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Polite notice to all parents and carers

Please be mindful not to block the entrances to school, emergency access is required at all times. This includes weekends.

E-Safety at James Bateman

Tuesday 5th February was the international global e-safety awareness day. As part of our e-safety focus in school, a competition was held for pupils to create a short poem, rhyme or song to be used on the school's social media pages to encourage everyone to be safe when using the internet. The winner of the competition was Mia Hill in year 7 with her excellent poem. The two runners up were Lucinda Jones and Sienna Roberts in year 5.

Pssst, I have a special secret when I'm online.
I do not and I will not share with others the things that are mine...
My e-mail, my home address, my phone number and user names,
They are just for me to know on websites and in games.
Instead I use a nonsense name as my net identity.
When people ask me who I am, I say "I'm cyber me!"
I want to browse the internet for places that are cool.
I get help from my family and my teachers at school.
Together we can make a better internet by remembering these simple rules.
Thank you and stay safe!
Mia Hill



- Mrs L Hibbert

Important Dates for Your Diary

Parents Evening-
15:45 -18:00 12th February

Young Voices@ MEN -
14th February

Non-Uniform in aid of Year 8 prom -
15th February

Half Term -
18th February - 22nd February

Inset day -
25th February
Pupils not in school

Year 7/8 Netball @ JBJH -
27th February

Year 7/8 Netball @ Endon -
6th March

Year 7A/8A Moorland Tournament
@ Cheadle -
14th March

Mock SATS week -
18th March - 22nd March

Staffordshire County Cross Country Championships

On Saturday 2nd February, on an extremely cold and icy morning, seven of our students travelled to Rodbaston, near Penkridge, to race in the Staffordshire Cross Country Championships.

Katie Ward (Y8), Emily May (Y8), Jamie Steele (Y7), Lewis Townsend (Y7), Lyall Stanway (Y7), Charlotte Lunt (Y6), Keira Hill (Y6) represented us in the Moorlands Area and ran brilliantly. They all upped their running speed and determinedly finished the course. As a result, our Moorlands teams won both the Year 6/7 and the Year 8/9 competitions for both boys and girls races.

An exceptional "well done" should go to Charlotte Lunt who came 8th position and was awarded a medal for this position.
We are very proud of you all.

- Mrs Holford

Job Vacancy

Catering Assistant
10 hours per week
Fixed Term position

Please contact the school for any further information

Job Vacancy

Cleaner
10 1/2 hours per week
Permanent position

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School Terms Holiday Dates 2019

Spring Term 2019:

Half Term Holiday: 18th February - 22nd February

Inset Day - Monday 25th February

Easter Holiday: 15th April - 26th April

Easter Sunday: 21 April

Summer Term 2019:

Pupils & Staff return - Monday 29th April

May Day: Monday 6th May

Half Term Holiday: 27th May - 31st May

Staff & Pupils return - Tuesday 4th June

Inset day - 22nd

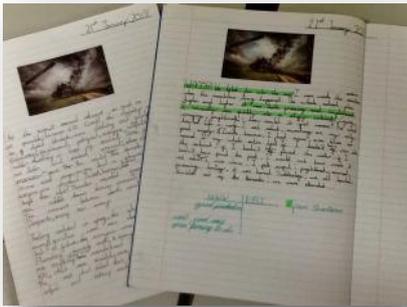
Summer Holiday: 23rd July - 30th August

Extreme Earth Launch Day

On Monday 21st January, Year 6 started their new topic;
Extreme Earth!

They started the topic with a free write, detailing their encounters with natural disasters. This was followed by a taste test of their new food source; insects! The day finished by the pupils creating SOS signals in hope that someone will come and rescue them!

Below is a few photos from the day!



- Miss F Cox

James Bateman Middle School

As of the 1st April 2019, we will be part of the
Creative Learning Partnership Trust.

This is a multi-academy trust comprising of 5 schools plus a teaching school. All of the information was shared during the consultation process last year. We are very excited about becoming part of this successful trust. Further information can be found at <http://www.creativelrng.com/>

- Mrs T Price

Stick or Twist

Reading is part of who we are here at James Bateman. Reading opens so many doors, both academically and emotionally. We love celebrating the children's reading successes here in school. This year, each student has received a personalised reading target from their teacher. If your child is in year 6, 7 or 8, then this target has been based on their Accelerated Reading achievements from last year. For example, it may be to read 850,000 words. At the start of February, every student in school received a special Stick or Twist envelope from their class teacher. You can see videos of the grand reveals on our school's Facebook page. These envelopes detailed whether or not we have decided to keep their target as it is, to stick, or to twist, and provide them with an easier, more attainable target, or in some instances, an even more challenging one!

If the students meet their target by Thursday 18th July, then they'll be invited to our Bateman's Battle of the Bands event here in school. The exciting event, which this year is organised by our friends at Timeless Occasions and JML studios, will see bands and artists taking over the school gym and hall to deliver a great afternoon of live music. If the students wish to, then they can bring some money into school to purchase something from one of the vendors who will be joining us on the day. The vendors currently include: an ice cream van, a cake stall, a hot-food van, a sweet stall, a glitter artist, a balloon artist and a face painter. We also have three amazing inflatables booked for the event too. All millionaires will receive a free treat on the day.

If the children do not reach their target, then it will be lessons as normal down in the lower half of the school. However, all teachers have tried to be as kind and as realistic as possible when awarding the Stick or Twist-updated target. It would be incredible if all of the children could join us on the day. With dedication, commitment and enthusiasm, we certainly believe that this is possible.

Please ask the children about the assemblies I have delivered which explain all the details of this year's reading challenge in greater detail. The students should have kept their envelopes in planners to share with you, but they have also written updated targets into planners.

I will be on maternity leave from March, but I know that our colleagues at Timeless Occasions and JML studios will provide a wonderful day to remember for the children.

Thank you for your support.
Mrs Hawthorne