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Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

We are coming to the end of another exciting and successful year at James Cambell!

We are delighted that, in May, Ofsted rated the school as 'Good' in all areas and stated that 'pupils are happy and feel safe'. This is an excellent outcome and reflects the great progress that has been made since the last inspection in February 2020. You can read the full report on the school website.

This success is, of course, a reflection on the children and their hard work and amazing progress. From Early Years to Year 6, the school's results have been really strong. Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 all had statutory assessments

and, as last year, the results have been at or above national averages. This provides the children with a great platform for future success.

While academic success is clearly important, it is only one part of the overall picture. Over the year, we have worked to provide children with a whole range of opportunities, whether it is arranging exciting trips out of school, visitors into school or performing in assemblies for you, our parents. You can read about some of these great opportunities in this newsletter.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of parents and carers, and the skill and commitment of the staff at the school. The summer fair, organised by our amazing hardworking PTA, was a real highlight and showed James Cambell at its absolute best. I would like to thank the whole school community for making this such a great year for our children.

Finally, we would all like to say goodbye to the children of year 6 and wish them all the best in the next stage of their education at secondary school. We know you will all be great in your new schools and we hope you will come back and visit us in the future!

I wish you all a very happy summer holiday. If you are looking for activities over the summer, there is some further information in this newsletter. Please also encourage your children to relax and enjoy a few good books during the holiday.

We are looking forward to seeing you back at school, refreshed and ready, on **Tuesday 3rd September 2024.**

With very best wishes,

Mr Wilson

CPC Trip

As part of their Transport topic, the CPC children went into central London. It was a beautiful day and they saw landmarks including the London Eye, the Tower of London and St Paul's Cathedral. They used two different train routes as well as a lot of walking!



CPC Garden Party

This half term, CPC were excited to be able to invite parents, carers and staff to their annual garden party. They sold plants, gave garden tours and explained their recent work.



Year 1 Jaffa Cake Trial

On Wednesday 5th June, the Year 1 children took part in a mock courtroom trial. Their task was to create their own argument to support whether a Jaffa Cake is a cake or a biscuit. Each child was placed in either Team Biscuit or Team Cake and they then worked together to think of their arguments...including tasting the Jaffa Cakes! The children then presented their argument clearly to the judge.

Through the activity the children were able to develop the following skills:

- Producing persuasive arguments
- Expressing their views and wishes
- Standing up for their rights
- Confidence
- Teamwork
- Using and developing their oracy skills.

The children also gained knowledge of the legal profession and we hope that taking part has inspired our Year 1 children to be future solicitors, lawyers and judges in the making!



Parents/Carer Coffee Mornings

As the school year ends, we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for your support and involvement with James Cambell's coffee mornings. We have been constantly impressed by the level of engagement and involvement and hope you have all found them informative and welcoming.

Thank you for your ongoing support and Ms Marshall hopes to see you all in September for the next coffee mornings.



Sports Days

Thank you to everyone for their huge efforts with sports day and for all that were able to join us - the children really appreciate your attendance at these events. Also, we would like to thank you for your flexibility with the changing of dates due to weather. Even with the rain trying to ruin our fun, we managed to complete all sports day events! A big congratulations to the classes below for being this year's champions! 🏆

Year 1 – C

Year 2 – C

Year 3 – A

Year 4 – A

Year 5 – B

Year 6 – B



Quadkids Athletics

The year 5 and 6 athletics teams did brilliantly well at the Quadkids tournament – they finished sixth in the borough, which is a huge improvement on last year.



The Global Goals Project

This term, year 4 have been working with schools across the borough and in Nigeria learning about the Global Goals. As part of the project, the children created poetry, music, instruments and art work around the theme of plastic pollution.

We were fortunate to have some exchange students from Nigeria visit James Cambell for a week to experience life in an English School.

As a thank you for all of our hard work, the year 4 children were able to join the exchange children on trips. 4B and 4C attended the Science Museum and 4A participated in the presentation and award event where they spoke about the Global Goal to all the other participating schools.



