

Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023



James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Pupil Principals

My week as Pupil Principal can be described in many positive ways. The announcement, the assemblies, the power (only joking), it's a privilege.

This week, I took control over Wednesday's Achievement Assembly and announced achievers one by one. I felt proud of myself for being a role model and showing the younger years to be brave. Gaining this title of Pupil Principal has shown me resilience and the importance of never giving up. Have a great weekend JD!

Khalid



My first week as a Deputy Pupil Principal has been really fun. We have enjoyed lots of lessons throughout the week. I was also able to participate in Bikeability.

On Wednesday, I was chosen to lead the parents in to Achievement Assembly. I've had a great week.

Dominic



Year 2 Space Day



Year 2 had a fantastic Space Day today. They started the day making balloon rockets that whizzed over the KS2 playground. Next, was some messy fun, making space dough, using marbling paint to design planets. Finally, they finished the day with some space yoga and taste testing some real space food. We are all tired but very happy after our galactic adventure!



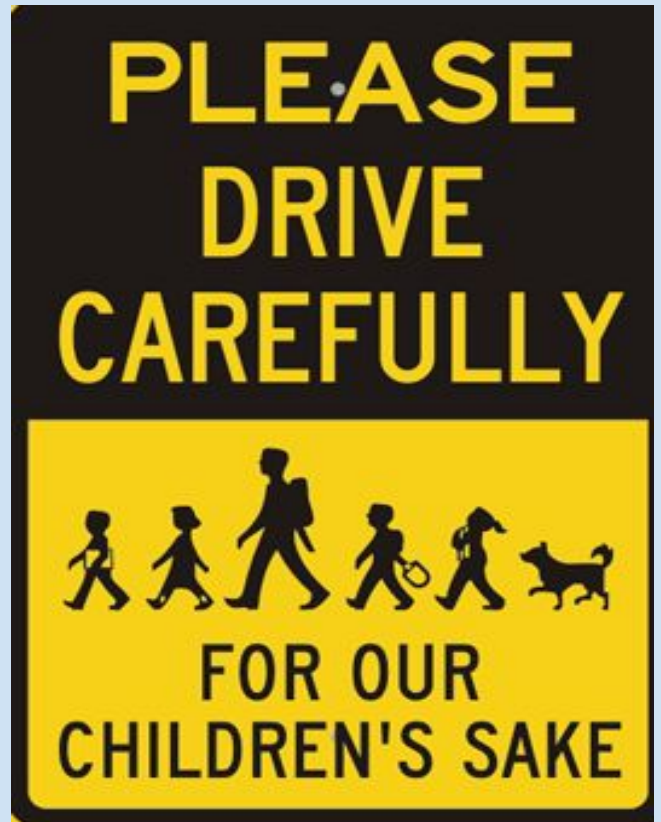
Year 6 Bikeability II

Today was day two of the second round of Year 6 Bikeability courses. The trainee cyclists were out on the road learning and perfecting the manoeuvres they will need to ride safely on the roads. In these photos they are riding along the road before turning left using the correct arm signal. They then have to turn around and turn right out of a T-junction. Thanks to some excellent tuition from Kelly and Joe from the Bikeability team all our cyclists were doing a great job.



Road Safety

There have been several incidents of dangerous driving recently especially on the bend outside the school. Please ensure you are driving slowly and carefully when picking up and dropping off children. Please do not mount kerbs to park as it is dangerous for our children who are walking to and from school. Please drive as if every child on the street were your own.

