



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents

This week has, yet again, flown by! This week we have had so many fantastic learning opportunities happening in school with children continually producing work to an exceptionally high standard. We really have seen every single year group demonstrate our motto of 'Striving to be the best what you can be' and can clearly see that children are having increasing aspirations over what they can achieve. Yesterday, we were thrilled to have hosted the Department for Education Phonics Roadshow which was attended by 34 schools from around our region. It was a busy day, but the children in Reception and Year 1 made us feel exceptionally proud of the way they continued with their learning even with visitors in their classrooms. They really did demonstrate fantastic learning attitudes and shone with confidence.



Dates for your diary

Please do make yourself aware of all of the dates coming up as we approach the Christmas period. The letters for the Key Stage 1 and Reception Nativity performances have been sent out this week. Please make sure that the reply slips for these are sent back ASAP so that tickets can be sent out.

Parents' evenings & Progress Checks

Thank you for attending the parents' meetings with teachers last week. We were thrilled to have received 100% positive feedback during the two evenings and would like to again thank you for your support. Next Friday years 1 to 6 will all receive a check which demonstrates your child's achievements and what they are now working on throughout the year. These are ongoing checks which the Teachers use in class.

Year 5 London Trip

Following on from the huge success of our London visit last year we have booked to take our Year 5 children to London later this year. There is a Parents' meeting to find out more information about this visit on **Monday 9th December at 6pm**.

Kind regards,

Mrs Swinburne

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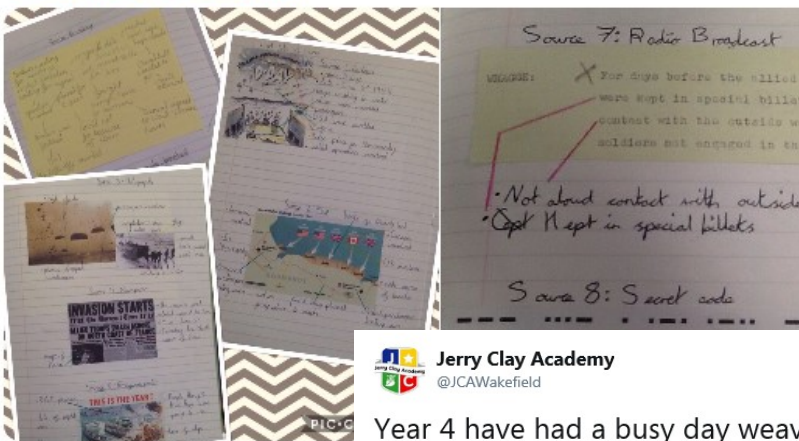


Highlights of the Week from Twitter



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Analysing different information sources in Year 5 to learn more about D-Day and the importance of secrecy [#PrimaryHistory](#)
[#JCACurriculum](#)



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Our House Captains delivered brilliant 'caring' assemblies today. They focused on our learner trait of the month, with our ongoing focus of anti-bullying [#HouseSystem](#) [#JuniorLeadership](#)



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Year 4 have had a busy day weaving Anglo Saxon stars as well as beginning to explore images of dragons in art linked to the Beowulf hero story. [#JCACurriculum](#)



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A fantastic outcome from the [#childledlearning](#) in Reception. [#JCAArt](#) [#eyfs](#)

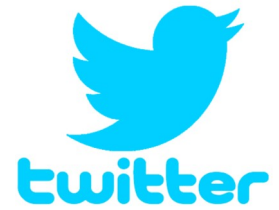
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Our children love reading to Timmy! Our Year 1 children are reading to Timmy every morning [#LoveReading](#) [#everychildareader](#)

