



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents

Can you believe we are almost half way through December with only one week of this term left? It really has been a very busy term and we have had a very busy & exciting fortnight over the last two weeks. Last week, our Year 5 class hosted their very own VE-Day Celebration in Wrenthorpe Village Hall and performed their dances, played Beetle drive and made refreshments for the event. This week, we have had Y4 Anglo Saxons workshop, a Year 5&6 History Workshop and a fantastic Mining gallery led by Year 2. This really was a superb event that was completely organised by the children in Year 2 who even decided on where things should go and how it should be laid out.

## Christmas Parties and Events

Our Christmas activity afternoons will be held next week in school. Please can we ask for donations of biscuits, crisps and cakes for these afternoons. **Please remember that these must be nut free.**

Reception—Wednesday 19th December (PM)

Year 1 and Year 2—Thursday 20th December (PM)

*Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to bring a change of clothing for the party on these days. Years 3—6 —Wednesday 19th December (PM). These classes will be having fun activity afternoons in their classrooms.*

## Nativity Productions

The staff and children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been working very hard over the last few weeks to perfect their performances. We were thrilled by the Reception class performances this week and are looking forward to seeing the Year 1 and Year 2 performances on Tuesday and Thursday next week.

## Christmas Jumper Day

We are inviting all children to wear their favourite Christmas Jumper on [Friday 21st December](#), our final day of the term. Children must wear the rest of their uniform with their jumper.

## Primary School Performance Tables

The latest performance tables for Primary Schools in England were released yesterday and we were thrilled to be placed as the top performing school in Wakefield with all of our progress scores rated as 'well above average' for Reading, Writing and Maths. This places us in the top 10% of all schools in England.

You are welcome to see the tables for yourself by following the link below:

[https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=384&la-name=Wakefield&geographic=la&for=primary&orderby=ks2.0.PTRWM\\_EXP&orderdir=asc&datatype=percent&sortpolicy=inversepolicy](https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=384&la-name=Wakefield&geographic=la&for=primary&orderby=ks2.0.PTRWM_EXP&orderdir=asc&datatype=percent&sortpolicy=inversepolicy)

Kind regards,

Mrs Swinburne

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# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 15h**

Year 3 have had a fantastic Outdoor Learning afternoon where they have measured the size of the Titanic, considered how they would feel being a passenger and designed their own lifeboats #JCACurriculum #JCAOutdoorlearning #Titanic



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Dec 11**

Reading in the Year 5 quiet corner is such a treat: the groups change every day so that everyone has a turn each week! #JCAReading #ReadingRocks #TuesdayThoughts



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Dec 10**

Thank you @Primary\_Ent for giving our JCA Year 4 & 5 finalists such a fantastic day. As Ruby put it, "Today was the best day ever & one I'll never forget!". This is what it's all about! #Memories #Enterprise #FinalsDay2018



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Dec 11**

Our Reception children and parents had a fantastic time at the Christmas Activity Morning on Friday - it was great to see the #teamwork on show! #JCAChristmas



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Dec 3**

Our Year 5 children loved preparing for their VE celebrations today. What a fantastic way to celebrate their learning over their #WorldWar topic at the village hall #History #Community



JERRY CLAY ACADEMY



# *Carols around the Christmas Tree*

*Join us for our annual Carols around the Christmas  
Tree event.*

**MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER  
3.30PM**

Refreshments will be available and sold by the JCA PTA



# Sports News

## U11 Football Tournament



We are so proud of our U11 football team who played in the EFL Community Cup competition at Barnsley FC on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Despite winning three games 1-0 and drawing the other 0-0, we did not qualify for the final on goal difference. We were very proud of the way that the team played and look forward to attending more football tournaments in the future!

Well done to:

**Luka**

**Zachary**

**Harry**

**Nicholas**

**Alfie**

**William**

**Spencer**

**Joe**

**Joshua**

**Noah**

**Freya**



# Enterprise Week

## Year 4 and 5 Enterprise Finals Day



The Year 4 and 5 winners from the Enterprise Day in school during Enterprise Week visited Tankersley Manor on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December for the finals day. Along with 24 other primary schools from across Yorkshire, our team had to pitch their Radio station idea, Rock FM, to five judges. Despite being a little nervous, the smile on their faces when they had done it showed how well they had done!

