



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parents

Wow, the Spring term is complete! What a term with some excellent learning opportunities, trips, workshops, assemblies and a wide variety of extra-curricular provision. Thank you to all of you for attending our recent Parents' evening and thank you for the feedback, which allows us to plan for future events. We were really pleased with all of the feedback that we received. We are pleased to know that you are getting the information that you need to support your child at home.

Today we say a sad goodbye to Mrs. Fitton. Mrs. Fitton has worked as a Teaching Assistant in our school for many years and has been a true asset to our team. Mrs. Fitton is now going to spend some quality time with her family, although she will be back every Wednesday, volunteering at JCA. As she says in her own words, "I cannot bear to leave Jerry Clay completely!". Mrs. Fitton has helped so many of our children, both pastorally and academically grow through their time at our school. Her relentless support and expertise will be missed by all of us. We wish her relaxation and happiness for her future. Thank you, Mrs. Fitton.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday whatever you may be doing.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne

Executive Headteacher

Message from our Co-Heads of School

What a fantastic term! As we have mentioned previously, the learning that has happened across the school has been brilliant. Children have been so inspired by their learning and have been so proud to share their learning with you all. We have had a great final week of the term as the children have learnt about important environmental issues across the world during 'Jerry Fest' week. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to Jerry Fest this afternoon.

Diary Dates

For your information, we have confirmed dates for celebration assemblies at the end of next term which are on the last page of the newsletter. Details of trips and other events will be confirmed early in the Summer term.

Times Tables

As you know, times tables are vital and quicker recall is imperative for children to make progress in Maths. The summer term sees our 'Diamond Dash Finale' where children compete against each other to find the Diamond Dash champion! Please ensure your child is practising on Times Table Rockstars over the holidays!

ISS Menu

For your information, we will have a new menu for school dinners after the Easter holidays. Menus have been handed to children today.

We hope that you all have a fantastic Easter holiday and come back feeling refreshed and ready for a brilliant Summer term!

Kind regards,
Miss Brook & Mr Palin



Highlights of the Week from Twitter

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3h
Well done to our Special, Special Mentions of the Spring term! It was great to hear some of the reasons of why they have achieved this award! #striving



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 17h
Reception have been busy using their focus text 'The Little Green Hen' to explore #recycling #sustainability



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 22h
Another busy day in Year 4 helping with the plastic bottle reading corner and giving our plastic birds their own unique colours and patterns. #recycle @JCACurriculum



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Apr 1
Year 2 really enjoyed helping Eden's Forest to start to build our new Reading and Writing area. #JCAJerryFest19



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Apr 1
An exciting and thought provoking start to our Outdoor Learning Week with an informative assembly on looking after the Earth from our Junior Leaders #JCAILT #JCAJerryFest19



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Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1



We are incredibly proud of Year 1 this half term. We have created a phenomenal published piece of writing and artwork for our focus, 'The Robot and The Bluebird' and have spent this week developing our understanding of sustainability in preparation for Jerry Fest.

To complete our topic, we have used a range of recycled materials to design and create tin planters. We researched what materials we could use first to create a detailed plan for our robots before creating it onto our tin cans. We can't wait to watch our

seeds grow into beautiful flowers in our robot planters that will remind us of our fantastic memories from our topic.

As part of the reading area, we have created a giant snakes and ladders and a range of tips. We applied our measuring skills from Maths to measure the individual squares on the board and create the detailed outlines. For the tips, we have reused and painted old pallets and weaved recycled materials to create a reading village for Jerry Fest.

We are extremely excited to perform our class performance at Jerry Fest. It will celebrate how our teamwork and friendship that can change the world!



Year 2

In Literacy we enjoyed making the African desert Malva pudding and thought it tasted delicious! We then created our own instructions on how to make it. We also have worked hard to write diary entries about Nelson Mandela's life which were absolutely amazing and the children really thought carefully about their choice of vocabulary and sentence openers.

