



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2019

Dear Parents

Our leaders of the future!

What an inspirational week at JCA! I cannot even describe the pride I felt this week for our Year 6 children who presented so brilliantly in their Junior Leadership interviews. Their passion for wanting to make a difference absolutely blew me away. I always go through a range of emotions during these annual interviews- happiness for the way in which they try their very best, tears as I see how far they have come and absolute pride for the effort and determination they demonstrate. The development of character is something we are passionate about at JCA.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne

Executive Headteacher



Message from our Head of School

Our children have had some fantastic learning opportunities this week; Year 2 visited the National Coal Mining Museum whilst 40 children attended the KS2 Cross Country Competition at Stanley St Peter's! As well as this, 5 lucky children attended an MFL morning at the National Coal Mining Museum on Thursday where they won lots of individual prizes and prizes for our school!

Harvest Gallery and Community Car Boot

Due to unforeseen circumstances (been unable to attain a licence in time), the Harvest Gallery and Community Car Boot event, advertised in last week's weekly communication, has been cancelled. The event will now be a Harvest Gallery after school on **Friday 25th October**. More details about this will be released nearer the time.

Packed Lunches

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you to ensure that packed lunches are healthy for your child. Please remember that chocolate and sweets are not permitted.

Kind regards,
Mr Palin

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Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 5h
Reception are making bread in the shape of a horse's plaited mane. Lots of fun learning taking place! #EYFS #JCAmaths #healthyeating #ifesskills #GBBC #JCACurriculum



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You Retweeted
Lingotot Wakefield @LingototWakefi1 · 5h
Wow! Loved this morning..I'm smiling a LOT!
50 kids from my lovely Wakefield schools with 10 fantastic teachers!
Mercil Grazie! Gracias! Danke!
@JCAWakefield @HorburyBridgeAc @SouthParadePS @st_michaels_ce and St Ignatius, Sandal Castle and more!! #EuropeanDayofLanguages



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Julie Pike @Juliepike · 11h
As our wonderful @UKLaureate says ... Reading IS Magic 📖
Brilliant to see teachers @JCAWakefield reading their favourite stories in Assembly 📖

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 25 Sep
In our KS2 assembly this week we shared the lovely replies and posters from @Juliepike, author of the fabulous book 'The Last Spell Breather'. Coincidentally, one of Miss Karlsson's favourite picture books 'Leon and the place between' is also about MAGIC. Will Leon ever escape?



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 25 Sep
Out in the fresh air - we did LOTS of running in Year 5's PE lesson this afternoon!! #JCAPE



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 24 Sep
Year 2 have had an incredible day at the @NCMME All the children (and grown ups) were extremely brave to explore the mine underground to explore what life was really like as a miner!
#JCACurriculum #MakingMemories #WednesdayThoughts



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 24 Sep
What an inspiring day at JCA! JLT interviews with our Y6 children demonstrating commitment, passion & drive to make change happen
#ChangeMakers #Leadership #JLT #Proud



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Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1



The children have really impressed with their ability to settle so well into Year 1. Our topic of Dungeons and Dragons has really sparked their imagination in provision creating dragons and castles with dungeons, but it has also encouraged their curiosity when researching different castles. We have used atlases to locate the cities and if they have a castle or not.

In Maths we have been looking at numbers less than, more than and equal to. We have incorporated the outdoors as much as we could using chalk to draw numbers as well as using our arms to act out the symbol.

Our story focus in literacy is 'Zog' and they are now in the process of re-writing their stories. We have looked at conjunctions, time adverbials and using our wow vocabulary from the book. Their imaginations and ways of retelling the story has been fantastic and we are eager to finish the whole story.



Year 2



Year 2 started their week with an incredible visit to the National Coal Mining Museum for our topic 'Magnificent Miners'. We were all extremely brave to go down into the mine and to experience what life was really like for miners. We used our enquiry skills to learn lots of new interesting facts. Our favourite part was visiting the pit ponies. We are now planning how we can use our learning journey to raise money to adopt a pit pony.

In Literacy, we are continuing our adventure stories! We have been using prepositional openers with our expanded noun phrases to create detailed setting description of the mine.

In Maths, we have completed our place value unit and are beginning to explore addition and subtraction. We have been using fact families to help us with finding the inverse and known number facts.

This week, we also began our Spanish lessons. We have started the year by taking the register every day in Spanish but this week we have learnt out colours in Spanish



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Year 3



Year 3 have continued to develop their knowledge surrounding pre-historic Britain where we have understood what happened to the dinosaurs. From this, the children completing some fantastic fact files including lots of interesting information about different dinosaurs. We have now started looking at the Stone Age, thinking about what this period in time was and how this differed to time today. From this, in Literacy we have started to look at writing an adventure story where our character will go back in time to the Stone Age and

meet a Stone Age boy or girl.

