



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents

This week has further affirmed that we have such a brilliant and vibrant community. We started the week with an excellent campaign in the village hall by year 3. Year 1 & 2 showcased some of their work on 'appreciation'. We were so overwhelmed by the brilliant turn out. Supporting your child and the academy in this way only makes our community grow stronger. This ensures that education and values are at the heart of what we all do to enable our children to thrive.

This week, our year 5s have been on an exciting and enriching two day trip to London. As part of their visit they watched 'The Lion King' in the west end, stayed on the HMS Belfast, went on the London Eye, had a river cruise, went to tower bridge & took in all the sights of London via coach. Trips & special events would not happen without the support and dedication of our brilliant team. At Jerry Clay Academy I am truly grateful to have such a wonderful community.

*Mrs T Swinburne*

Executive Headteacher



## Message from our Co-Heads of School

### Mother's Day Secret Room

We will be holding our annual Mother's Day Secret Room on Wednesday 27th March. This year the PTA will be wrapping all of the gifts that the children choose. Children are asked to bring a donation of £1.50 as detailed in the JCA PTA Newsletter. **We still need more presents - please send any donations of these to school as soon as possible.**

### In a band? We need you!

Jerry Fest is quickly coming around in our calendars and we are still hunting for a band to play during our festival. We would be really interested in any bands that could help us fulfil our aim of having inspirational musicians play to our children. Please can you speak to Mrs Swinburne, Miss Brook or Mr Palin if you are able to help us with this. As Mrs Swinburne has said before, if we do not get a band to play - the staff will have to play instead! Thank you in advance! We also need donations of books for this event so if you have any unwanted books, please hand them in at the office.

### Rockin R

We have raised an astonishing amount for Rockin R this year! We raised £136.65 at the bake sale and £602.61 at the enterprise fair. In total, that's £739.26 towards a game station. We would like to thank you all for donating and making a difference to children's lives and look forward to raising even more in the future!

### Wrenthorpe Community Defibrillator

Wrenthorpe has recently has a defibrillator installed at Wrenthorpe Methodist Church. This life saving equipment can be used by anybody in the village and the Community Lifesaving Trust will be holding a seminar on how to use this on Saturday 6th April 10am-12pm. Please see the leaflet attached for more information.

Kind regards,  
Miss Brook & Mr Palin



# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Mar 19

Year 3 had a fantastic afternoon yesterday celebrating our community at the Village Hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with local residents, families and friends, as well as campaigning areas which they thought needed improving.



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Mar 19

Year 6 are having a fantastic Outdoor Learning Day! We have discussed things we care for when faced with adversity. We are currently working in teams to create structures to withstand natural disasters, creating fire for survival, journeying across floods and building volcanoes!



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Mar 19

Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic morning celebrating their learning in our appreciation gallery. The children enjoyed sharing their work, reading books and talking about their topics. We were overwhelmed with how many families attended, thank you. #JCAcurriculum #appreciation



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Mar 19

Our JCA choir are sounding fabulous #Music #JCAChoir



185 views



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 22h

Year 2 made mud bricks in their outdoor area today. They discussed what it must be like to actually build a house from mud and problem solved when they ran out of resources! @coolcanvas #JCACurriculum #JCAOutdoorLearning





# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 1

Wow! What a busy two weeks it has been. Thank you to everyone who could attend our Appreciation Assembly. It was a brilliant opportunity to showcase the children's learning journey and their beautiful writing.



In Literacy, we have been writing a retell of 'The Robot and The Bluebird'. As we are becoming confident independent writers, we have now been focussing on developing the quality of our sentences. We have been developing and reflecting on our vocabulary choice and using adverbs to add extra description and detail to our sentences. Our retells are phenomenal and we cannot wait to publish them!

In Maths, we have completed our work on measuring and we are now learning about multiplication and division. We have begun by recapping our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and we are applying this skill to solve times tables.

In Art, we have been using our artist inspiration 'Andrew Davidson' to help us design and create our own robots. We have used black and white card and 2D shapes to collage and layer our robots. We have used our shading and blending techniques to create a 3D effect.

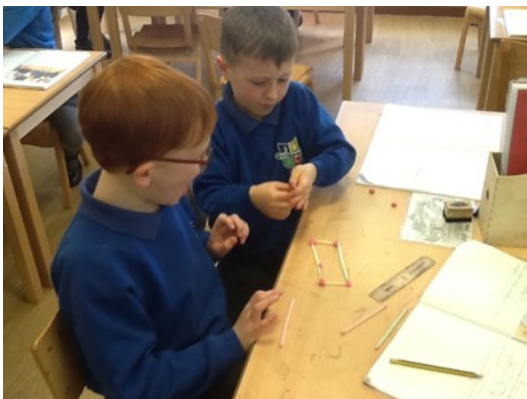
## Year 2

In Literacy we have created our own poems based on the vocabulary we have learnt from 'The Ugly Five'. The children thought really carefully about rhyming words and alliteration in their work. We are now moving onto writing instructions and look forward to creating a tasty African treat next week to help us write our own set of instructions.

