

Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023



James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Pupil Principals

Today was a very important day at JD as the school began the process of choosing this year's Pupil Principals. Ten Year 6 students read their speeches in front of the whole school in an effort to receive as many votes as possible from the electorate. All speeches were of high quality, even using quotes from inspirational figures such as Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. A huge well done must go to Celeste, Dominic, Julia, Jojo, Fatima, Michael, Melanie, Khalid, Lois and Titus who spoke with clarity and confidence. They should all be very proud of themselves. Watch this space to find out what the results are.



Forest School Fun

We took advantage of this week's beautiful weather when our Forest School sessions began for Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6. Exploring the sight once again was truly exciting for the children who managed to find a whole host of different creatures and mini beasts.



Bouncy Castle Friday



To celebrate our improving attendance here at JD, every class had an opportunity to take part in Bouncy Castle Friday. Attendance for every child is expected to be at least 96% for the school year so this week has been a step in the right direction in achieving this figure. Well done everyone!

Dream Home Competition

Today was the final day that children could hand in their entries for our Dream Home competition. We have had loads of ideas and this has proved a very popular competition. The entries will be judged by Jola at Streets Ahead Estate Agents and the winners will be announced in next Friday's assembly. The two winners will each receive a voucher with a value of £50. Good luck everyone!



Term Dates 2023-2024

	AUTUMN 2023	SPRING 2024	SUMMER 2024
Term Starts	Thursday 31st August	Wednesday 3rd January	Tuesday 16th April
Half Term	Monday 16th October - Friday 27th October	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
Term Finishes	Tuesday 19th December @ 2pm	Friday 29th March @ 2pm	Tuesday 23rd July @ 2pm



Secondary Transfer

We thought it may be useful to provide you with the open morning/evening dates for our local secondary schools. Please note that some open events must be booked in advance. Please visit each school's website for more details.

Eden Park High School - 26th Sep 9am - 10:30am, 27th Sep - 5pm - 6:30pm, 5th Oct - 9am - 10:30am, 10th Oct - 9am - 10:30am

Harris Academy Beulah Hill - 21st Sep 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Harris Academy Beckenham - 28th Sep 5pm - 8pm

Harris Academy Bromley - 21st Sep - 5pm - 8pm, 25th - 29th Sep @9:30am

Harris Academy South Norwood - 19th Sep (evening - no time specified)

The Norwood School - 21st Sep 5pm - 8pm, 25th Sep - 9:15am - 10:30am, 4th Oct - 9:15am - 10:30am (booking is required via the website)

The Ravensbourne School - 28th Sep - 5:15pm - 8:15pm, 3rd and 4th Oct @ 9:15am

Kingsdale Foundation School - Please check with the school's website as there are numerous open morning/afternoons running throughout September and October.

Composition of the Week



Hans Zimmer - “You’re So Cool”

Released in 1993, this song is part of a film score.

Hans Zimmer is a very famous composer who has composed music for over 150 films including The Lion King and Pirates of the Caribbean.

NEW VENUE
FOR SEPT
2023



BYMT KENT HOUSE

MUSIC MAKERS

Fun music making sessions for Reception & Year 1 children to foster their musical development. Activities include singing, movement, rhythm and beat work with instruments.

Saturdays 9.00am-9.40am

ROUNABOUT

Roundabout is an exciting opportunity for Years 2 & 3 children to learn a variety of instruments and play music as part of a group.

Saturdays 9.00am-11.15am

ELEMENTARY BAND

For Wind, Brass & Percussion players who can play 5 notes & are up to Grade 1 standard.

Saturdays 11.15am-12.15pm

JUNIOR BAND

For Wind, Brass & Percussion players who have reached Grade 1-3 standard.

Saturdays 9.45am-11.15am

ELEMENTARY STRINGS

For Primary school children at the start of their musical journey who can play open strings to those who have reached Grade 1 standard.

Wednesdays 4.00pm-5.00pm

JUNIOR STRINGS

For Primary school children who have reached Grade 1-3 standard.

Wednesdays 5.15pm-6.15pm

 **Harris** Primary Academy
Kent House

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James Dixon PTA



JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS THE PTA FOR?





At James Dixon, our PTA exists for three main reasons.

-  To build the parent/carer community: supporting one another, sharing school communications and information. Why not join your Year's WhatsApp Group?
-  To fundraise: ensuring we can help and sponsor extra curriculum activities, fun workshops. We organise events, personalised tea towels, and so much more including buying two brand new digital pianos for the school.
-  To share our voice and perspective: working with the school on issues and ideas that affect your children and teachers.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

In lots of ways! let us use our fabulous Bake Sales as an example.



-  Act as a class rep* and ensure that your year group knows when the bake sale is.
-  Donate cakes, bakes etc, bought or home made for the event.
-  Ensure your children have money to buy goodies at the bake sale.
-  Volunteer to help at the bake sale (and get first choice of the yummy treats!).

To find out more about the PTA, *what a class rep is, or to join your Child's Year WhatsApp Group, please get in touch: JamesDixonPTA@Gmail.com

If you wish to support our children, please make a donation here:

<https://localgiving.org/charity/JamesDixonPTA/>

James Dixon PTA II



Join the PTA!



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



The Committee needs a Secretary to support us with the great things we will achieve this school year.



This can be a role shared by two people.



If you want to know more about the role and time, please email the PTA Committee on jamesdixonpta@gmail.com, we are very happy to have a chat.

YOUR P.T.A

jamesdixonPTA@gmail.com

**Make a difference
Get involved. All welcome.**



Find out more & join the conversations on James Dixon Parent Forum



[PTA Forum Facebook group](#)

Weekly Attendance

97%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

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

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Next week's achievers

Learning Behaviour

Reflective Class	Ayda
Resilient Class	Ibrahim
Kind Class	Louie
Considerate Class	Oscar
Capable Class	Mia
Cooperative Class	Ryan
Caring Class	Hari
Successful Class	Tiannah
Adventurous Class	Jojo
Confident Class	Fatima

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th Sept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Code Camp Little Heroes 3.00 pm● Football Club 3.00 pm● Drama Club YR 1-3 3.00 pm
Tuesday 19th Sept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mini Athletics R-YR1 3.00 pm● Drama Club YR4-6 3.00 pm
Wednesday 20th Sept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gymnastics Club 7.30 am● Achievers Assembly 10.10 am (by invitation only)● Coding Club YR3-6 3.00 pm● Gymnastics Club 3.00 pm● Reception Meet the Teacher 3.00 pm
Thursday 21th Sept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm
Friday 22th Sept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dance Club 7.50 am