Guitar

Over the course of the year, year 4 have been learning to play the guitar. They worked incredibly hard every week to build upon the skills they have learnt each week. Your teachers are very proud of you!

They performed a concert to an audience of parents.



Junior Religious Education Conference

James Cambell hosted several schools from around the borough. The theme was 'Speak Up'. The children took part in Philosophy for Children (P4C) activities to engage pupils with thinking about building strong diverse communities through speaking up and kindness. They reflected on what this may look like in everyday life.

In addition, pupils thought about what religions, and worldviews, say about how we should live well in our world. The pupils were able to express their thinking creatively using the arts.

The organiser commented on the excellent behaviour of our children and their in-depth knowledge of RE.



Rights Respecting Culture Day

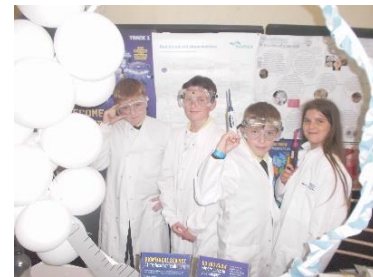
We celebrated Rights Respecting Culture Day on June 14th. All the children dressed up in their traditional clothes and traditions within their culture. We looked at the UN Convention on the Rights of the child and the articles which explain the universal rights all children have. Each class then produced a piece of artwork explaining what one of the rights meant. These beautiful artworks are going to be displayed in the dining room.



Careers Week: Year 6 trip to Queen's Hospital

Our Year 6 students recently enjoyed an inspiring trip to Queens Hospital, for a careers fair. The visit provided an excellent opportunity for the children to explore various healthcare professions, from doctors and nurses to physiotherapists and medical technicians. Through interactive sessions and presentations, the students gained valuable insights into the daily responsibilities and experiences of these professionals.

The trip not only broadened their understanding of potential career paths but also ignited their curiosity and enthusiasm for future possibilities in the healthcare field. It was a truly memorable and educational experience for all involved.



TfL workshop

Our Year 6 students recently participated in an engaging Transport for London (TfL) workshop. This informative session provided valuable insights into safe and responsible travel around the city. Through interactive activities and discussions, students learned about the importance of planning journeys, understanding timetables, and using public transport etiquette.

The workshop also covered essential safety tips, ensuring our students feel confident and prepared when navigating London's transport system. It was a highly educational experience that equipped our Year 6 pupils with practical knowledge for their future travels.



Black and White Ball

Our Year 6 students celebrated their journey at James Cambell with a spectacular Black and White Ball. Dressed in their finest attire, the students enjoyed an evening filled with dancing, delicious food, and memorable moments with friends and teachers. The beautifully decorated venue added an air of elegance to the festivities, making it a night to remember. The event was a wonderful way for the students to mark the end of their primary school years, celebrating their achievements.



Healthy Relationships Programme

This year James Cambell have been working with Tender, which is part of Tender UK and we have been looking at healthy relationships. The whole school have had assemblies and the school team have been trained on domestic violence and online harms. In addition, Lisa Marshall has helped organised some coffee mornings too.

Year 5 have been lucky enough to have participated in some workshops with Ben and Nizari from Tender UK. They produced artwork, poems and plays about healthy relationships. Well done to all that took part!



Beach Trips

Year groups from years 1-6 enjoyed a day out at the seaside, going to Chalkwell Beach.

The weather could have been kinder for some year groups, but the children enjoyed it and we would like to thank all the parents who helped on the trips.



Lilly at Dance World Cup finals

James Cambell has some amazingly talented pupils! Lilly from year 5 represented England in the Dance World Cup finals in Prague.

Here is a link to watch Lilly's performance:

<https://youtu.be/YYNM1bAbk7o>



Barking and Dagenham Geography Bee



James Cambell hosted the first ever Barking and Dagenham Geography Bee on 5th June!