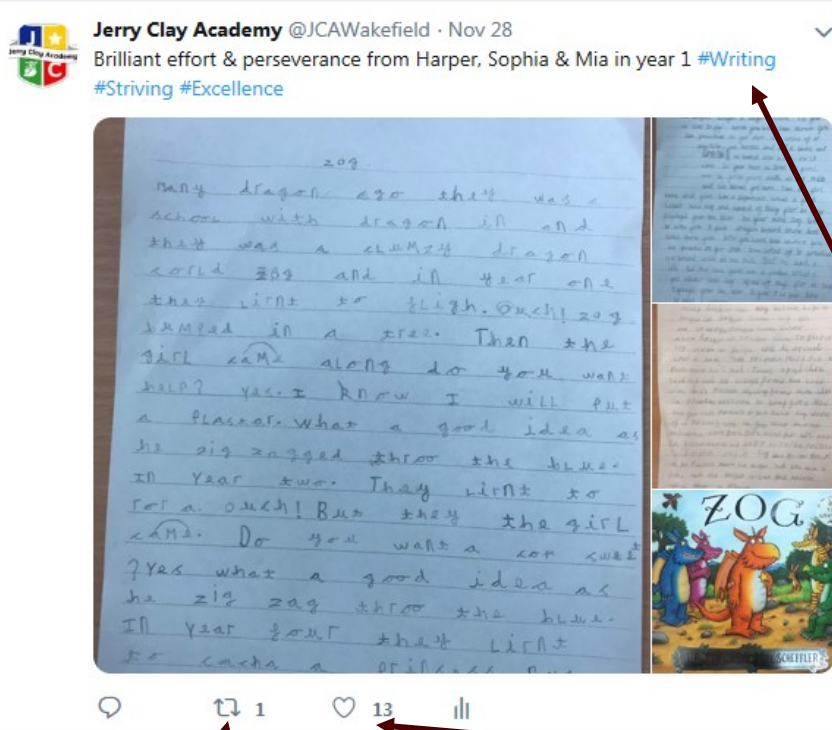




Are you following us on Twitter?



Twitter is our constant online newsletter. Everyday we update it with pictures, videos and information about what our children have been learning and different things we, as a school, are excited about! It is FREE to join and is available on all phones, tablets and computers. We already have many parents who 'follow us' on Twitter but we really would like you all to see everything that we do. We have created this handy hints guide to help you understand Twitter, and, as you will see, it is very easy navigate!




Follow us today!
Our username is
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Hashtags work as a way of linking all similar linked work together. We have a range of JCA specific hashtags e.g. #JCAArts or #JCAMaths. By clicking on these blue hashtags, you can see all of our work on a specific subject.

Sometimes you might want your own followers to see the fantastic work we are doing at JCA or pictures that your child is tagged in. By pressing this icon you 'retweet' our post and this will then appear on your own twitter feed. It is a fantastic way to show off the amazing work we are doing!

We love getting 'likes' on our Twitter page. Our children do too and regularly ask how many likes we have got on a particular post. To like our posts you just simply press the  and we will be notified.

Because you have liked it, it will turn red! 



