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Message from the Headteacher

It's been another incredibly busy half-term at James Cambell.

I would like to start by congratulating the Year 6 children for completing their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard and shown great resilience throughout the year. We are all very proud of them and they deserve to do well!

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 great – supporting your child with their reading or practising times tables and spellings makes a huge difference to their progress.

As you will know, we have also recently had our Ofsted inspection. We are unable to say anything about it until the report is published, which should be during June.

I wish you all a very happy half-term holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday June 3rd.

Best wishes,

Mr Wilson
Headteacher

New parent governor appointed

We are delighted to announce that Laverne Bancey has been appointed as the school's new parent governor. She has two children currently at James Cambell and works as a teacher in Tower Hamlets.

We congratulate Laverne on the appointment and look forward to working with her in the important role of supporting the school in continuing to raise educational standards and provide the children with the opportunities they deserve.

Healthy lunches

At James Cambell, we encourage all children to eat healthily.

All children at the school can receive a free cooked meal from our kitchen every day. These school dinners taste good and are designed to provide a balanced diet. You can find the menu on the school website.

If you prefer to make your child a packed lunch, then please ensure it's healthy. You can find some guidance on this on our website [James Cambell Primary School » Packed Lunch Guidance](#)

Please ensure that packed lunches do not contain any nuts.

Eid Assembly



Year 4 started the summer term off with a bang! They did themselves proud with their assembly on Eid.

All the children were expressive in their speaking and singing.

They projected their voices clearly and were heard by everyone. This is something we have been working on as a school so well done Year 4!

Their singing, actions and acting impressed everyone.

We even had some parents shed a tear as the children spoke about Ramadan.

Year 1 St George's Day Assembly

On Friday 26th April, the Year 1 children were pleased to share their St George's Day assembly with their parents and carers. The children had worked really hard on their performance and they all did a fantastic job! The children used loud, clear speaking voices and made sure that the audience could hear them.

They told the story of St George and the dragon and there was some excellent acting by the children playing the characters from the story. The children also all sang a song called 'Down with the Beast'! Everyone was so impressed

with the performance. Well done Year 1, we are so proud of you all!



Year 6 Careers Week

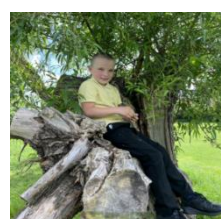
Year 6 will be holding their Careers Week on the week commencing 1st July. We already have speakers from Zurich Insurance and a visit to Queens Hospital planned for some of the children.

However, it would be great to have some other speakers from a range of professions. If you know someone who would be willing to give up some of their time to come and speak to year 6 and raise their aspirations – or would be happy to do so yourself - please let Mr Wilson know.

CPC Update

CPC have worked very hard this half term so celebrated with some trips! Owls class visited Goresbrook Park where they played collaboratively, discovered nature and enjoyed the sunshine. Falcons class joined our mainstream Year 6 on the Go Ape trip and showed great resilience in overcoming fears to have a go at everything.

All the children have displayed great behaviour, something all our visitors this half term have commented on.



Race and Social Justice

We are pleased to inform you that James Cambell Primary School has officially signed up to the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Race and Social Justice Charter. This significant step reaffirms our commitment to fostering an inclusive and equitable environment for all our students, staff, and the wider school community.

By aligning with this charter, we pledge to actively promote racial equality and social justice in all aspects of school life. This involves implementing policies and practices that challenge discrimination, celebrate diversity, and ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

We look forward to working together to uphold these values and create a positive, inclusive atmosphere for our children.



Our school embraces our role in making these beliefs a reality. We have:

1. **A named lead facilitator for race and social justice** - co-ordinating work in our school and between schools
2. **A lead governor for race and social justice** - who ensures our governing body consistently considers how the school is addressing issues of race and social justice
3. **Used the Barking and Dagenham race and social justice self-evaluation tool** to identify priority areas we need to address in our school improvement plan
4. **A curriculum intent** which is explicit in representing the diversity of our borough
5. **Recruitment and progression** practices which create equal pathways for all candidates and employees, ensuring we reflect the communities we serve
6. **A commitment to staff development** - ensuring all our people have the skills and confidence to address issues of race and are knowledgeable about the communities we serve
7. **A clear commitment to working with pupil voice**, ensuring that the views of young people inform our approach
8. **Established links with our community** and engaged families in development of the school's approach to race and social justice



