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Our school values: **Respect. Honesty. Responsibility. Equality. Resilience.**



## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our James Cambell half-termly newsletter. I would like to start by congratulating the children of years 2 and 6 for completing their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard – as have the other children across the school – and done incredibly well given all the disruption from COVID over the last two years. Fingers crossed that they get the fantastic results they deserve!

Next half-term, it's the turn of year 1 and year 4 to show off all their amazing learning with the national phonics screening checks (for year 1) and the multiplication tables check (for year 4). Your work as parents and carers in supporting the children with their learning has been amazing - reading with your child or practising times tables and spellings makes a huge difference to their progress. Thank you!

Of course, there have been lots of other opportunities for the children this half-term, which you can read about in this newsletter. These include year 4's lovely Eid Assembly for parents, year 1's visit to Buckingham Palace and Reception's outing to Plashet Park. Year 4 even became record breakers by participating in the largest ever times table live stream.

Your views as parents and carers really matter to us. I would encourage you all to complete the annual survey which we have sent out on ParentMail and let us know what we are doing well and anything we can do even better.

I wish you all a very happy Jubilee half-term holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

Joe Wilson  
Headteacher



## Year 6 Stubbers

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, after all their hard work during SATs, Year 6 journeyed to Stubbers Adventure Centre. Linking to their Physical Education topic this term of Outdoor Adventure, the children took part in various activities including: canoeing, archery, rifle shooting, team games and team challenges. This trip was a well-earned break they needed, especially after an exhausting week of SATs!



## Nursery's Silver Dental Award



Sadly, one in four children suffer from tooth decay by the age of 5. It's therefore really important that we all work together to help improve the dental care of our children.

Our nursery and reception classes have been learning about how to look after their teeth by brushing them twice a day – and nursery were even awarded a silver certificate by the NHS Dental Outreach Team!

## Learning is fun!

Teachers at James Cambell work really hard to make learning enjoyable, exciting and engaging for the children. Not only does this make it more fun for them, but it also helps them to learn.



This half-term year 6 have been learning about grammar and maths through orienteering!

## Year 1 visit to St James's Park and Buckingham Palace – 28<sup>th</sup> April



On 28<sup>th</sup> April, all three year 1 classes ventured to central London to visit St James's Park as part of our science topic on plants. We found a variety of plants in the park and also did observational drawings of them.

As well as visiting St James' Park, we decided to take advantage of tourist sites within close proximity to enhance our children's wider experiences. Starting off with seeing Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, we then walked down Whitehall past the Cenotaph and Downing Street. We then walked through Horse Guards Parade where we were lucky enough to witness the Changing of the Guards! After completing our science work and enjoying a picnic lunch in the park, we walked to Buckingham Palace before embarking back to James Cambell.

It is sometimes easy to forget just how lucky we are to be a tube ride away from Central London and the vast sights and experiences it has to offer- many of which are free! The children, and adults, had a fantastic day and it's safe to say that we all slept well that night.

At James Cambell, we have been working hard on making playtimes more enjoyable for all our children, which is why we follow the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) development programme.

Improved play and happier children leads to better learning. We therefore have outdoor play in all but the heaviest rain – please could you therefore make sure that your child comes to school with a coat or waterproof jacket every day.



The new mud kitchens made by the Rees family have been a huge success. We always need pots and pans, so keep sending them in!



The sand pit has been so much fun in the sunshine!



Den building is very popular. We now have 500 tyres to play with. We are in desperate need of tarpaulin and plastic sheets. Oil table cloths would be perfect too.



The children love taking turns on the climbing frame. We are currently working with the OPAL children's committee planning a larger one for KS2.



We always need Lego, any crates and scooters!

In the summer term we will be introducing water to our playgrounds. We will also be having more multi sports on the field at lunchtime.

We have a couple of sheds which will be used for role play.

If you can help source resources or can get donations, please message Mrs Macleod.

## Year 4 Eid assembly

Year 4 presented their Eid assembly to the parents and other members of the school. We asked the children who celebrated Eid to wear their Eid clothes.



Our assembly explained the importance of Eid and why Muslims celebrate it. It also told the story of a young Muslim boy who wanted to fast for the first time and how he helped other people not as fortunate as himself.