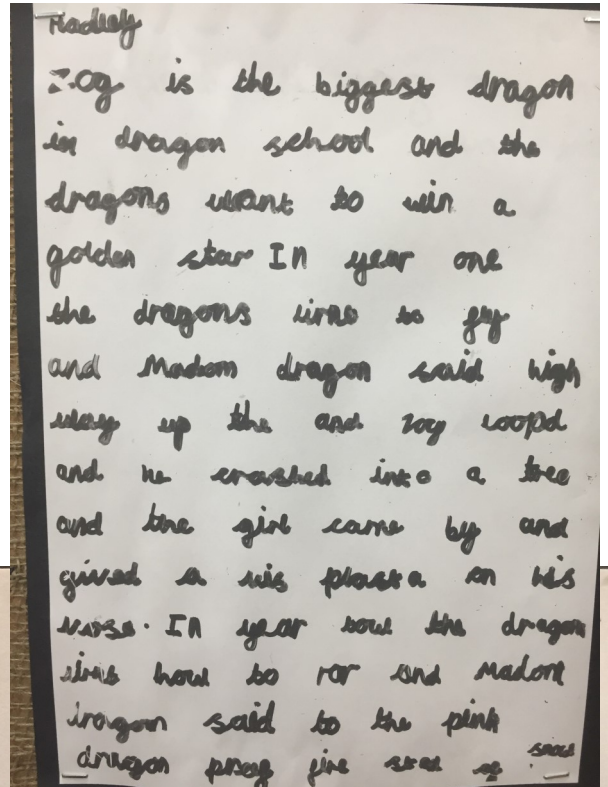
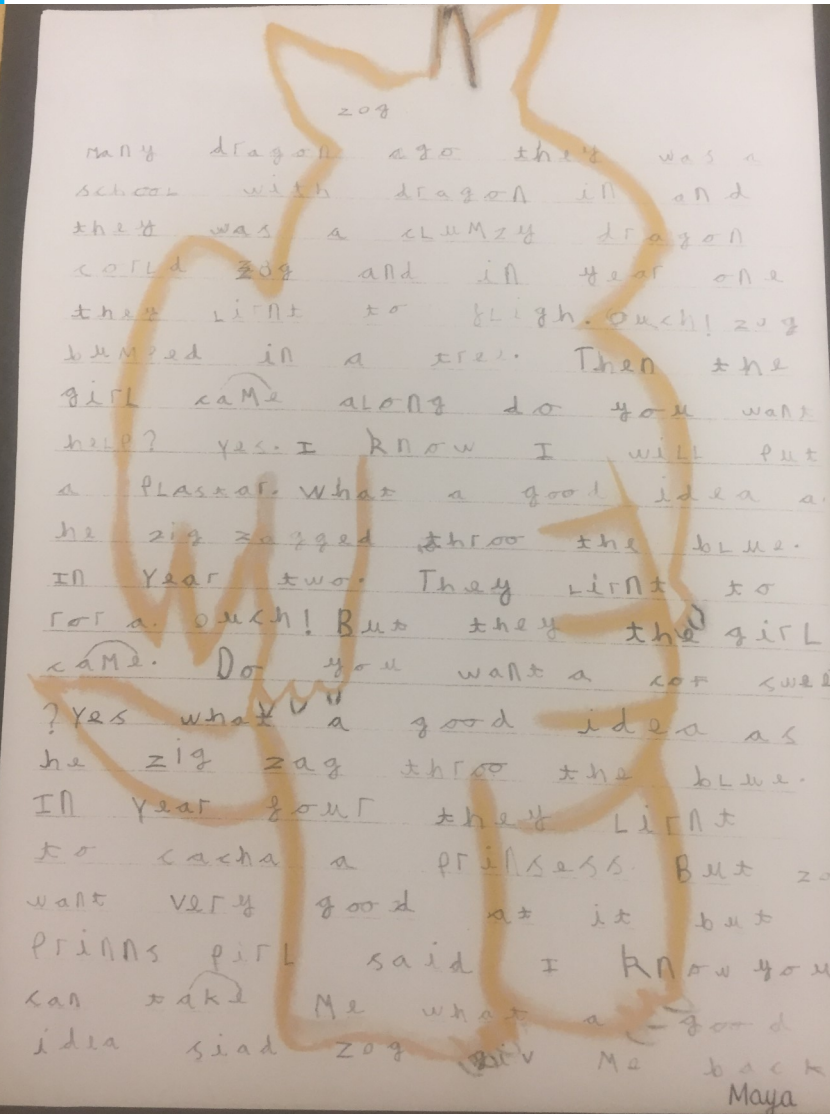
DfE Phonics Roadshow

It was an absolute pleasure to host the DfE Phonics Roadshow this week enabling us to demonstrate and show the fantastic phonics reading and learning we have in our school. On the day, there were 34 schools from across Wakefield, Leeds, Barnsley and Doncaster visiting phonic lessons in Reception and Year 1 enabling them to reflect on the quality teaching and learning taking place in our school every day. Our children did every single one of us, and every single one of your proud during this morning. Their learning attitudes, confidence and behaviour were exemplary throughout. We were so proud of them, and we know you will be proud of them too!



High Quality Writing

We have been, yet again, thrilled to see the achievements of some of our youngest children in school this week when focussing on their writing and sustained learning outcomes. The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have produced work of an exceptional high standard, proving that there really are no barriers to learning. We are sure you will agree that the quality of these pieces below is exceptional demonstrating their understanding of different sentence types and writing for a real-life purpose.



Dear Mum,
 school Do you know what is going on at school right now! I would like after school on Thursday 13th December and it is at half past three I feel that you should too come so you can see all of our brilliant work. I feel strongly that we can raise money to get food for the pig pony and water to eat and a drink for them. It is important to adopt them so they have a happy life now they have stopped working down the mine Help us please! Love from Florence



Sports news

Girls Indoor Athletics



Well done to our KS2 Girls Indoor Athletics team who competed in a competition at Middleton Leisure Centre on Thursday 22nd November 2018. The same as the boys the week before, we competed in a number of events including speed bounce, javelin, vertical jump and a range of relay races. We finished 3rd on the day which meant that after the scores were combined with the boys, Jerry Clay finished 3rd overall.

