

Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023



James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Pupil Principals

This week was Anti-Bullying Week and I was able to experience loads of amazing things such as mes amis where we got to make posters with our Year 2 partner. Then on Wednesday, Khalid and I led the achievement assembly which we enjoyed a lot. The 'Steel Pan Orchestra' were able to get their blue ties and that was amazing. One of the best parts of the week was Friday because we were allowed to wear odd socks and I also wore Pudsey ears. Year 4 and 3 were able to go on trips to the cinema. Me, Fatima, Dominic and Khalid were able to give some tours to parents looking for a place in a primary school. Last but no means least I have heard that the auditions for the christmas play in the church are starting to happen.

Celeste



Anti Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has had the theme 'Make a Noise About Bullying,' and events and lessons have been taking place at James Dixon all week. The theme this year came about following consultation with teachers and pupils who wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the hurt and harm that bullying causes. In 2022 over 80% of schools marked the week reaching out to 7.5 million children and young people.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance are a collection of organisations and individuals working together to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow and learn.

Anti-Bullying Week is the most effective way of spreading the message that the Anti-Bullying Alliance spread, with opportunities for children to discuss a topic which is vital to their understanding when growing up.



ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

This Anti-Bullying Week, **let's make a noise** about bullying.

MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**ANTI-BULLYING
WEEK 2023**

from Monday 13th to
Friday 17th November

**ODD SOCKS
DAY 2023**

Monday 13th November



#OddSocksDay

#MakeANoise

Odd Socks Day



Today was Odd Socks Day at James Dixon where all our community were invited to wear odd socks in a show of unity for Anti-Bullying and a fun way of showing how unique we can be. Children took part in lessons that included the question of when banter becomes bullying.

“Because sometimes people can have jokes with other people about someone and they can be taking the mick out of them but to them that’s their humour but to the person who it’s happening to it’s really upsetting.”



Fire Brigade Visit

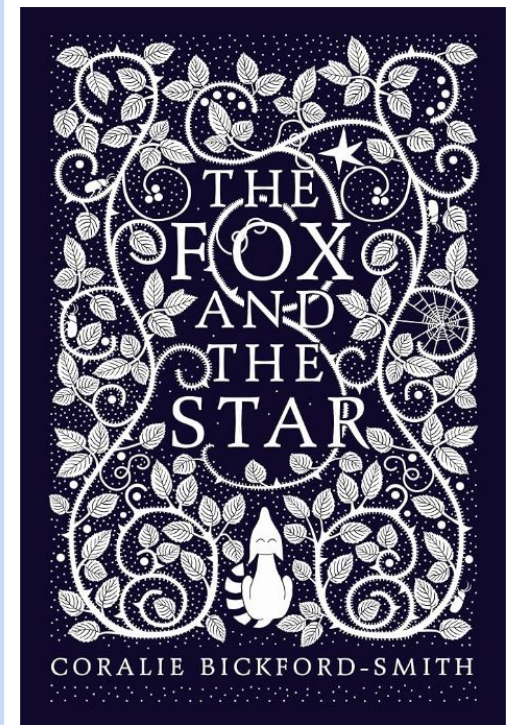
The London Fire Brigade visited James Dixon today and carried out workshops in Year 2 and in Year 5. Paul Cosaitis is an ex firefighter who now visits schools all over London teaching children and young people about fire preventative measures. Paul's experience allows him to deliver these lessons in a sensitive and age appropriate way without the children becoming worried about a fire starting in their home. Year 2 learnt how smoke alarms keep their homes safe from fire and what to do in an emergency and call 999. Year 5 went into more detail with these topics as they learnt how smoke can be as dangerous as fire, how smoke alarms work and how to make sure they are working properly. They also learnt how to make fire escape plans from their homes (including tower blocks,) what to do if there is a fire and how to call 999.



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The Fox and the Star by Coralie Bickford-Smith

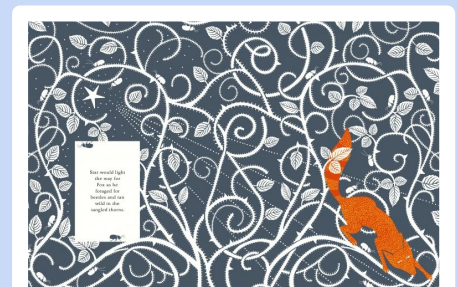
“Once there was a Fox who lived in a deep, dense forest. For as long as Fox could remember, his only friend had been Star, who lit the forest paths each night. But then one night Star was not there, and Fox had to face the forest all alone.”



I first read this book when a child in my class brought it in to school one day. As soon as I opened the front cover I was transported into a twilight land filled with beautiful illustrations and discovered a tale of friendship, love, loss and courage.

