

Newsletter

Friday 24th March 2023



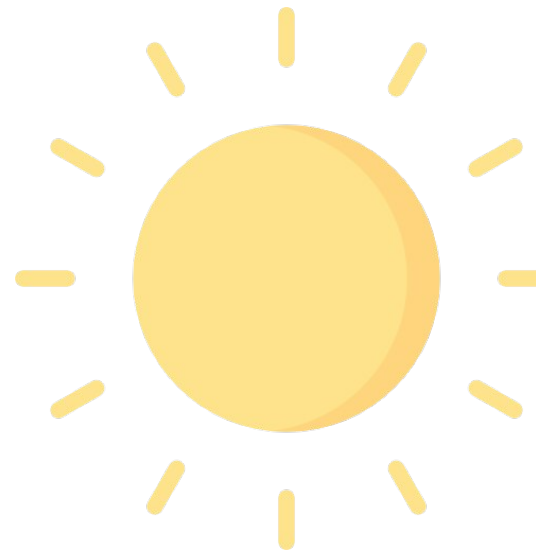
Pupil Principals

This week has been STEM week. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We planned and built robots. My favourite and most successful was the pen robot because when you put it on the paper, it drew a perfect circle.

We also made our own paper robot. The resources we had were tape, string, paper, paper clips and a ping pong ball. We had to try to use our robot to pick up and transport a ping pong ball to your location. It was really fun.

Today there was a STEM quiz, where two people from each class completed and my class came third.

Have a great weekend!



Hello I hope your week has been great, because mine certainly has. It was STEM week this week so on Monday we started the week off with a fun engineering challenge, we had to make a tool that can pick up a ping pong ball from a far distance. On Tuesday, Y6 went to the Thang Duc Buddhist Centre for R.E I learnt that If you go to a Buddhist Temple you cannot show the soles of your feet to the Buddha. After that we had our lunch in a nearby park. On Thursday, we had our workshop with the people from Inventors and Makers which we learnt about coding a space robot to save an astronaut. On Friday, we had the STEM quiz which, as a whole, Y6 finished 1st! I hope you have a great weekend JD!



Year 2 Christ Church Anerley



Last Friday, in preparation for this week's RE day, Year 2 visited Christ Church in Anerley. The children learnt about the Easter story and why it is such an important celebration for Christians.

The children got the opportunity to experience being at the Last Supper as well as role playing the story using a variety of props.



The children had lots of fun and were even treated to a drink and biscuit. The adults at the church commended the behaviour of all the children, they were a real asset to James Dixon.

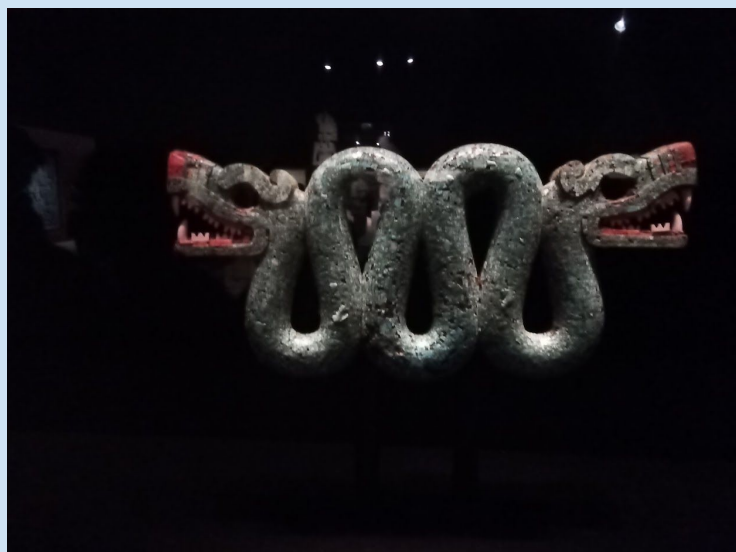
Year 4 British Museum



Last Friday, Year 4 took an amazing trip to the British Museum in London! We ventured to this wondrous place in search for artefacts and collections of the Mayans!



Year 4 had a fantastic opportunity to visit the Mayan gallery where we saw several spooky Mayan death masks and jewelry!



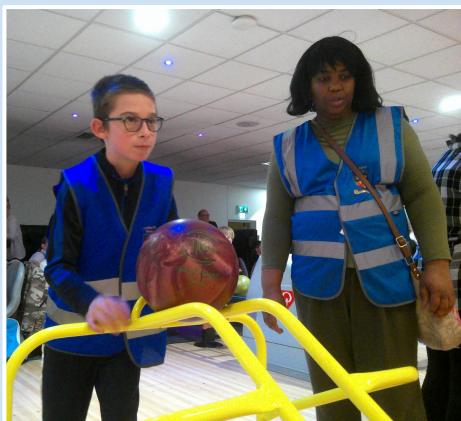
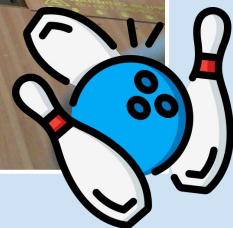
We had a fantastic workshop later on in the afternoon in the British Museum theatre! Taking us through the wonders of the Yucatan Peninsula, Guatemala and Honduras!

James Dixon Goes Bowling!

On Wednesday, six children from Year 2-6 travelled to Bromley Pavillion to compete in a Bowling Competition.



The children competed against eight other schools in the Bromley Borough and came in **3rd place** overall.



The adults were bowled over by the supportive and encouraging attitudes that the children showed to one another.
Well done JD Bowlers!