The day brought together 18 different primary schools across the borough with teams of Year 5 Geographers challenging each other.

The James Cambell team was selected after a few weeks of revision and testing. Our team performed excellently and were great hosts, welcoming the children and staff from other schools.

The quiz questions focused around capital cities, flags, seas and oceans and cities in the UK. The winners of the competition were Southwood Primary School.

See if you know the answers to some of the questions children were successfully answering:

- What city is the capital city of South Korea?
- What sea is located between Saudi Arabia and Africa?
- Which country is Armagh situated in?
- Which Caribbean country is situated on the northern coast of South America and shares borders with Brazil, Venezuela, and Suriname?

Statutory Assessment Results

Congratulations to the children of James Cambell on their amazing progress across the whole school from Reception to year 6.

The table below shows the results and a comparison with the national average. This shows that the children here beat the national average in almost every area!

Assessment	School Result	National Average
Reception Good Level of Development	78%	67%
Year 1 Phonics	95%	79%
Year 4 Times Tables Check Average Score (out of 25)	22.5	20.2
Year 6 Reading	74%	74%
Year 6 Writing	82%	72%
Year 6 Maths	82%	73%
Year 6 EGPS	77%	72%
Year 6 Science	86%	81%
Year 6 Combined	68%	61%

Note: the national averages for year 6 are for this year; for other year groups they are for 2023 as this year's is not yet available.

Summer Holiday Activities

Click on the links below to see information on summer activities:

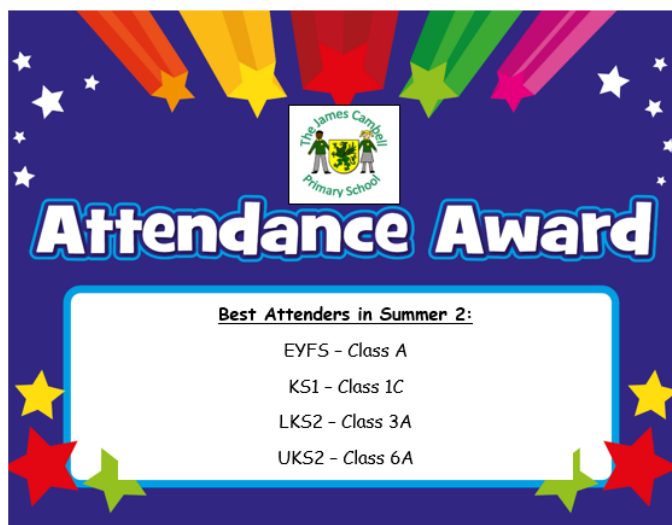
[Summer 2024 HAF programme](#)

[Opportunities for Schools](#)

[School Holiday Camps 2024](#)

And don't forget that London has a range of free museums that you can visit over the holidays.

Attendance



Key dates for next year

2nd September	Staff Inset Day (non-pupil day)
3rd September	First day of term for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6
4th-6th September	Reception start (half days)
3rd-13th September	Nursery home visits
9th September	Reception start full time
16th September	Nursery start (short sessions)
23rd September	Nursery start full time

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

SEPTEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2024
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Term dates

Tuesday 3 September 2024	Start of School Year
Monday 28 October – Monday 4 November 2024	Half Term
Friday 20 December 2024	Last Day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 7 January 2025	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2025	Half Term
Friday 4 April 2025	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 7 April to Good Friday 18 April 2025	Easter Break
Easter Monday 21 April 2025	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 April 2025	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 5 May 2025	May Day Holiday
Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May 2025	Half Term
Friday 18 July 2025	Last day of the school year

Nursery dates:

Thursday 19 December - Nursery's last day of Autumn Term
Friday 20 December - Nursery closed

Thursday 3 April - Nursery's last day of spring Term
Friday 4 April - Nursery closed

Thursday 17 July - Nursery's last day of Summer Term
Friday 18 July - Nursery closed