In Maths, we have continued to deepen our knowledge of place value where we have started to use column method to add and subtract 3 digit numbers. The children have thrived in this so we will be moving onto adding and subtracting whilst exchanging with 3 digit numbers! Finally, in PE, we have continued to work alongside Miss Hoyte to develop our street dance. The children have loved learning the moves and steps for this particular style of dance and we are looking forward to perform our final piece.



Year 4



In our topic 'A Hero's Journey', Year 4 have been finding out about some of the earliest hero stories ever told in the Ancient Greek myths. We listened to the myth 'Theseus and the minotaur' in which the hero Theseus has to defeat the terrible beast, half-man, half-bull that lives in a labyrinth on the island of Crete. We

have been practising using exciting vocabulary to create a thrilling climax to the story. In History, we started to find out about the Ancient Greeks and how they changed the world. We had to match up our clues with pictures on a hunt outside and we loved discovering about their Gods and Titans, trade, democracy, astronomy, sport and impressive architecture.

In Maths, we have been learning to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and to order and compare four digit numbers. We have been pushing ourselves to attempt more complex problems where we had to take a risk and persevere to use the clues and apply our Maths skills. A great start! We have also been improving our times tables knowledge!. We are loving playing on Times Tables Rock Stars. In last week's TTRS battle the girls beat the boys! This time there is a colour team battle on in Year 4. Merits for the top scorers and participant in the winning team!



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Year 5



Year 5 are really settling into the year now and have astounded us with some high quality writing from the first Literacy unit of the year, where they were describing how the train station might feel as evacuees left their homes for the countryside. The determination to strive, particularly with vocabulary choices, was exceptional!

In Maths, we have mastered place value and enjoyed learning about negative numbers. Next, we are moving on to developing our use of addition and subtraction, particularly to problem-solve and reason.



We have been enjoying Spanish lessons, and revisiting how to introduce ourselves confidently and also how to say 'I don't understand' in Spanish. Our topic learning is also going well and we can't wait to visit Eden Camp next Wednesday (2nd October) to learn even more about World War II.

Year 6



Year 6 have been continuing with our Ancient Egyptians topic and shared some of our learning at our parent workshop this week. We have also had our Junior Leadership interviews!

In Literacy, we have been creating instruction for how to preserve your own ancient Egyptian body ready for burial and continuing to develop our grammar knowledge. In Maths, we have been continuing to develop our knowledge of the four operations and have been focusing on multiplication. In Science, we have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes and created our own form of plastic.

We have been answering 'big questions' and discussing beliefs in R.E and have been learning classroom routines and instructions in Spanish.

Important dates: 10th October Y6 Residential meeting
5.00pm

26th November – Y6 trip to Wakefield Museum





KS2 Cross Country



Well done to our KS2 Cross country team who competed on Thursday 26th September at Stanley St Peters. All children showed fantastic perseverance and determination to complete their race, a fantastic effort by all forty children involved. A great team effort with JCA coming runners up out of the 8 schools that attended.



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 23rd September

Year 1– Ruby

Year 2– Evie

Year 3– Lara



Year 4– Saleem

Year 5– Saffron

Year 6– Oliver B

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	95%	97.15%
Year 1	95.33%	97.28%
Year 2	96.33%	97.97%
Year 3	99.33%	98.38%
Year 4	92.26%	93.80%
Year 5	98.33%	97.70%
Year 6	99.35% 	98.81% 

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 – 97.28%

Dates for your diary

INSET DAYS

Friday 29th November

Friday 20th December

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July

Parents Evenings

26/11/19 and 28/11/19 – Parents evenings

24/3/20 and 26/3/20 – Parents evenings

Reports

22/11/19- Progress check out to parents

20/3/20 – Progress check out to parents

10/7/20 – End of year reports

Theme Days/Weeks

5/03/20 - World Book Day

wc 30/3/20 – Literature week

3/4/20 – Book Fest

wc18/05/20- Creative Arts week

Performances

6/12/19 – Reception Activity Morning

11/12/19 and 12/12/19 – Reception nativity

16/12/19 – Christmas carols around the tree

17/12/19 (pm) and 18/12/19 (am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity

17/06/20- Art gallery evening

07/07/20 & 9/07/20– Creative Arts evenings

w/c 13/7/20 – Celebration week

Sports Day

26/6/20

Summer Fair

25/6/20 (TBC)