Fox comes up against all sorts of difficulties in his search for Star and has to dig deep to find the courage he knows he has inside him to discover that there is a world of possibilities if only you're brave enough to look.

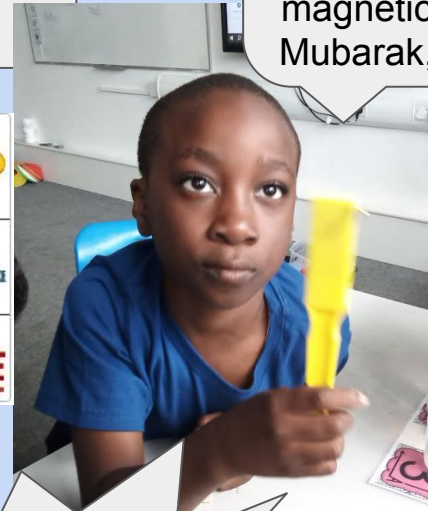
I love this book because it isn't afraid to show that we all feel lost and scared sometimes but we can face our fears with the help of the people who love and care for us.



Curriculum focus - Science

We were aiming for the tissue that the teachers had behind their backs to see who could squirt the most water.
Blake, Year 2

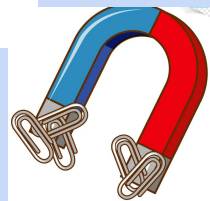
I was using a yellow magnet to see if the items were magnetic or not.
Mubarak, Year 3



Wood 	Metal 
Plastic 	Fabric 
Glass 	Paper 
Rock 	

Year 2- Materials
To identify and compare the uses of a variety of everyday materials.

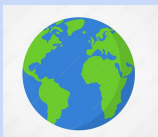
Year 3 and 4
-Forces
How magnets attract or repel each other.



We saw many exciting representations of the planets projected throughout the dome.
Fatima, Dominic and Khalid- year 6

We were trying to see if the objects were magnetic or non magnetic. Not all metals were magnetic.
Sophia and Dylan, Year 3

Year 5 and 6- Earth and Space
How movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system work.



Did you know that you could fit 1.3 million earths into the sun?



James Dixon PTA



Today we held a hybrid meeting in person and online for the “PTA Annual General Meeting” as well as a session on “How to be Savvy Online”.



To the 12 parents who turned up this morning in person and the 30+ who logged in.

To our brilliant Trustees Becky Farmer and Valerie Blanchet for their help. To Nadia Hammoum and Allison Dolnik for being on the Committee last year.

THANK

To Mr Coxley for his session on online safety. Watch this space for how the PTA works with school around future sessions.

To Mr Entwistle, Mr Minnott, Thanh, Toni and Annalisa in the office for all their support and help with the PTA.

YOU

We are very excited to announce the new PTA Committee 2023/2024



Chair: **Ella Milward Hamylton**



Treasurer: **Justyna Winkler-Tamiola**



Joint Secretary: **Adrienne Bouchagoua and Ian Long**

We appreciated hearing from the parent/carer community and welcome any feedback on today’s event or ideas for the PTA.

Get in touch JamesDixonPTA@Gmail.com

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WALT DISNEY'S
TIMELESS MAGIC.



ENDURANCE

STEEL ORCHESTRA

The Wonderful World of Disney

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER | 7:30PM

ADULTS £15 | UNDER 12's £7 | UNDER 5's FREE

STANLEY ARTS, SE25 6AB

Weekly Attendance

95%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	95%
Year 1	87%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	97%

James Dixon
Primary





Next week's achievers

Science

Reflective Class	Dominik
Resilient Class	Zayne
Kind Class	Ted
Considerate Class	Dominic
Capable Class	Zac
Cooperative Class	Arshia
Successful Class	Otoniel
Caring Class	Joshua
Adventurous Class	Lumen
Confident Class	Michael

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Code Camp YR 1-2 3.00 pm● Football Club 3.00 pm● Drama Club YR 1-3 3.00 pm
Tuesday 21st Nov.	<p><u>Year 4 Crystal Palace trip</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mini Athletics R-YR1 3.00 pm● Drama Club YR 4-6 3.00 pm
Wednesday 22nd Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gymnastics Club 7.30 am● Achievers Assembly 10.10 am (by invitation only)● Code Camp YR 3-6 3.00 pm● Gymnastics Club 3.00 pm
Thursday 23rd Nov.	<p><u>Year 3 Cinema trip</u> <u>Flu vaccination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Phonics Booster 3.00 pm (selected children only)● Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm● Steel Pan Club YR3 3.00 pm● Steel Pan Club YR4 3.30 pm
Friday 24th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dance Club 7.50 am