Well done to:

Evie

Harriet

Yumna

Salina

Bethany

Tegan

Lucy

Jessica

Freya

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have worked extremely hard over the last 2 weeks and have shown amazing progress. In Literacy, we have completed our retells of 'Zog' and published them for you all to see during library time yesterday. They were beautifully presented and everyone used outstanding vocabulary and punctuation.



In Maths, we have continued to use part-whole models and Numicon to add two numbers up to 20. We have now started using number lines to help us add accurately and speedily.



In Topic, we are continuing to focus on London and the Queen. We have continued to explore and investigate famous London landmarks and why they are important. In Art, we have been studying the artist 'Yoni Alter'. We have been looking at his sky line art piece of London and using pastels to sketch the outlines of famous buildings and blend to create colour mixing.

You may have also found our Nativity script in reading folder for our performance of 'This is Bethlehem! We have loved practising it this week! Please continue to strive to practise your line at home!

Year 2

Year 2 have been working so hard recently and it has shown in the progress they have made!

We have been working hard in preparation for our mining gallery and have been making sculptures to display. As well as this, we have published letters to our parents and have



completed the final draft of our Chilean miner diary entries.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about money and we have been able to make different totals using a variety of coins. We have really been working on our reasoning skills and have used speaking frames to solve money problems.

Key Dates

Y2 Mining Gallery— Thursday 13th December, after school, and will cost 50p to attend.

The money raised from this gallery will help us in sponsoring a Pit Pony.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great couple of weeks, we have been completing lots of research surrounding the Titanic to understand the time era this was in and the events of the disaster. Children have been very inquisitive when asking questions all about the Titanic and have been happy to share all their findings with the rest of the class.



In Maths, we have finished our topic surrounding addition and subtraction and applying the skills used to a range of multi-step problems and missing number sentences.

In literacy, we have just finished writing our diary entries about the day we boarded the Titanic, the children have really considered how the passengers would have felt the day they boarded the Titanic and applied this to explain what they saw and did on that day. Finally, in PE, we have been looking at gymnastics, and thinking about the shapes used to complete sequences in small groups or partners.



Year 4

On our trip to Wakefield Museum, we found out about the trades that families in an Anglo Saxon village would have had. Each one was essential to life in the village and we role-played trading, negotiating and supporting each other. It was a fascinating day. We loved our walk into town despite the rain. Since then we have started exploring Anglo Saxon crafts and art work based on the monsters in the story of Beowulf. In Literacy, we have learned



about different sentence types simple, compound and complex and used them to write a diary entry as if we were there when Beowulf took on the terrible monster Grendel.

In Science, we have been learning about the human digestive system and about different animal diets (carnivore, herbivore and omnivore), researching on the National Geographic website.

During Maths lessons we have been learning to convert between kilometres and metres and to calculate the perimeter of shapes of rectangles and other shapes made up of rectangles by counting the distance around the edge of the shape. There has been some excellent investigative work on this by many of the children.

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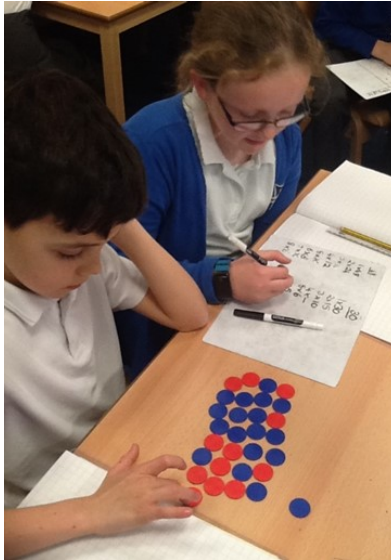
Year 4 Anglo Saxons Workshop 10th December 2018



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 have been working really hard and so enthusiastically during Topic. We have investigated why there was a great divide in Germany, as well as the major event of D-Day using different historical sources of information. Now we have an understanding of the final events and result of WWII, we cannot wait to celebrate VE Day with our families on **Monday afternoon at the Village Hall!**



In Computing we have used the Morse Code to communicate messages, as they would in WWI and WWII. Lucy used the torch to successfully communicate her morse code message to us all! The children have really enjoyed using Morse code to communicate. Next we will be looking at Ciphers and how they work. In Maths we are investigating multiples and factors, where we have had to apply our times table knowledge.