During the awards ceremony, Jerry Clay Academy won the award for 'Most Enterprising School' which we were obviously very proud of!

Well done to: **Isaac, Charlotte, Grace, Ruby B, Jamie and Dylan.**





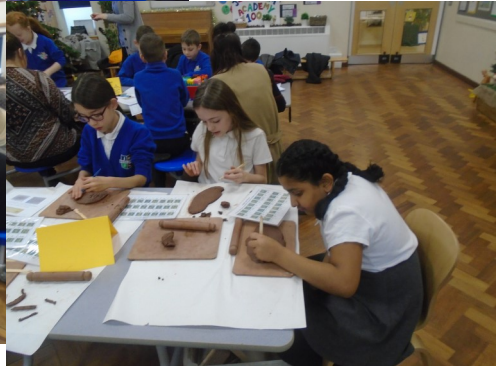
# Workshops and Galleries



**Year 2 Mining Gallery**  
We are very thankful to all of the parents who donated towards our adoption of the pit pony at the National Mining Museum.



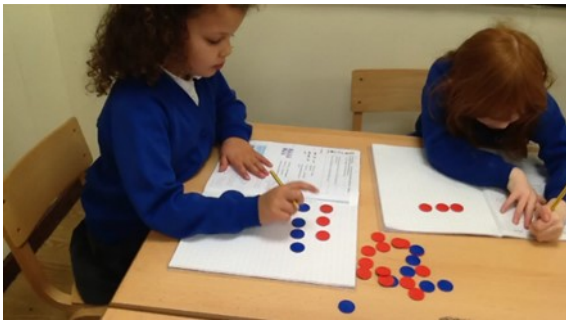
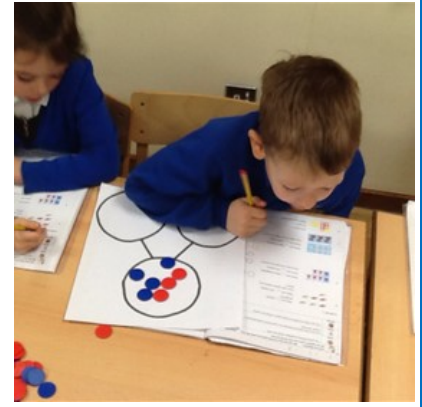
**Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Workshops**  
Thank you to the parents and members of the community that joined us for these three events.



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 1

Over the last two weeks, Year 1 have been extremely busy finishing off our topic 'Dungeons and Dragons'. We have loved learning about The Queen, London, famous landmarks and researching fun facts so that we could ask 'Did you know ...?'.  
In Literacy, we have been using all our amazing facts and information to create a non-fiction fact file about Queen Elizabeth II. To help us, we have been sorting sentences into fact and fiction so that we can identify a fact.  
In Art, we have continued to study 'Yoni Alter' to recreate a whole-class landscape print of London landmarks.



In Maths, we have been applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction with part-whole models to find fact-family number sentences. It was very challenging to apply a lot of skills but we persevered and have mastered using the inverse to find more number sentences.

Also, we have been working extremely hard on our Nativity, 'This Is Bethlehem'. We have been striving to use expression in our speaking parts and during our dress rehearsal; we

looked and sounded incredible in our costumes. We cannot wait for you to see it on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm** and **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 9:30am**.

## Year 2

Another busy two weeks in Year 2 where we have been busy finishing off our topic work ready for the mining gallery that was so well attended on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – we raised over £30 – enough to adopt two pit ponies. As well as finishing any published writing, we completed the mining sculptures and evaluated how we made them as well as the process. Because we raised enough money from donations at the gallery, we are now able to adopt a pit pony and will decide which one to adopt soon!



In Maths, we have continued to learn about money, in particular finding change as well as using our knowledge of the calculation methods to add and subtract different values.