In Maths, we have been using practical resources to identify fractions and find fractions of

amounts. We have looked carefully at shapes and objects and used out reasoning skills to explain how we know when they show $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$.

Finally, we have finished our African masks using beans and pulses as the embellishments and enjoyed making our tie dye t-shirts for Jerry Fest using food colouring, vinegar and water.



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Year 3

Year 3 have been working particularly hard this half term, they have really been thinking deeply about ways to improve the community where they have written some extremely persuasive letters to the council. We then had a Wren-

thorpe councillor who visited us and told us all about their job role, we also told them all the fantastic ideas that we had come up with where she happily took our letters back to the Town Hall to distribute to the correct department.

In preparation for Jerry Fest, our last week of term has been extremely exciting, we have been building our set through building up a wall of waves, where we have been learning and presenting our routine, this being a synchronised swimming routine. The children have found this week very enthralling and have really persevered to produce some fantastic outfits and settings using a variety of



recycled material.

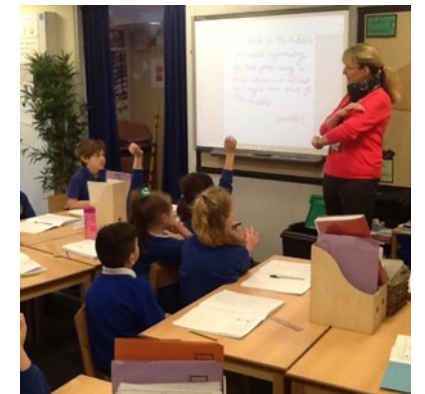
We look forward to another exciting Summer term, have a great well deserved break!

Year 4

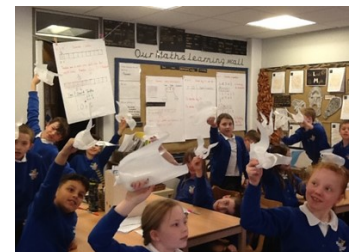
This week has been a fantastic culmination to our learning this term about the environment, the problems facing planet Earth and what we can do to help. The whole school has been busy preparing for Jerry Fest and we



have been putting the finishing touches to our work which is going to be displayed in our Education Tent. We are so proud of our explanation writing about 'The Problem With Plastic'. We have



been so shocked about the impact of plastic pollution in the ocean and in the environment and we will really want to spread the message that we all have to help to reduce the amount of plastic we use.



We have also re-used plastic milk bottles to create flying birds for inside our tent. This reminds us of the danger of plastic pollution on living creatures.

Our birds are all painted in their own unique colours and patterns to remind us to do everything we can to protect the variety of living things on Earth.

In Maths, we have continued our learning about decimals including dividing by 10 and 100 by moving digits one or two places to the right on a place value chart.

It has been such a rewarding term with so many highlights such as our visit to Shanks Recycling Centre and our Parent Assembly. Year 4 have worked incredibly hard and we all deserve a good rest before coming back for an exciting summer term.



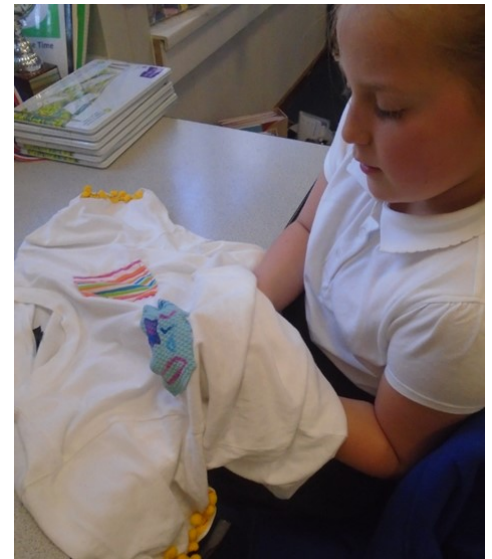
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Year 5



Year 5 have been working so hard as the term has come to a close! We are so excited for Jerry fest and inviting you all to see our performance, which represents that “Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something” to help in our quest to help the world. At Jerry Fest, we are looking forward to collecting your donations to help “Wakefield City of Sanctuary” – a charity we have learned a lot about through our topic this half term. Please bring any kind donations to our drop-off point at the festival!

