

Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents

What a great half term! So much has been achieved across our academy and I continue to feel extremely proud of our whole community. What we are achieving for our children, together really is quite remarkable! This half term we have launched our English Hub which celebrates the early reading work of Jerry Clay Academy but most importantly has a fantastic reach to schools across our region, ensuring that more children get through the 'reading gateway' as soon as possible.

Our aims next half term are to continue to really drive our curriculum, deepen learning in all subject areas and work towards our exciting 'Jerry Fest'. This is a first for Jerry Clay Academy and something we are really looking forward to! Jerry Fest will be held on Friday 5th April at 2.30pm. Our children will be performing on an outdoor stage, there will be food and a thrift fair, as well as singing around the campfire! An experience that we don't want anyone to miss!

Please also be reminded that we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Your child is welcome to dress up as their favourite book character and we will be having our epic book parade at 9.10am on that day, which you are all very welcome to attend.

Have a fabulous holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne

Executive Headteacher

Message from our Co-Heads of School

Educational Visits

What a busy week it has been with visits right across the school! Year 4 visited Shanks Recycling, Year 3 went to the Glynn Care Home and Year 2 attended a workshop at Wakefield Cathedral. It is fantastic to see real-life learning happen across the school—trips really allow our children to gather a more in-depth understanding of their curriculum. It allows learning to be purposeful which is something that we really value.

In addition to this, Year 1 had their Outdoor Learning Day with Eden's Forest which again provided real-life learning opportunities. Every child across school will have this opportunity across the next few weeks—your child's class teacher will tell you when this is. Of course our children also learn outside every week too!

RWI Coffee Morning

On the first Wednesday back (27th February) we will be holding our Parents RWI Coffee Morning. This will give parents of our Reception and Year 1 children a valuable opportunity to watch Read Write Inc. sessions in action as well as learning key strategies to move learning forward. The coffee morning starts at 9:15am.

We hope you all have a great half term holiday thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Brook & Mr Palin



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 21h
Year 3 had a lovely time visiting the Glynn today, the elderly thoroughly enjoyed the stories and songs they heard from the children #community #Caring

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 12
Reception are having a wonderful time developing narratives in our puppet theatre, writing scripts and creating props and stick puppet characters. The children also created a shadow puppet theatre #JCAEnvironment #JCACurriculum #EYFS #literacy @OliverJefferes

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 22h
Well done to our Times Table Rockstars top scorers of the week! #strivingtobethebest #timetablerockstars

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 13
"It's nearly Spring time, the flowers are beautiful, I'm going to draw the purple and yellow flowers" Reception class are busy observing, drawing and painting the flowers in our outdoor area #JCAOutdoorlearning #EYFS #JCAArts

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 12
Yr 1 have had an amazing outdoor learning day with @Edens_Forest! Throughout the day we have extended our knowledge of the Arctic and Antarctic, worked brilliantly as a team and most importantly made memories to last forever! #JCACurriculum #JCAOutdoorLearning #MakingMemories

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 12
Year 4 had a brilliant day at the Renew Education centre at Shanks Recycling, learning about how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Thank you. We learned a lot. #JCACurriculum, #Sustainability

“Books are our Treasure”

Introducing our new Reading Library



You will see from our Twitter page, and we are sure that our children will have told you, all about the exciting new reading library we have developed in school. All children from Year 2-6 will now read 'age appropriate' books, and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 now have six different key texts that they will read each half term. In order to further foster a love of reading, there are a large range of books ranging from classic stories such as Peter Pan, to contemporary non-fiction books about deadly animals. We will continually be updating these areas so that our children are encouraged to read.

Please can we remind you to look after these reading books at home so that they remain in pristine condition. Thank you for your support with this.





KS2 Cross Country



Well done to our KS2 Cross country team who competed on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at Criggleston Rugby club. All children showed fantastic perseverance and determination to complete their race, a fantastic effort by all children involved. Many of our children are through to the next round at Temple Newsam on Wednesday 6th March.

