



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2019

## WHAT AN AMAZING COMMUNITY SUMMER FAIR!



I would like to start off our newsletter on such a positive note! Our Summer Fair last Saturday was simply amazing! The sun shone, you all came and the organisation was brilliant! Thank you to our dedicated PTA who worked for months organising the fair for our school. It really was quite special. I am pleased to tell you all that the fair raised a significant amount of money and I know that the PTA will be communicating this with you in the next week. Thank you to everyone that helped and came to support this special annual event.

With only two more weeks to go, please make yourself aware of all our events coming up. The final week is particularly important to us. It's a time to reflect back on the fantastic year, celebrate and say goodbye to all our children as we leave the academy for our summer holidays and to our Year 6s who leave Jerry Clay Academy.

*Mrs T Swinburne*

Executive Headteacher



## Message from our Co-Heads of School

What a memorable few weeks it has been at Jerry Clay! Last weekend was brilliant with Sports Day on the Friday, and the Summer Fair being so well attended on the Saturday! Prior to that, our Creative Arts Gallery made us feel so proud—the quality of work on show from the children was something special and we know that many of you agree.

Looking onto the last two weeks of the academic year, key dates are detailed throughout this newsletter in both class' paragraphs and on the 'Countdown to Summer' page—we look forward to seeing all of you at the remaining events for this academic year.

### Meet the teacher

Last week, you received the staffing information, ready for next year. The children will spend the afternoon in their new year groups on Thursday 11th July. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher for our 'Meet the Teacher' presentations on **Thursday 5th September 2019** at 3:45pm or 4:05pm.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Kind regards,

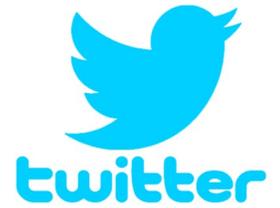
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# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 17h

Year 1 have been busy working outside today to explore using left and right to describe position. We strived to use mathematical vocabulary to describe what was around our partners.  
@WhiteRoseMaths #outdoorlearning #JCAMaths #teamwork

**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 17h

KS2 are busy getting ready for our "Once upon a time..." show this week. Rehearsals are going well!! Please remember to send any ticket requests in by tomorrow 🎟️ #JCAArts #talent #performingarts



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 2h

Well done to Year 6 on their fantastic residential assembly yesterday! It was inspiring to hear about all the risk-taking and fun that they had. Of course, it was completed with an Edale style 'moo-off' to make each other laugh! #memories #JCAEdale2019



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Jun 27

Reception class have been extremely busy creating clay mini beasts and spider's webs. They have also been writing fabulous clues and sentences for their mini beast 'What Am I' booklets #EYFS #JCACurriculum #JCAEnvironment #Literacy



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Jun 27

Year 5 have been using our gripping story 'Room 13' to learn about compass directions in Geography. #JCACurriculum #directions #compass



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Jun 30

What a week last week at JCA! #Memories This week we are preparing for our Creative Arts performance of 'Once upon a time...' Ticket letters going out tomorrow #CreativeArts #JCAArts



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Jun 29

We felt so proud of our school today. Lucky to have such a great community. A school is built on the foundations of care, respect, support & nurture. Thank you to all of you for making JCA a great place to be! #Community #SummerFair #Support #Team @jca\_pta





# Countdown to Summer!

**Tuesday 9th July 2019 and Thursday 11th July 2019** —  
Creative Arts Performances

**Friday 12th July 2019** —End of Year Reports to parents

## **Celebration Week**

All assemblies start at 9:15am unless stated

**Monday 15th July 2019**—Reception

**Tuesday 16th July 2019**—Year 1 and 2

**Wednesday 17th July 2019**—Year 3 and 4

**Thursday 18th July 2019**—Year 5

**Friday 19th July 2019**—Year 6 (9:30am)



School closes on Friday 19th July and re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 3rd September



## Year 5 and 6 Olympic Event



Our Year 5 and 6 Olympic Team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the tournament at our school on Thursday. They persevered to compete against 4 other schools from across the local area in a series of events; long jump, javelin, sprint, lap and relay. We had many event winners and runners-up and were 20 points behind the eventual winners (so close!)

Well done to: Salina, Harriet, Lleyton, Devon, Noah, Isla, Evie, William, Nicholas, Jessica, Isaac and Owen.

# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA



## Year 1

Year 1 have had an incredibly busy few weeks! Thank you for sharing our work on Aladdin with us at our Creative Arts Gallery. On Tuesday, we had an amazing time on our visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, despite the miserable weather. The children were exceptionally well behaved and were commented on by members of the park, and the coach driver, for their exceptional manners.

After visiting the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, we have been writing a recount to record all the animals we observed and the interesting facts we learnt. We have been striving to use question marks so that we can include all our facts. We have

persevered to redraft and improve our recount, particularly striving to develop our exciting use of vocabulary.

During Maths, we have been developing our understanding of position and direction. We have been striving to use mathematical vocabulary, such as clockwise, anticlockwise, left and right to navigate the Beebot and our partners around obstacles.