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic few weeks finishing off our topic surrounding the Titanic, where we completed an outdoor learning day where we measured the size of the ship, pretended to be passengers and designed our own life-boats. In music, we also performed the different songs we have been learning throughout the term with instruments



to the rest of the school. In Literacy, we have continued to think about the Titanic where we have been taking on the role of a news reporter to interview surviving passengers before writing a newspaper report on the disaster of the Titanic. Finally, in Maths, we have largely focused on multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4 to deepen our knowledge when applying these calculations to a range of problems.



## Year 4

Year 4 are nearing the end of a their topic 'A Hero's Journey' in which we have been finding out about the oldest hero myths from the times of the Ancient Greeks and the Anglo Saxons. It was great to explore the lives of the people who created these stories in the parents workshop on Monday. We also thought about how historians have found out about the past using artefacts dug up by archaeologists. The children created their own Ancient Greek vases telling a hero story and decorated an Anglo Saxon helmet like one unearthed from a burial site. Thank you to all those who could make it. In Literacy, we have finished our diary entries based on Beowulf in which we were a slave who woke the Deadly Death Dragon of the Deep from its slumbers on top of an ancient treasure hoard deep inside a mountain.



The children have really moved on their writing using powerful vocabulary as well as a range of sentence types and openers.

In Science, we have been learning about teeth, finding out about types of teeth and their function in eating food by modelling a set of teeth from plasticine. We have now set up an investigation to discover the effect of different liquids on our teeth using eggs. In Maths, we have been learning to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 by moving the digits to the left or right on a

place value chart. Finally, we are having a big push on times tables before Christmas and have been exploring multiplication and division facts using arrays, number stories and linking facts to larger calculations e.g.  $40 \times 6 = 240$ .





# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 5

Year 5 celebrated the end of our topic at a wonderful 'end of WWII' party at the village hall last Monday. The children baked and made sandwiches in the morning, prepared all of the decorations by hand and then the afternoon was full of dancing, eating and games! We were also very lucky to host a workshop with parents this week. Thank you to everyone that supported these events.

In Literacy, following on from our VE day celebrations, we are writing an informal diary entry about events of the day.



During topic we have been reading 'My Secret War diary' which forms the stimulus for our writing.

In Maths, we have completed our learning on mental multiplication and division and are now moving onto area and perimeter.

Our computing this week has looked at Cipher codes, we are fascinated by our cryptography computing unit and will be continuing this after Christmas.

## Year 6

Year 6 have written their own newspaper articles about the recent discoveries of unknown mummies and mummified scarab beetles in Egypt. We have continued our learning about fractions, decimals and percentages.

During Wise Time, we recorded our stories of when we have been stuck in 'the learning pit', how we climbed out and discussed how

we will continue to improve in learning. We are trying to apply that to everything we do! We have also been

learning about trade, how this works and why countries choose or need to trade resources. In Art, we have been quilling, and will be creating our own collage calendars.

### **Key Dates:**

**Christmas activity afternoon Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Booster sessions starting January – see letters for dates**





# 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: 14th December**

**Reception - Muhammad Zahoor**

**Year 1- Emily Shaw**

**Year 2- Gabby Groves**

**Year 3- Isaiah Agaba**

**Year 4- Luca Hancock**

**Year 5- Owen Horner**

**Year 6- Sammy Allen**

## 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	98%	97.07%
Year 1	99.33%	98.10%
Year 2	98%	97.13%
Year 3	95%	96.25%
Year 4	100% ★	98.55%
Year 5	98.67%	98.35%
Year 6	100% ★	98.58% ★

<b>97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET</b>
<b>BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN &amp; LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS</b>
<b>90% &amp; BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN</b>

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.4%</b>
<b>ACTUAL – 97.72% Keep it up, well done!</b>

# Dates for your diary

## **Parents Evenings**

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

## **Reports**

22/3/19 – Interim reports to Parents

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

## **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**

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

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

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

## **Sports Day**

21/6/19

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

## **Summer Fair**

29/6/19

## **Residential Trips**

10th-14th June - Year 6 Edale Residential

20th-21st March - Year 5 trip to London