Well done to:

Year 3: Scarlett, Amelia, Erin, Matilda, Benji, Isaac,

Year 4: Adam, Oliver

Year 5: Oliver M, Freya, Jessica, Lucy, Tegan

Year 6: Nicholas, Lleyton

Year 5/6 Hockey



Well done to our KS2 hockey team who competed on Thursday 13th February 2019 at Slazengers Hockey club. All children showed fantastic perseverance and determination to play six games against the other school. They scored some fantastic team goals and stopped some tricky opposing goals from being scored. Well done to the team and a fantastic effort by all children involved.

Well done to:

Isaac, Jessica, Joshua, William, Harriet and Max



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have had an extremely busy two weeks! In Literacy, we have been focusing on developing our phenomenal vocabulary. We have been analysing the vocabulary in 'Cuddly Dudley' and learning the definitions so that we can up-level and re-draft our retells with amazing vocabulary, ready for our published write.



In Maths, we have continued to explore place value with numbers up to 50. However, we are now using base ten and a range of Mathematical resources to support us to use inequality symbols so that we can compare amounts and numbers, order numbers and find 1 more and 1 less.



On Tuesday, we took part in our outdoor learning day with Eden's forest to develop our topic learning about the Antarctic. We mapped out the world, located the Northern and Southern Hemisphere, and discussed which parts of the world that penguins lived.



After discovering different types of penguins, we used natural resources to create collage penguins and construct model penguins. We also discussed Global Warming and the effects it was having across the World and used role-play to extend our understanding.

Year 2

In Literacy we have focused on reading non chronological reports and have created our own factual introductions and sub headings. We have started to research different features of African life such as places, buildings, animals and food ready to use in our final reports.



In Maths, we have started to learn about tally charts and pictograms. We have looked at how to create an accurate tally and how our 5 times table knowledge can help us when counting

them. We created a class pictogram where we all chose our favourite African animal and used mathematical sentence openers to write reasoning sentences explaining what the information the pictogram told us.



Finally, we had a fantastic trip to Wakefield Cathedral where we had an amazing tour of the building, learnt all about the signs and symbols belonging to the Christian religion and completed some activities that made us think carefully about who and what we appreciate and why. We asked lots of questions so that we could find out as much information as we could about all the different areas of the Cathedral and why it is important to people.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3



Year 3 have had a fantastic couple of weeks, they have been writing instructions to recipes to prepare for their trip to the Glynn. Here they baked jam and lemon tarts, sausage rolls and butterfly buns to take with them to the Glynn, where we took these up with us, along with books and songs learnt to entertain the elderly. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Glynn and so did the elderly. In Maths, the children have continued to develop their knowledge about money where they have applied their skills of adding and subtracting money to solve one-step and two-step problems linked to money. In topic, the children have continued to consider our local community where they have located different human and physical characteristics that are in



our local community. This was particularly completed when we visited the post office to post our letters to the Glynn.

Year 4

Year 4 had a fascinating day at the Renewi Education at Shanks Recycling Centre on Tuesday. We learned about the problems with rubbish and how the recycling centre sorts and processes household waste ready for recycling. It was a really engaging and informative day. We loved being waste detectives and sorting out different rubbish on the conveyer belt. We also enjoyed our tour of the HWRC as well as making our own wallets from empty juice cartons.



In Science, we have been learning about how animals

are adapted to their habitat and made our own animals adapted to living in the rainforest. Following this, we learned about how the animals in an ecosystem are interdependent and form food chains that always start with a producer which is a plant.



In Maths, we have been calculating area and making shapes with containing different numbers of squares. We have been using powerful vocabulary as well as similes and metaphors to write our own poem with a message in literacy and have begun to explore adventure stories.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 have been generating ideas for fable stories in Literacy, using Rudyard Kipling's Just-So Stories as our stimulus. We enjoyed creating a role play with a moral and performing this to an audience of Reception children on Monday!

In Maths, we have recapped our knowledge of fractions and we will be continuing to develop in widening our understanding of fractions after the half term break.



