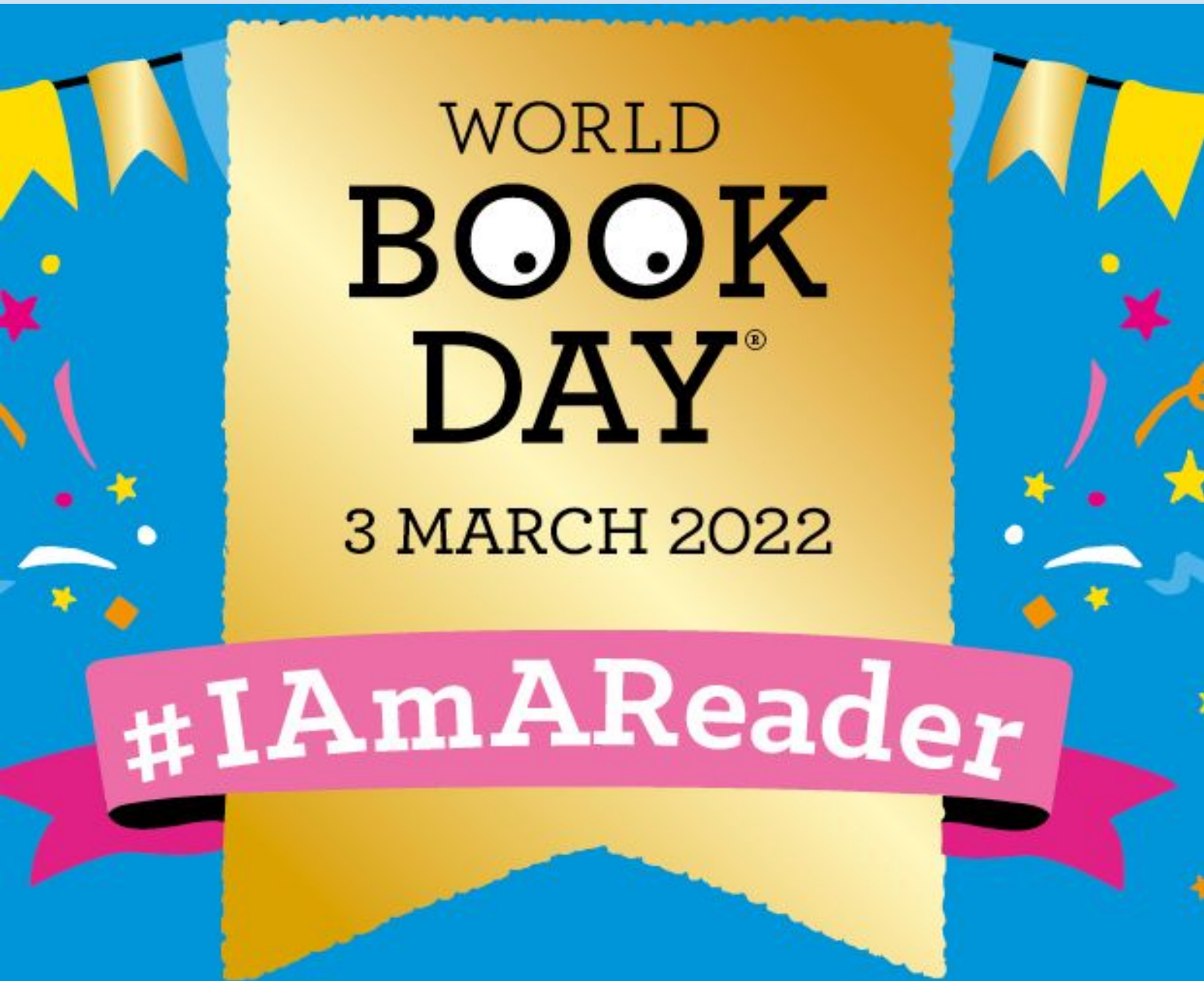
**Want to talk
about it?**

Making space for conversations
about life online

World Book Day

This year's theme is "Reading for Pleasure." As part of this, we will be combining reading with our love of music through musical retellings of our class texts and exploring song lyrics as the text in reading lessons.

The aim of World Book Day is to celebrate children's love of reading and the wonderful books there are for children to read and enjoy. Dressing up as a character is a great way of celebrating the day but spending lots of money on a costume is not the aim of World Book Day. We'd like to encourage you to be as creative as possible with your costumes by using what you already have at home.



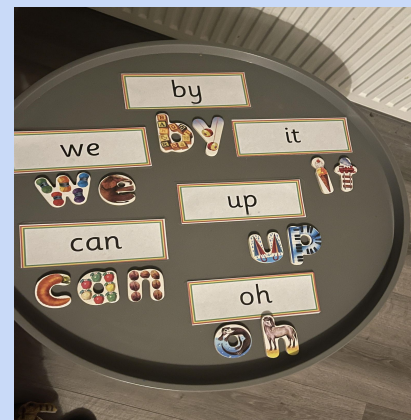
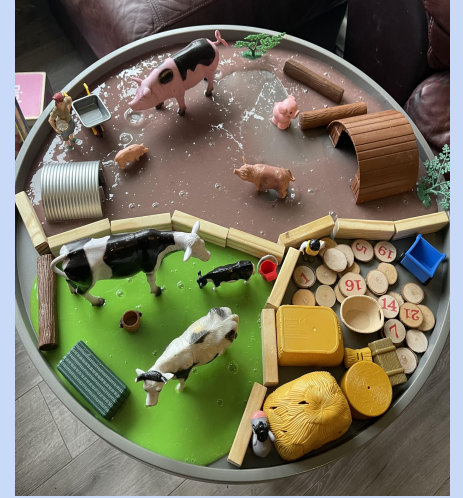
WORLD
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DAY[®]

3 MARCH 2022

#IAmAReader

Amazing Tuff Trays

Here are some more amazing examples of the Tuff Trays that Sarah, one of our Reception parents, has been making at home for her son. Each tray has a different theme and they are a fabulous way for children to explore and lead their own learning. Sarah has recently been using green slime to fantastic effect to create different textures that can be great for sensory experience. The trays themselves can be bought from any DIY store and then the rest is up to your imagination!