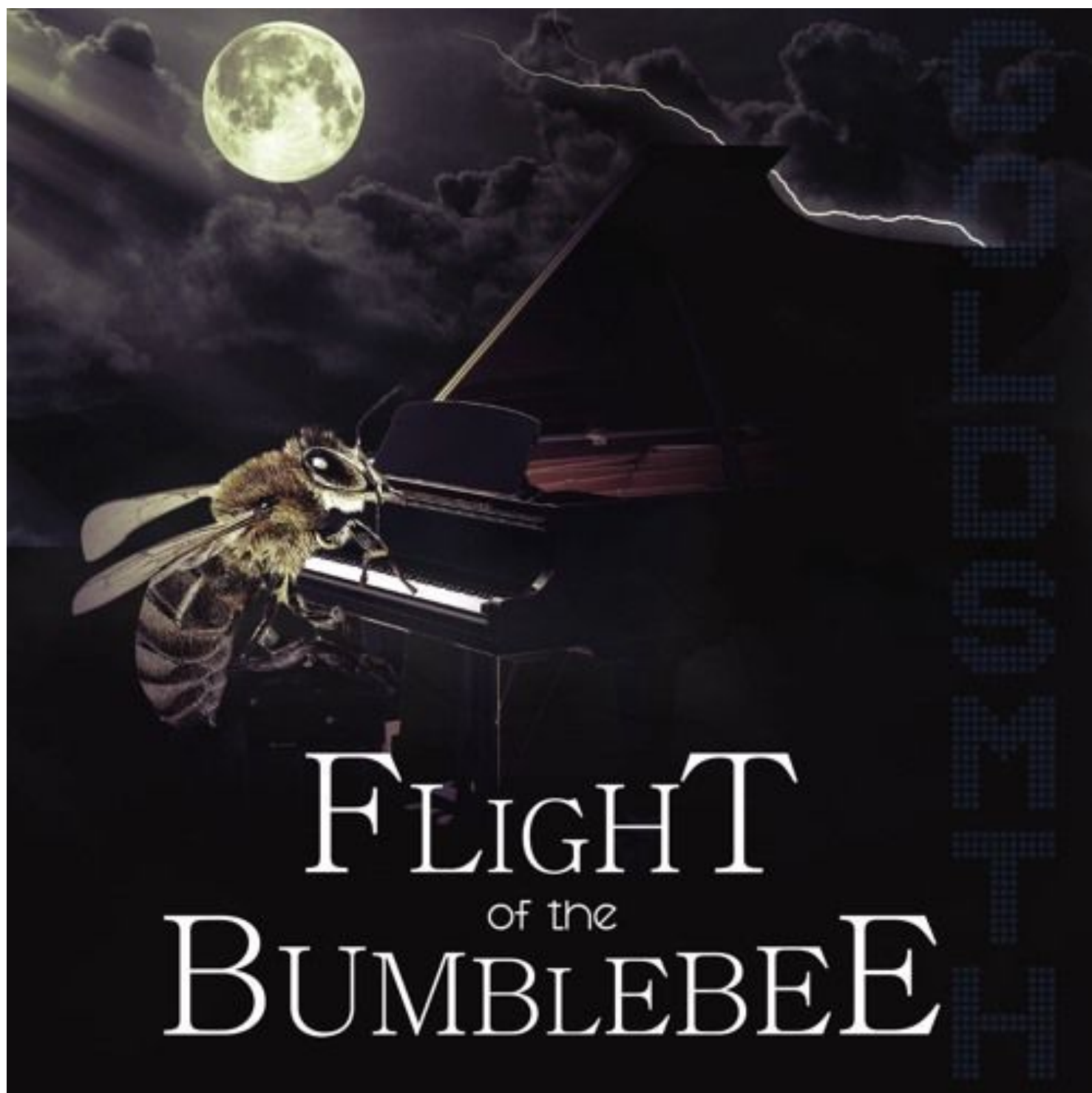


Term Dates 2023-2024

| | AUTUMN 2023 | SPRING 2024 | SUMMER 2024 |
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| 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 |



Composition of the Week



Flight of the Bumblebee - Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Composed in 1900

Genre: Classical

Composed for the opera *The Tale of Tsar Saltan*, it is intended to musically evoke the chaotic and rapidly changing flying pattern of a bumblebee.

Can you think of anything else the music could represent?

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JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

HOW DID THE PTA HELP JAMES DIXON IN 2022/2023?



TWO NEW DIGITAL FULL-SIZE PIANOS = All children positivity affected by learning with music.

A YEARS' SUBSCRIPTION TO LANGUAGE LINK = Every child benefits from this speech, language, and communication needs tool.



EDUCATIONAL FUN WORKSHOPS: Worry Wizards and Mary Seacole = nearly 200 children had their learning enriched.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES, YEAR 1 SELF PORTRAIT
TEATOWELS part funded = 119 children have a permanent reminder of their time at James Dixon.



2023/ 2024 our target is to reach more children, on more occasions – **we need your support** with our fundraising events.






We aim to host children's **MOVIE NIGHT** after school and a Parents/Carers **QUIZ NIGHT**, before Christmas, please support us by buying tickets or volunteering.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY


| EVENT | | DATE |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| DOUGHNUT STALL The popular ring doughnuts are back! All doughnuts cost £1. Card or cash |  <small>This Event by Linda Owen Available in November 2023</small> | Friday 6 October 2023, 3:15pm |
| PRELOVED UNIFORM EVENT Drop off uniform donations to the School office. All items are free or donate £1 to the PTA. |  | Friday 13 October 2023, 3:15pm |
| "HOW TO BE SAVVY ONLINE" EVENT This will be hybrid, either in person with tea/coffee & biscuits or online. Free event, children welcome. We will combine with the PTA AGM voting. |  | Friday 17 November 2023 |
|  KIDS MOVIE NIGHT – After school | | TBC before Christmas. |
|  QUIZ NIGHT – Parents & Carers | | TBC before Christmas. |

HOW TO SUPPORT THE PTA

▶ To give your time, expertise or ask a question please email: JamesDixonPTA@Gmail.com

▶ To support our children, please donate: <https://localgiving.org/charity/JamesDixonPTA/>

▶ EasyFundraising - www.easyfundraising.org.uk


 This is a brilliant, free way for the PTA to gain donations through your online shopping, ordering food delivery, getting taxis etc. Sign up (very simple: <http://efraising.org/Tv3rXV77Un>) and then via the free app on your phone or donation reminder on your PC/Mac, those companies pay a % of your spend to the PTA. EasyFundraising holds none of your payment details, just email and name, as they redirect you to the site you want e.g. Just East, Boots, Sainsbury's John Lewis, Not on the High Street, or Uber, and you continue from there.

Weekly Attendance

97%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

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

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Next week's achievers

History/Geography

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Reflective Class | Abdul-Majeed |
| Resilient Class | Jamie |
| Kind Class | Isaac |
| Considerate Class | Isaiah |
| Capable Class | Jack |
| Cooperative Class | Percival |
| Caring Class | Arthur |
| Successful Class | Rian |
| Adventurous Class | Diego |
| Confident Class | Keegan |

Dates for your diary

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| Monday 2nd Oct. | <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 3rd Oct. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Crystal Palace Park walk● Y2 Resilient Class● Mini Athletics R-YR1 3.00 pm● Drama Club YR4-6 3.00 pm |
| Wednesday 4th Oct. | <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 |
| Thursday 5th Oct. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Year 3 Stone Age Day● Betts Park walk Reception● Crystal Palace Park walk YR2 Reflective● Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm |
| Friday 6th Oct. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Year 5 Ancient Greece Day● Crystal Palace Park walk YR6● Dance Club 7.50 am |