



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 7th June 2019

Dear Parents

Help to support our fantastic community!

Our PTA are working so hard to plan for another excellent summer fair. To help ensure that it runs as smoothly as possible they are looking for volunteers. If you feel that you can offer just a little support, please do get in contact with Louise Toth or Jenna Anderson, our Co-Chairs. Alternatively, please sign up to a role on the gate.

Please can we ask that you do return any sold and unsold raffle tickets to the office so that these can be redistributed.

Next week we look forward to welcoming our new starters and also Year 1 parents on Tuesday at 9.15am for a Minibeasts workshop.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne

Jerry Clay Summer Fair

Donkey Rides	Face Painting
Inflatables	Stalls
BBQ	Games
Ice Cream	Rock Painting

Join us for some summer fun...

Saturday 29th June 2019
12pm - 4pm

Message from our Co-Heads of School

It has been a great first week back where we have seen a lot of fantastic learning. The children have been busy continuing their learning from Creative Arts Week and it has been brilliant to see some of the high quality Literacy and Art work being created. Our children can't wait to share this with you at our Arts Gallery!

Diamond Dash

In assembly on Monday, Mrs Swinburne set a challenge: that every child would move up at least one level in Diamond Dash by the end of the year! The children were so enthused by this and the extra drive has been visible across school this week. Please support your child with this quest at home; learning times tables is imperative for their progress in other areas of Maths, too.

Word of the Month

I am sure you will have heard from your child that we have a new 'word of the month'! The word **perpetual** was launched in assembly on Monday. It's meaning: 'continuing or lasting forever; everlasting'. As before, children who use this in context in their work will receive 2 merits! We look forward to some great examples of this over the next few weeks.

Kind regards,

Miss Brook & Mr Palin

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Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 50m

Reception class have built an amazing rock pool in our sand world area of provision using excellent team work and problem solving skills #EYFS #JCAOutdoorlearning #teamwork #minatureworlds



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 5

Our very first rehearsal for our upcoming 'Once Upon a Time' Creative Arts Show. If this is the first practise, we can only imagine how great it will be by opening night. 🎭🎵 #JCAMusic #performance #creativearts



122 views

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 5

Our new Hydration Station is incredibly popular today. We cannot wait to taste the different flavours available. @ISS_Education #healthyeating #water



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 3

Fantastic to welcome new families to our academy this evening. We can't wait for you to join our community. Thank you to @ISS_Education @TrutexLtd & @jca_pta for coming along too #JCACommunity #NewStarters #ReceptionClass



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Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have had a brilliant week and made a fantastic start to the final half term! We have been incredibly busy completing our art pieces for the Creative Arts gallery. Our genie lamps are finished and painted, our Rangoli inspired candle jars are decorated and we have almost completed our

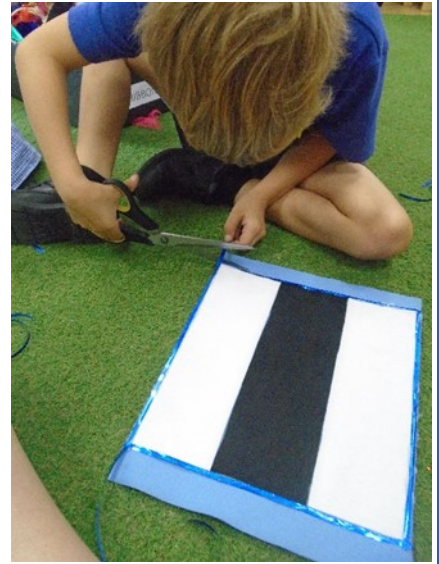


own magic carpets. We have been adding our final layer of detail on top and edging our carpets with tassels and ribbons.

In Literacy, we have created our fantastic newspaper articles, reporting the events of the genie lamp in our classroom. We have persevered to up-level our vocabulary, re-draft our work and have presented our work beautifully in our published writing. It was hard work but we were determined to make it the best that we can be! We have used tea bags to stain our paper to create an ancient effect.

In Maths, we have continued our work with fractions. We can now explain what one quarter and one half look like as a fraction, an object and in a shape. We are moving on to be able to find one quarter of an

amount and a number.



Year 2

Year 2 have continued their hard work from Creative Arts Week since returning to school. We have continued learning about Peter Pan and have completed our story re-tells from a character's point of view. When published, these will then be added to our



pop-up cards that we made during Creative Arts Week. Next week, we will be finishing our 3D map of Neverland and some children will be chosen to paint a scene

from our fairy tale.