Global Connect Project

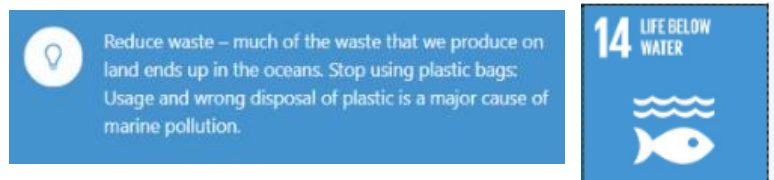
Year 4 are taking part in an exciting project with schools in Nigeria. They are having virtual lessons together and, later in the summer term, we will have some Nigerian pupils and teachers visiting James Cambell.

The children had their very first zoom lesson where they introduced their research project. They are focusing on United Nations sustainable development goal of 'life below water'. This means finding out how we as a school can promote the use of reusable plastics.

They virtually met the other schools working on the different global goals from both Barking and Dagenham and Nigeria!

We were lucky enough to have the facilitator with us and he inspired us to turn our research into poetry.

The poems have been the focus of our writing lessons where we explored limericks, free verse poems and haikus.



We also linked our Global Connect work to our art unit of William Morris.

The children created a William Morris inspired piece of artwork based on water pollution.



Determination... Perseverance... Positive Mindset

Year 4 had the opportunity to interview Calvin Bassey who plays left back and centre-back for Premier League club Fulham.

He spoke about how hard it is to get opportunities. However, if you have a positive mindset and determination, it always helps. Calvin reminded us that it is important to never give up even when times seem tough.

Calvin has definitely inspired us to be determined and resilient.



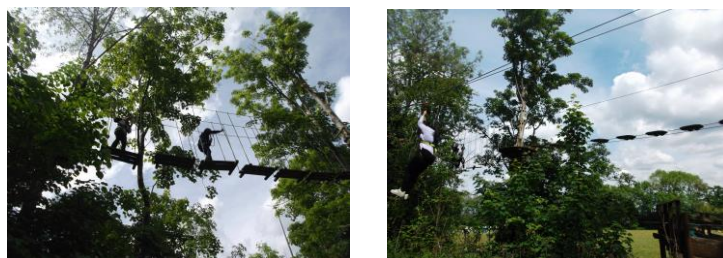
Year 6 trip to Go Ape

On Friday 17th May, Year 6 went on a trip to 'Go Ape' at Alexandra Palace, as a celebration of all their hard work and completion of their SATs exams.

Our day started early, with a coach trip to our destination. Upon arrival, we were welcomed by a friendly and encouraging team of instructors. Our classes either started with the challenging 'Team Games' or the 'Treetop Adventure' - full of wobbly bridges, cargo nets and zip wires. We were all pushed outside of our comfort zones, as we crossed from tree to tree, safely secured in our harness.

It was a great day, filled with lots of fun!

Well done Year 6!



Year 2 Easter Assembly

Year 2 enjoyed learning about Easter last half term. In design and technology we designed and made Easter cards with moving parts like pivots and folds. We had loads of fun acting out the Easter story and learning an Easter bonnet song. We hope you enjoyed our Easter assembly where we discussed how different people celebrate Easter all over the world.

Arc Road Safety Assemblies

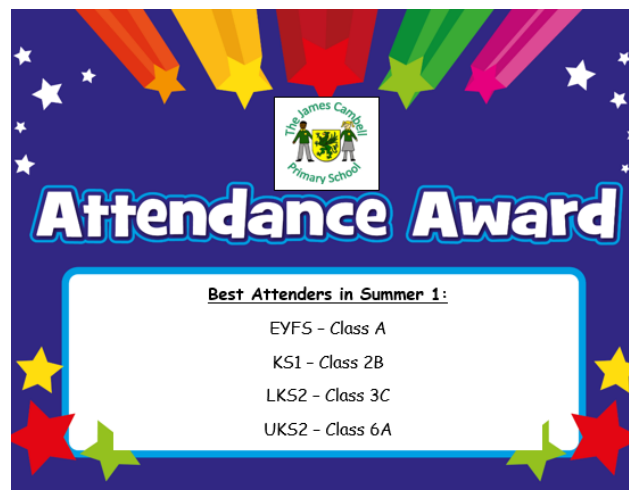
Year 6 was treated to an important interactive road safety workshop in order to prepare them for secondary school. They learned that road collisions have many causes and it CAN happen to YOU. They learned about the risks and consequences of distraction, e.g. friends, phones, headphones etc and the vulnerability of pedestrians (i.e. roads are dangerous and vehicles can kill).