We have been persevering so much this week in order to practise our sewing skills as our project has been upcycling t-shirts, ready to wear for our rock n roll performance! This has been tricky at times as we needed to learn different stitch types before learning how to attach materials together. We have designed and created our t-shirts bearing in mind our own personalities and the world around us. We have also spent time outdoors this week, collecting and preparing resources for our whole-school reading and writing recycled structure.



We look forward to another exciting term after Easter and wish everyone a very enjoyable Easter break. See you in a fortnight!

Year 6



Year 6 have had a brilliant end to the term! We were extremely inspired by our JLT assembly launch and have been working hard on our performance poetry for ‘Jerry Fest’. We are so excited to share this with you! Whilst creating these poems we exhibited some excellent communication and team-



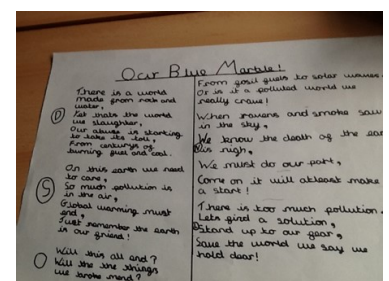
work skills - and some incredibly thought provoking questions!



We also displayed these skills during our outdoor learning sessions, where we worked collaboratively to create the base structure of our ‘Message in a Bottle’ sculpture.

We have been very proud of our Year 6s this term as they have worked so hard. Well done, Year 6!

We hope you have a wonderful break, ready for a new, exciting term of learning!





Special mentions of the term



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

Spring Term

Reception - Drew

Year 1- Hadley

Year 2- Amira

Year 3- Matilda



Year 4- Saffron

Year 5- Jacob

Year 6- Evie

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	93.67%	96.78%
Year 1	97.33%	97.88%
Year 2	97.93%	97.75%
Year 3	94.00%	96.59%
Year 4	96.67%	98.04%
Year 5	98.39%	98.39% 
Year 6	99.35% 	98.08%

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

Reports

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

Theme Weeks

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

Reception—15/7/19

Year 1 and 2—16/7/19

Year 3 and 4—17/7/19

Year 5—18/7/19

Year 6—19/7/19

Sports Day

21/6/19

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

Summer Fair

29/6/19

Trips

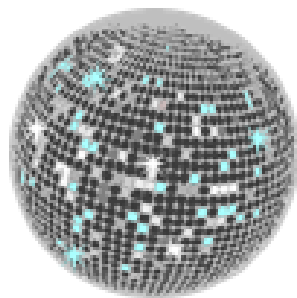
10/6/19—Y6 Residential

Year 6 SATs Week—w/c 13th May



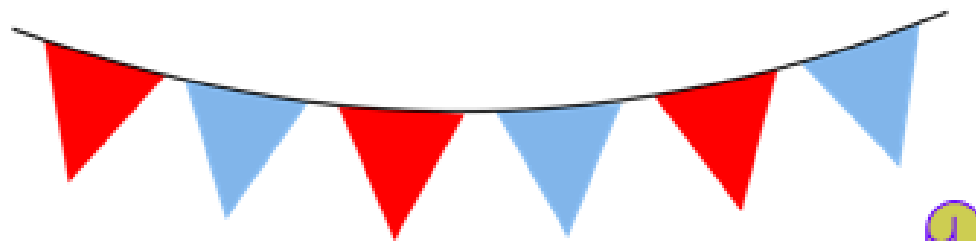
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More details to follow



School Disco

Thursday 23rd May 2019



Summer Fair

Saturday 29th June 2019

12pm - 4pm