## Mental Awareness Week

Mental health Awareness Week took place **from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May** and the theme was loneliness. As a school we took 20 minutes a day to complete a circle time every day on the following themes:

**Monday** – What is mental health?

**Tuesday** – What is loneliness?

**Wednesday** – How can we help people who are feeling lonely?

**Thursday** - How can I show kindness and respect to help people around me feel good?

**Friday** – Looking forward - how can we look after our mental health every day?

We discussed various answers and decided that if we follow the school rules – be respectful, be safe and be ready - then we can help ensure that all children of our school are included in all activities. We also discussed the importance of continuing to talk about how we feel and knowing who our trusted adults are.

## Guinness World Record!

On the 18<sup>th</sup> May the year 4 children took part in an official attempt for the most viewers of a rolling number livestream. They were part of over 5,000 classes in the UK who joined Baz from Times Table Rockstars to complete their rolling numbers.

We were delighted our year 4 classes were part of achieving a new Guinness world record!

Please keep up the great work in practising your times tables at home.

## Road Safety Assembly



Year 5 & Year 6 participated in an interactive assembly involving aspects of Road Safety. The assembly followed the story of Sol, Natalie and Jordan focusing on how one mistake could change lives forever. Children learnt how to cross the road safely, the dangers of standing on the curb and how to be safe around the streets and on pavements.

One child said that it was very relatable and they could see themselves in each of the characters. Another child said that they wish they could see it again. It was certainly informative, engaging and enjoyable – and will help the children to stay safe.

To help with this, please could we remind all parents and carers to drive carefully before and after school, and to avoid parking on the yellow zig-zag lines or in people's driveways. Thank you.

## What a great way to start the day!

Joyful! Happy! Creative! This is how some of our 'Breakfast Bagel Buddies' feel attending the James Cambell free breakfast club.



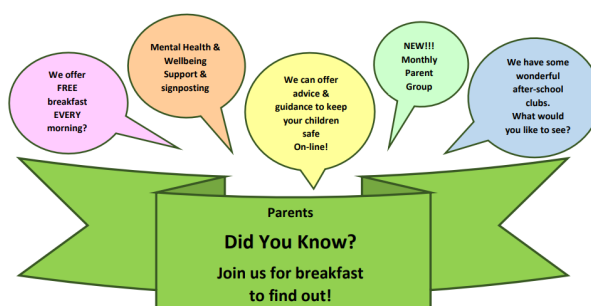
Places are still available – please speak to the team on reception for more information.

## Did You Know?

We offer a 'Did you Know?' breakfast for parents and carers on the first Wednesday of every month.

Next breakfast: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9am - 10am.

Subject: On-Line Safety.



First Wednesday of the Month 9am – 10am

## Football

On Saturday, girls from different schools, including James Cambell, represented Barking & Dagenham Schools' FA in the Southern Counties Cup final at Oxford City FC against St Albans. In front of a sizeable (and vocal!) crowd, Barking & Dagenham snatched the only goal with just 80 seconds to win the trophy for the second time.

Every single one of the 14 players involved was an absolute credit to their school throughout the season and the families have been fantastic. The team was unbeaten since December and four points from the last two London Girls' League games will mean a fourth title in that competition too.

Special congratulations to Kadie, Elizabeth and Honey – our James Cambell girls' football team players.



## Update from the Cambell Primary Centre (CPC)



We learnt why Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr. We used different techniques to make Eid lanterns.



As part of our half term's work on Fiesta, we learnt about Mexico's Day of the Dead. We used different tools to shape the clay.

Cambell  
Primary Centre

## Reception visit the park

Reception have been looking at the topic 'Growing'. Within this topic we have been looking at how we change as we grow, how animals change as they grow and also the process of how plants grow. During our topic the children have planted and cared for their own seeds and also had the opportunity to watch real caterpillars turn into butterflies in their own classroom.

To further the children's understanding of things that grow, the children took a trip to Parsloes Park where they found a range of plants and animals that are growing. The children became detectives and read a list of things that were growing in the park before conducting a hunt for them all. The children were fantastic at spotting all the things that were growing and changing in the park. They were then able to celebrate their success with a special playtime on the park equipment.



The Reception children made us all so proud with their excellent behaviour throughout and we are looking forward to taking them out on another special trip again.

## Story and Dance Workshop

On Tuesday 8th March we welcomed West End in Schools to James Cambell for a special Dance workshop – with the aim to inspire and improve the children's writing in Key Stage 1.

The children loved exploring the story of Alice in Wonderland, and following the workshop, they produced some beautiful work. At James Cambell we continue to promote the love of reading and we have noticed a huge improvement in the writing in years 1 and 2 – well done all!



## Key Dates for next term

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June- Return to school
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July- Summer Fair
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July- Year 3 and 4 Sports Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July- Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July- Last day of the summer term ( normal time finish)