Bromley Schools Cross Country

Saturday 18th March was a special day for James Dixon as 38 children put on their trainers and took part in Bromley Schools Cross Country.



Despite the rainy weather and muddy conditions, the children proudly represented JD and ran with determination and huge smiles on their faces!



Congratulations to all the children that took part!

What is Ramadan?



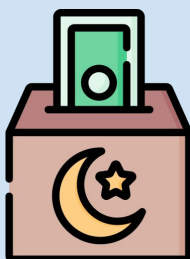
A Q & A with Mr Rahman

Mr Rahman here (feeling a bit nervous, never done this before!)

As some of you know, we have had RE day this week and it has been a blast! We've been learning about many different world religions such as Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism and Islam. Many of these religions have special events and days that people celebrate with both family and friends. One special occasion that is happening this week for Muslims is Ramadan!

What is Ramadan?

Muslims follow a lunar calendar, known as the Hijri Calendar or the Islamic Calendar. Ramadan is the eighth lunar month in that calendar.



Why is Ramadan so important?

It is the month in which the Quran was first revealed. The Quran is pure guidance from Allah (God) - it is a light for mankind, and gives us hope, comfort, healing and more.



Every year, Ramadan offers us the opportunity to purify and refresh our hearts, renew our intentions and strengthen our connection with Allah and His Book (Quran).

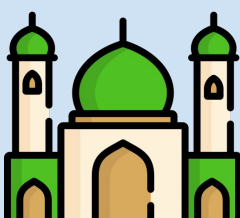
What is Fasting?

Muslims must fast (no eating or drinking during the day) every day during Ramadan. Ramadan lasts for 29 - 30 days, it all depends on the new moon! This is the third pillar of Islam and one of the most significant acts of worship. Take it from me, it's tough, but definitely rewarding!



What is Iftar?

(Finally, my favourite bit!) Iftar refers to the food you use to break your fast at sunset. It is recommended to first break your fast with dates and then pray Maghrib (evening prayer), so many Muslims eat their full dinner after praying Maghrib.



What is Suhoor?

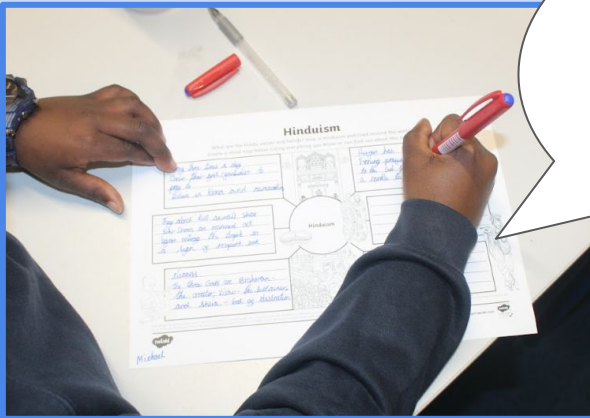
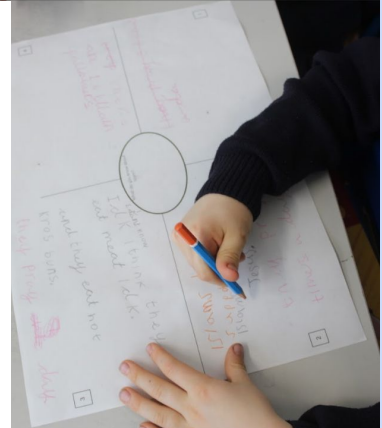
Muslims have a pre-dawn meal before we begin fasting - this is known as suhoor. Suhoor is highly recommended, even if it's just a few dates and a glass of water. Don't fill up on sweets and cake otherwise you won't feel too good throughout the day!



Curriculum focus - RE



At James Dixon, we have termly RE Days, where we are able to fully immerse our children in a range of religions. We aim for these days to be fun and interesting, and wherever possible, allow for visits from religious leaders and trips to places of worship. This term, Year 2 were able to visit Christ Church Anerley to learn about the Easter story, Year 6 visited a Buddhist temple and we had a visit from Mrs Hawthorne who led a brilliant assembly to start the day.



In Year 5, we learnt about Hinduism. One thing I learnt was that Hindus have many different Gods and they pray in different ways.



In Year 3, we learnt about Islam. This is a Muslim prayer mat. They pray 5 times a day.



In Year 1, we learnt Moses freed the slaves and Jewish people are thankful.



Pre-Loved Uniform

The James Dixon PTA will be giving away some pre-loved uniform after school on **Friday 31st March** from 2pm. If you have any pre-loved uniform to donate please deliver it to the school office before Friday.



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

James Dixon SEND



Slow-paced and fun family cycle ride

Sunday 26 March 11am

Bromley South Station to Beckenham Place Park



Beckenham Green 10am feeder ride to the start

Register for FREE



Weekly Attendance

95%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	95%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%

James Dixon
Primary



Dates for your diary

Monday 27th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Football Club 3.00 pm● Drama Club Y1-3 3.00 pm● Drama Club Performance 3.45 pm● Phonics Y1 3.00 pm (named children only)
Tuesday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Drama Club Y4-6 3.00 pm● Drama Club Performance 3.45 pm
Wednesday 29th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gym Club 7.30 am● Year 3 & 4 Production (Year 3 parents invited) 1.30 pm● Gym Club 3.00 pm● Coding club Y3-6 3.00 pm● Y2 Phonics Club 3.00 pm (named children only)
Thursday 30th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Year 3 & 4 Production (Year 4 parents invited) 1.30 pm● Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm
Friday 31st March School finishes at 2.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dance Club 7.50 am● Dance Club Performance 8.15 am