BROMLEY YOUTH MUSIC TRUST
Lead partner of the BROMLEY MUSIC HUB

BROMLEY SCHOOLS' PROM 2023

MONDAY 13 MARCH
TUESDAY 14 MARCH
WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

Alexandra Junior School Choir | Bickley Park Primary | Breaside | Bromley Youth Concert Band | Bromley Youth Symphony Orchestra | Bullers Wood School for Boys Band | BYMT Concert Orchestra | Chislehurst School for Girls | Crofton Junior School | Darrick Wood Junior School Band & Singing Club | Darrick Wood Secondary School | Edgebury Primary | Farnborough Primary School | Farringtons School Junior Choir | Harris Primary Academy Beckenham Green | Harris Primary Academy Orpington | Harris Beckenham & Bromley Concert Band with Harris Bromley Dancers | Hayes Primary | Hayes Secondary School | Highfield Juniors | James Dixon Steel Orchestra | Langley Park School for Boys Dance Band | Langley Park School for Girls String Quintet | Leasons Primary | Manor Oak Junior Ensemble | Marian Vian Primary | Newstead | Perry Hall Primary | Poverest Primary | Ravens Wood | Southborough Primary | St George's CE Primary | St James's RC Primary School Senior Choir | St Mark's Choir & Ministry of Dance | St Nicholas CE Primary School Choir | Stewart Fleming Primary | Tubbenden Primary | Warren Road Choir & Instrumentalists | Wickham Common

FAIRFIELD HALLS, CROYDON
TICKETS NOW ON SALE VIA
WWW.FAIRFIELD.CO.UK
£12 adults £8 children



James Dixon PTA



JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Thank You for supporting the PTA Bake Sale today!



The money raised goes to helping pay for fun, educational workshops for our children, amongst other things that the PTA support our wonderful school to do.

We are always looking for volunteers to help at future bake sales, (Friday 5 May) so please get in touch: JamesDixonPTA@Gmail.com

If you missed the Bake Sale, and want to make either a one off or regular donation, please do: <https://localgiving.org/charity/JamesDixonPTA/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

More event details to follow.

EVENT	DATE
Coffee Morning – Celebrating Languages	Wednesday 22nd March, 2023 9am
Preloved Uniform Event	Friday 31 March, 2023 <i>Last day of term</i>
Coffee Morning – Topic TBC	Thursday 27 April, 2023
Royal Bake Sale & Wear your Crown/Headdress Day	Friday 5 May, 2023 <i>Before the Bank Holiday</i>
Preloved Uniform event	Friday 9 June, 2023
Coffee Morning – Topic TBC	Monday 26 June, 2023
Picnic & Proms. Jolly Jars and so much more.	TBC July, 2023

To find out more about the PTA, please get in touch: JamesDixonPTA@Gmail.com

If you wish to support our children, please donate:

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Strike Action

A reminder that due to strike action by the National Education Union, school will be closed to all classes except Preschool and Colourful Class.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and funding for schools and not because of any issues at our school.

We are sorry about the disruption to you and your child's education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. James Dixon Primary School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils.

Term Dates 2022-2023

	SPRING 2023	SUMMER 2023	AUTUMN 2023
Term Starts	Wednesday 4th January	Monday 17th April	Thursday 31st August
Half Term	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June	Monday 16th October - Friday 27th October
Term Finishes	Friday 31st March, 2pm	Wednesday 19th July, 2pm	Tuesday 19th December

Weekly Attendance

95%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

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

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Next week's achievers

Reading

Kind Class	Blake
Considerate Class	Oscar
Capable Class	Lyra
Cooperative Class	Sami
Caring Class	Nehal
Successful Class	Jake
Adventurous Class	Barnaby
Confident Class	Zaida

Dates for your diary

Next week

Mon. 27th February	Football Club 3.00 pm Drama Club Y1-3 3.00 pm Y1 Phonics Club 3.00 pm (named children only)
Tue. 28th February	Mini Athletics Y1 & R 3.00 pm Drama club Y4-6 3.00 pm
Wed. 1st March	Gym Club 7.30 am Year 6 Graffiti Walk Achievers Assembly 10.10 am Gym Club 3.00 pm Coding club Y3-6 Y2 Phonics Club 3.00 pm (named children only)
Thu. 2nd March	NEU Industrial Strike Action Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm
Fri. 3rd March	World Book Day Dance Club 7.50 am

Jason Arday

Diagnosed with autism and global development delay in his early years, Jason Arday was unable to speak until he was eleven years old and could not read or write until he was eighteen. Now aged thirty seven, he is about to become the youngest black person ever appointed to a professorship at the University of Cambridge. Jason was born and raised in Clapham and is a Professor in Sociology and it was his mother who played a critical role in developing his self-confidence and skills. She introduced him to a wide range of music in the hope it would aid his conceptualisation of language.



This love of music also kick-started a lifelong interest in popular culture that has characterised some of his research. Supported by his mentor, college tutor and friend Sandro Sandri, Prof Arday finally began to read and write in his late teens. He went on to get a degree in Physical Education and Education Studies from the University of Surrey before training as a PE teacher. He then went on to acquire two masters qualifications and a PhD in Educational Studies. Eight years on and he is now poised to become Professor of Sociology of Education at Cambridge.