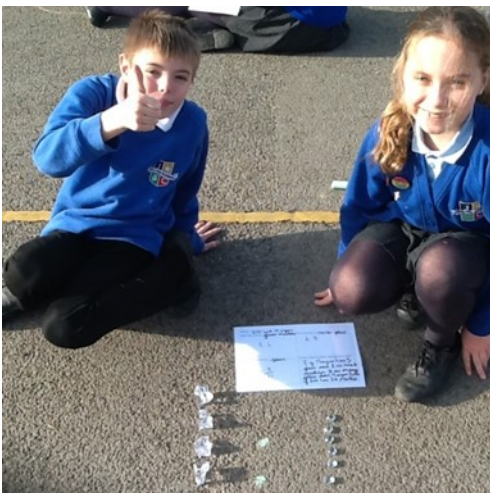
Geography has been our focus in topic – where we have been outlining how mountains are formed through the movement of tectonic plates. During Art, we have experimented with our printmaking techniques using a variety of art media to develop our Mandala designs.

Year 6

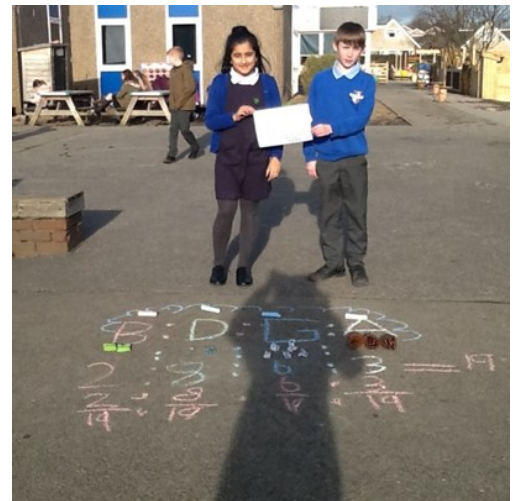
Year 6 have been learning about ratio. We consolidated our learning by creating our own ratio visuals and word problems. We have also been critiquing our fantastic diary entries, using Wonder as our stimulus. One of our favourite quotes from the book so far is, 'When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.'

We have been continuing to learn how to expand our answers and explanations when reading. We have also been doing some practise tests to help us work out what we are gaining confidence in and what areas we need to further develop. We have also spent some time improving

our times tables using Times Table Rockstars and challenging each other in class.



In P.E we have used the dance steps that we have learnt to create our own sequences. There has been some fantastic teamwork from everyone in class! During Art lessons, we have continued to learn about Pablo Picasso's influence on Cubism, creating our own cubist inspired portraits.





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: 4th February 2019 and 11th February 2019

Reception - Jessica and Olivia

Year 1- Beth and Ralph

Year 2- Isabel and Emily

Year 3- Ethan and Lottie

Year 4- Jonah and Adam C

Year 5- Isabel and Finlay

Year 6- Harry and Isla

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	97.33%	96.64%
Year 1	95.33%	97.68%
Year 2	92.58%	96.83%
Year 3	99.67% ★	96.50%
Year 4	99.33%	98.15%
Year 5	99.35%	98.22% ★
Year 6	97.74%	98.14%

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 – 97.45% Keep it up, well done!

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
(2.30pm—5.30pm)

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

Performances

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

Dates for Parents

27/2/19 Support Reading at Home Coffee
Morning (9.15am)

8/3/18 JCA World Book Day (Parade at
9.15am)

13/3/19 Y4 Assembly for Parents (9.15am)

15/3/19 Y3 Exhibition for Parents (3.30pm)

19/3/19 Y1&2 Appreciation Gallery for
Parents (9.15am)

3/4/19 Y5 London Assembly for Parents
(9.15am)

5/4/19 Jerry Fest (3.30pm - 6pm)

Trips

12/2/19 Y4 Trip to Shanks Recycling

14/2/19 Y2 Trip to Wakefield Cathedral

w/c 25/2/19 Y1 Trip to Wakefield Mosque

w/c 4/3/19 Reception Trip to Cannon Hall