In Maths, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and are amazing at using the properties to describe many different shapes. We have also enjoyed practical maths lessons



where we had to follow clues to create 3d shapes out of straws and modelling clay. We are now looking forward to learning about fractions especially  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ .



Finally, we have started to create our African masks using our mood boards as inspiration for the colours and shapes that we have used. We had to use lots of perseverance to cut out all of our templates that we used!

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## Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic few weeks, they have been working really hard in their writing and topic to produce an informative campaign to tell the local community about the areas of improvement we have proposed for Wrenthorpe. The children's confidence and pride shone through when we visited the Village Hall to showcase our ideas where they spoke confidently to all families, friends and local residents to tell them about what we were trying to achieve.



In Maths, the children have been learning all about units of measurement, when we baked for the Village Hall, it gave the children a real sense of purpose as they could use units of measure to weigh out all the ingredients. Finally, in Art, the children have been learning different sewing techniques where they have started to complete their community designs.

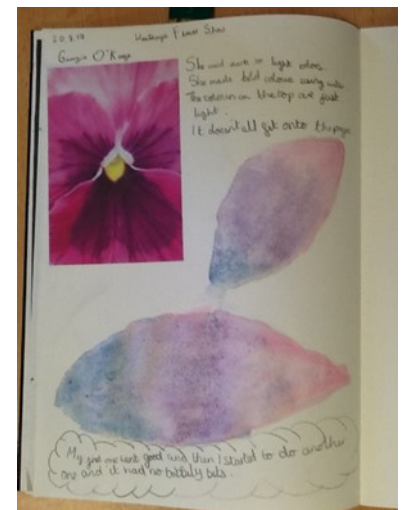
## Year 4



Thank you to everyone who made it to our parent assembly showcasing our learning on our topic so far. We feel like we have learned a lot about the impact humans can have on the natural world, both on the rainforest and in the oceans. In Literacy, we are now researching the problem with plastic and about how to live a sustainable life so that we can produce informative leaflets. We are looking forward to sharing them in our sustainability tent at Jerry Fest.

In Maths, we have been learning to calculate fractions of quantities, such as three eighths of twenty four by dividing by the denominator and multiplying by the numerator. We have now started to understand that decimals are based on tenths and hundredths. In Art, we have been using water colour paints, blending and merging colours to produce paintings of flowers in the style of Georgia O'Keefe for the Wrenthorpe Flower Show.

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## Year 5

Year 5 have just returned from an amazing visit to London! We had such a special time, making memories! Our visit started on Wednesday morning, setting off from school very early on the coach! We stopped for snacks and then arrived in London ready for the afternoon performance of THE LION KING! It was spectacular – we were so impressed by the acting, music, costumes and props! Just mesmerising. We then went to our hotel for the evening – the historical warship HMS Belfast where we had a giant sleepover including pizza and a film!



On Thursday morning, we woke up bright and early ready for a new day of adventure. Starting off with breakfast, we then had some time on the decks of HMS Belfast and learnt more about the history of the ship. After that, we caught the river cruise boat down to THE LONDON EYE! From which, the views were amazing and we enjoyed spotting all the landmarks.



We then caught the cruise back to the Tower of London, however – whilst we were on the cruise - we were extremely lucky as the Tower Bridge was OPENING to let a Dutch war ship pass through. We watched the bridge part and lift – a truly memorable experience, especially viewing from the water. We then arrived at the Tower of London where we ate lunch and explored the tower. Our favourite part was seeing the world-famous crown jewels!



Each of us commented on their iridescence!!

Our final stop was back to the HMS Belfast to collect our bags before getting on to the coach. Via McDonalds, we arrived back to Jerry Clay. What a busy and exciting whirlwind of a time! And excellent behaviour and enquiry skills showed by all the children – we are so proud of you all!





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## Year 6

What a busy couple of weeks Year 6 have had! We thoroughly enjoyed our trip last week to Mirfield Community of Resurrection Monastery where we saw the beautiful grounds and learnt about the lives of monks. In Maths, we have been learning about pie charts and how to interpret the mean with data. We have also continued to strengthen our reasoning skills. During our Outdoor Learning Day we worked collaboratively to build volcanoes, rescue items of importance in a natural disaster, create structures designed to withstand natural disasters and created replica erupting volcanoes.





# 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: 11th March & 18th March**

**Reception - Nadia and Charlotte**

**Year 1- Morgan and Daya**

**Year 2- Joshua and Aadhi**

**Year 3- Henry and Tyler**



**Year 4- Summer and Ruby W**

**Year 5- Oliver C and Hibah**

**Year 6- Alfie and Bethany**

## 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	97.67%	96.89%
Year 1	96.67%	97.90%
Year 2	99.31%	97.68%
Year 3	98.33%	96.58%
Year 4	96.67%	98.13%
Year 5	99.35% 	98.33% 
Year 6	97.10%	98.06%

**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 – 97.65% Keep it up, well done!**

# Dates for your diary

## **Parents Evenings**

26/3/19 and 28/3/19 – Parents' evenings      Year 6 SATs Week—w/c 13th May

## **Reports**

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  
(3.30pm—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**

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

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

## **Trips**

10/6/19—Y6 Residential