In topic, we have continued learning about extreme weather. We have all been able to create a piece of writing to explain how different types of weather happen and to describe what extreme weather might look like.



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Year 3

Year 3 have had a very exciting few weeks. Creative Arts Week on the last week of term was brilliant, where we have continued the writing and art through to the following week. We have been focusing on the fairy tale 'Cinderella,' where the children have produced some fantastic play scripts following a modern version of the story, the children have then completed some drama in relation to this, where they have also retold the story of Cinderella. We utilised the main objects in the story of Cinderella to base our Art around, here we completed some observational drawings of shoes, designed and decorated our own shoes and

produced a 3D life size fireplace. Year 3 also have been designing and creating a life size Cinderella carriage using cardboard, papier mache and chicken wire.



Year 3 have had a great start to the Summer 2 Term, we have started looking at time and using the analogue clock to answer related questions. We have also continued our gardening project where the children have been watering the plants and maintaining the garden, we

have also been thinking about in Science what plants need to survive and the different parts of plants.



Year 4



Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the lesser known fairy tale The Wild Swans inspired by the theme Once Upon A time from Creative Arts Week. We began with an outdoor trail of clues about the story before learning about the story through mime and story telling. The children have written in role as one of the eleven brothers in the story, imagining what it would have been like to turn into swans! Taking the theme of freedom present in the story, we have also been work-



ing hard to make a large class sculpture based on the idea of swan's wings. The children have used so many different art media to make their own feathers: sketching pencil, charcoal, chalk, oil pastel and chalk pastel and our favourite the scratch resist feathers. The finished wings are stunning – but a closely guarded secret until the Art Gallery on the 19th!

In maths, have been pushing ourselves to use money in problem solving, striving to solve complex and multi-step problems and to find more than one way of calculating them. We have also been telling the time to the nearest minute and learning to convert between units of time. In Science we are now learning about the states of matter, solids, liquids and gases, and how materials can change state.



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Year 5

Year 6

Year 6 have had a great start to our last action packed half term at JCA! We have been working hard on trying to write monologues which prove the innocence of the witch within Hansel and Gretel, in preparation for Creative Arts Week. We have also used ICT to record interviews of questions that we prepared.

We have also been building upon our sweeping ink paintings to create 3D canvases of scenes from Hansel and Gretel. We can't wait for you to see the finished products!

Next week it is our Residential to Edale and we are so excited!



Please make a note of these very important diary dates for the rest of this half term:



Uniform Fitting for Outwood Grange – Friday 21st June at 4.30pm

Transition Day for Outwood Grange– Fri 21st June (8.40am – 3pm) & Thurs 27th June (9am-3pm)

Outwood Grange Parents Meeting – Monday 1st July at 6.15pm

Y6 Residential Assembly for Parents – Tuesday 2nd July at 9.15am

Creative Arts Performance – Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th July at 6pm

Y6 Jump Inc Party – Tuesday 16th July at 6pm

Celebration Assembly – Friday 19th July



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!

Wc 20th May & 7th June

Reception - Michelle and Alex C

Year 1- Charlie and Tinus

Year 2- Lara and Scarlett

Year 3- Allen and Olivia



Year 4- Hannah and Aidan

Year 5- Max and Charlotte

Year 6- Matthew and Spencer

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%	96.89%
Year 1	92.67%	97.87%
Year 2	94.48%	97.46%
Year 3	89.35%	96.19%
Year 4	96.67% 	97.95%
Year 5	95.16%	98.29% 
Year 6	93.23%	97.84%

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.% Keep it up, well done!



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Jar Bar Competition Time



- Find a Jar with a lid
- Decorate the jar however you want.
- Fill with sweets, stickers, small toys etc.....
- Bring into school by 21.06.19
- A winning jar for each class will be picked on the 24.06.19
- More than 1 entry allowed.



Winners will receive a £5 voucher to spend at the summer fair.

The Jar Bar tombola is a really popular stall and a great fundraiser for the PTA.

We look forward to seeing your entries. Thank you.

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

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

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

Sports Day

28/6/19

Summer Fair

29/6/19 - 1 2pm - 4pm

Dates for Parents

11/6/19—Y1 'Creatures' Workshop

2/7/19—Y6 Residential Assembly for Parents

Trips

10/6/19—Year 6 Residential to YHA Edale

25/6/19—Y1 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

18/6/19—Y2 & Y4 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park