Tender Healthy Relationship Project

20 children from Year 5 are working with the team from Tender each week. They are learning about healthy relationships and are in the process of creating a showcase for parents which will be in July. Details will be sent out via Parent Mail.

Attendance Award



MMR Vaccine

Barking & Dagenham



Measles cases are rising in London

Is your child vaccinated?

Two doses of the MMR vaccine can stop your child getting seriously unwell with measles.

If your child is aged 1-12, get them vaccinated at our pop-up clinic on 31 May – no appointment or GP referral needed!

If you have it please bring your child's red book or vaccination record.



Mayesbrook Sporthouse and Gym
Lodge Avenue, Dagenham, RM8 2JR

Onsite parking available | Easy access via bus route 308



Friday
31 May
10 am to 6pm
With free family activities to enjoy

Barking & Dagenham

Public Health Team
Barking Town Hall
1 Town Square
Barking
IG11 7LU

21st May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

With the rise of measles cases in London, the NHS is advising parents to take measures to protect their children against this serious disease.

Any child aged 1–12 years who has not already received two doses of the MMR vaccine is invited to receive a free vaccination on Friday 31st May at the Barking Sporthouse and Gym (Mayesbrook Park, RM8 2JR) between 10am and 6pm. Measles, mumps and rubella can be serious, and two doses of this vaccine gives lifelong protection.

There's no need to book an appointment simply drop in between 10am and 6pm. Free family activities will be provided to keep children entertained while you wait.

To make the process smoother, please bring your child's red book or vaccination record if you have it. If you're unsure whether your child has had two doses of the MMR vaccine, you can speak to staff at the clinic. And if your child is not registered with a GP, they can still get vaccinated and registered. For a quicker process give a consent for your child's immunization: <https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/polio/2023/BarkingAndDagenham>

Yours faithfully

Matthew Cole
Director of Public Health
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

Parent coffee mornings

The coffee mornings give the opportunity for parents/carers to meet and share information. External professionals are regularly invited to attend and share their knowledge and advice. Refreshments and biscuits are always available. Please look out for details on James Cambell Primary School (JCP) Coffee Mornings on ParentMail as well as Class Dojo.



Our coffee mornings are located at the KS2 Building in the Nurture Room.

Upcoming dates:

- 5th June: Meet the LBBDD Housing Officers, Paul & Alex. They will give advice and guidance on Homeless prevention.
- 19th June: Meet Jemma from the Sycamore Trust. Supporting the needs of individuals and families/carers for whom Autistic Spectrum Disorders and/or Learning Difficulties are a part of daily life.
- 3rd July: E-safety for Parents. Alan Jacob will give advice and guidance on how to ensure your children are using the internet, mobile phones and social media safely.

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Key dates for next half-term

Monday 3 rd June	First day of term
Thursday 13 th June	New Reception parents welcome meeting
Friday 14 th June	Culture and Rights day
Friday 21 st June	Nursery closed to current pupils due to welcome meetings for new nursery parents
Monday 24 th June	Year 6 trip to Chalkwell beach
Monday 24 th June – Friday 28 th June	Global Connect Exchange Programme – Year 4
Monday 1 st July	Year 1 trip to Chalkwell beach
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 2 trip to Chalkwell beach
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 6 Careers Week: Zurich Insurance session
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 3 trip to Chalkwell beach

Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6 Careers Fair at Queens Hospital
Thursday 4 th July	Year 4 trip to Chalkwell beach
Friday 5 th July	Year 5 trip to Chalkwell beach
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Black & White Ball
Tuesday 16 th July	Summer Fair
Thursday 18 th July	Arc Theatre Performance for Year 5
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term

JAMES CABELL PRIMARY SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024/25

Tuesday 3 September 2024 = First Day of Autumn Term
Friday 18 July 2025 = Last Day of Summer Term

■ Bank holidays
■ School holidays
■ Staff inset days – non-pupil days