During PE, we have perfected our Jive dances – the children have astounded us with their dedication and team-work to introduce their own steps and pick up the pace!

Key Dates:

VE Day celebration at the Village Hall - Monday 3rd December at 2:00pm.

London meeting for Parents – Monday 10th December at 6pm.

Year 5 and 6 History Workshop - Tuesday 11th December 9:15am

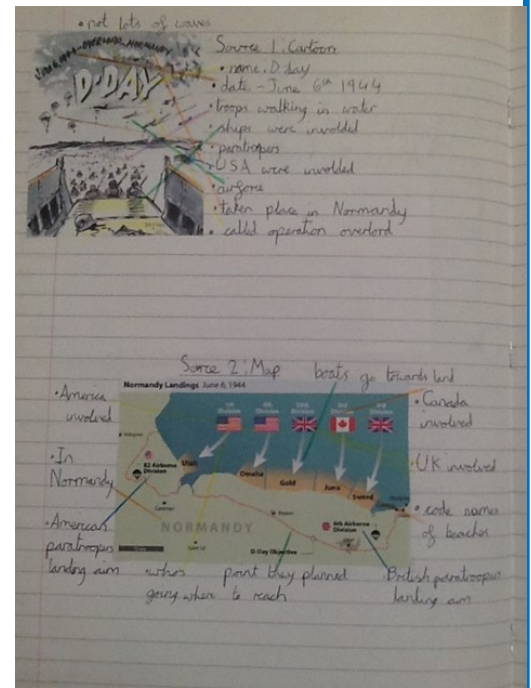
Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard to understand how to use fractions, decimals, percentages and how they all link. We've also been working incredibly hard to increase our stamina and fluency in Arithmetic. In Literacy, we have been exploring the features of a newspaper article, ready to write our own.

In Science we have been learning about safety with electricity and the influence of increased power in a circuit. During PE lessons, we have been developing our teamwork learner trait by creating a gymnastics routine, performing and critiquing this collaboratively. We have also enjoyed continuing our learning in Music and picked the music for assembly this week!

Key Dates:

Year 5 and 6 History Workshop - Tuesday 11th December 9:15am





Special mentions of the week



Special mentions of the week were awarded to pupils whom teachers felt have really stood out during the week for demonstrating excellent learner traits, fantastic attitudes to their learning and consistently being the 'best that they can be' every day. Well done!

Week beginning: 26th November 2018

Reception - Lois Washington

Year 1- Evie Brown

Year 2- Thomas Cooney

Year 3- Benji Hangula



Year 4- Ruby Bentley

Year 5- Rayan Shahzad

Year 6- Evie Fawcett

Attendance winners

As you know as a school we are really focusing on excellent attendance. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**.

Class	Last week	Year to date
Reception	94.33%	96.79%
Year 1	98.33%	98.00%
Year 2	97.00%	97.36%
Year 3	97.33%	96.29%
Year 4	96.33%	98.42%
Year 5	99.33% 	98.44%
Year 6	96.67%	98.74% 

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.4%

ACTUAL – 97.72% Keep it up, well done!

Dates for your diary

London Residential Meeting for Year 5 Parents—Monday 9th December at 6pm

09/06/19 & 11/07/19 – 6pm-Creative Arts evenings

w/c 15/7/19 – Celebration week— assemblies from 9.15am

Parents Evenings

26/3/19 and 28/3/19 – Parents' evenings

Reports

7/12/18- Progress check to Parents

22/3/19 – Interim reports to Parents

12/7/19 – End of year reports to Parents

Sports Day

21/6/19

28/6/19 - Reserve date in case of bad weather

Summer Fair

29/7/19 (TBC)

Theme Weeks

w/c 26/03/19- Jerry Fest 2019

Jerry Fest- 05/04/19 – Outdoor Festival

w/c 20/05/19- Creative Arts week

Performances

7/12/18 – from 9.15am—Reception Activity Morning

12/12/18 and 13/12/18 – 9.30am— Reception nativity performance

17/12/18 –3.30pm- Christmas carols around the tree for our whole school community

18/12/18 (pm) and 20/12/18 (am) – Year 1 and 2 performance

19/06/19—6pm- Art gallery evening