Please join us on Tuesday 9th July at 9.15am for our Celebration Assembly!



## Year 2

What a fantastic few weeks it has been in Year 2!

We had a fantastic trip on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. During the morning, we participated in a workshop which enabled us to explore some of the sculptures around the park and to even make our own using plasticine. In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to create our own weather collage using natural materials which looked fantastic! Other events have included Sports Day and the Creative Arts Gallery.

In class, we have continued to learn about the weather. We received a special video from the ITV weatherman, Jon Mitchell, and have written and published letters in reply to him! In art, we have created our own weather collages and in DT, we have started to design and make our own weather mobiles and will be using these to measure the different types of weather in Wrenthorpe!



### Key Dates:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Transition afternoon to Year 3

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 9:15am – Year 1 and 2 Celebration Assembly

# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 3



Year 3 have had a fantastic few weeks! We had a fantastic trip on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Canon Hall Farm. The children walked excitedly around the Farm learning all about the different animals there were there. During this time, the children watched a ferret race and a sheep race and learned all about meercats! We then had a guided tour around the Farm where we learnt all about pigs, cows and sheep before watching the cows being milked in the milking parlour. The children loved their trip to the Farm and learnt so much from their trip; this has been identified in the shape poems they have



produced which describe the different animals they had seen. Other events have included Sports Day and the Creative Arts Gallery where the children's fantastic writing and art work was displayed.



In class, we have continued to learn about farming and gardening where we have been taking real care with our allotment to help the produce grow. The produce is beginning to grow on all the plants so we are hoping to be holding a farmers market in the last week of term to showcase the produce and the products we have made from this.

### Key Dates:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Transition afternoon to Year 4

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 9:15am – Year 3 and 4 Celebration Assembly

## Year 4



Year 4 have had an exciting time over the past few weeks. Our trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park was great fun and an opportunity to work with an artist to explore Surreal Structures and 3D form: sculptures and architecture. We enjoyed finding out about different sculptures at the park and what different sculptors wanted their sculptures to represent. We sketched different viewpoints and then spent a great afternoon making our own machetes (models) of imaginary and



surreal buildings from junk and Modroc. Back in school we will be completing our models and painting them. We have started to find out about the Catalan architect Gaudi who also created surreal buildings in Barcelona.

In Literacy, we have been writing a biography about the aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart and in Maths we have been learning about statistics, drawing and interpreting bar charts, pictograms and line graphs. Our next Maths topic is Properties of Shape including angles, types of triangles and quadrilaterals and lines of symmetry.

In Science, we have been finding out about how water evaporates and we designed our own fair test to explore what factors speeds up evaporation. We had to measure amounts of water carefully and make sure we only changed one variable in the investigation so that our results were reliable.

### Key Dates:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Transition **afternoon** to Year 5

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 9:15am – Year 4 Celebration Assembly

# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 5



Year 5 have had an amazingly busy few weeks! We had an amazing time on our visit to QEGS, who kindly invited us to their school for a Science day. The children were so well-behaved and extremely polite, which was commented on by others. Setting the JCA way!

To support our work in Literacy and Geography, we have been reading *Room 13* – a novel full of mystery and suspense. We have looked up Whitby on the map and features of Whitby by looking at OS symbols. Whitby is the focal setting of the story. Some of us have also put our symbol work into practise by starting to map our 'perfect island'.



During Maths, we have advanced our understanding of 2d shapes and angles. The children have worked extremely hard on this – and are now masters of the protractor. We can also reason and solve problems linked to shapes. Our next Maths unit is measurement.

Key Dates:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Transition **afternoon** to Year 6

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 9:15am – Year 5 Celebration Assembly



## Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard showing off our best writing skills through writing emotive flashbacks and exciting character descriptions.

Most of us have now had our transition days for our new secondary schools and are excited for this new adventure!

During Science lessons we have been expanding our knowledge about Humans and Animals. We have also been working hard on our Residential Assembly and preparing our Celebration Assembly which we are very excited for!



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

Key Dates:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am – 3.30pm – Y6 End of Year Celebration (BBQ and inflatable obstacle course)

Y6 Jump Inc Party – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm (*Thank you to Mrs Lunnon and Mrs Trei for organising this for the children*)

Celebration Assembly – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.





# 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 June, 21st June and 5th July**

**Reception - Charlotte, Maxi & Ollie**

**Year 1- Piotr, Lucas & Dylan**

**Year 2- Jana, Ryder & Lucas**

**Year 3- Aadam, Evie & Isaac**

**Year 4- Bailey, Luke & Ethan**

**Year 5- Lilly, Darcie & Lucas**

**Year 6- The entire Y6 cohort & Salina**

## 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	99.33% 	96.81%
Year 1	100% 	97.90%
Year 2	93.79%	97.49%
Year 3	95.48%	96.10%
Year 4	100% 	98.09%
Year 5	95.81%	98.13% 
Year 6	94.52%	97.75%

**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 – 97.47 % Keep it up, well done!**