



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 25th October 2019

Dear Parents

A superb PTA Community Disco

Thank you so much for the amazing turn out at the disco last night. We were so impressed with the effort that everyone went to with costumes. Thank you to our PTA who organized it and all of you that were able to help. A great time had by all.

Parking on Jerry Clay Lane

I am disappointed to have to remind you all about consideration of parking on our lane. During the disco last night and at drop off and pick off this week, there have been numerous occasions where people have had to be reminded about not parking on corners or in front drive ways. We pride ourselves on our relationship with the community and this is an embarrassment to the culture of JCA. Please can I ask that you do respect parking rules and the community in which we are based.

Attendance

As you will see on the back page of the newsletter, attendance is really slipping. This is mainly due to the number of holiday requests we have received. After half term, we will be having a real drive with attendance and we would appreciate your support with this. Our average attendance since the start of the year is 97.24%, significantly lower than at this point last year.

Watches

Please can we ask that if children need to wear a watch for school, it is a plain and simple one with no gadgets and for it to be small-sized. We have noticed children wearing watches that have communication devices attached. This is obviously something that should not be coming into school. Children only need a simple watch to tell the time.

Thank you for your fantastic support in all areas of school life this half term. JCA has had a fantastic term. Have a lovely half term break with your family and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 4th November.

Warm regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne

Executive Headteacher



Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic Half Term we have had at JCA! As I have mentioned before, the children returned to school brilliantly! As well as the amazing learning, some of the highlights have included the trips, the range of visitor assemblies, Spanish Day and the sports tournaments. I cannot wait to see what the second Half Term brings. We have a number of events planned including parent workshops, more educational visits and of course, the Christmas events! Please refer to the parent calendar which was sent out at the start of the year for more information on these exciting events!

Half Term

Please see the advert below for activities during the October Half Term:

If you're looking for an event, day out or half term fun to do with your kids check out the October Half Term pages on the Wakefield Mumbler website!

<https://wakefield.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/october-half-term/>

Wakefield Mumbler is a hyper-local listings website for parents in Wakefield; to make parents' lives easier and allow them to access the huge number of events and activities happening in the Wakefield area for children. As well as the website there is a supportive and caring facebook group where parents share recommendations and general parenting questions & queries.



Have a great half term!

Kind regards,
Mr Palin

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Please see a reminder of the advent calendars from the PTA newsletter last week. These will be available on the gate from the first week back:



Advent Calendar Raffle

This year we have 3 Advent Calendars to raffle. 1 Smiggle Calendar, 1 Harry Potter Lego Calendar and 1 Premier League Adrenalyn Football Trading Cards Calendar.

From the start of next term we will be selling raffle tickets at £1 per ticket for a chance to win a calendar. We will draw the raffle and contact the lucky winners on **Monday 25th November 2019**.

The more tickets you buy the more chance you have of winning!!



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 13h
Year 6 have been reading diary extracts of Howard Carter. Here is some of the new vocabulary we have learning today! #JCACurriculum



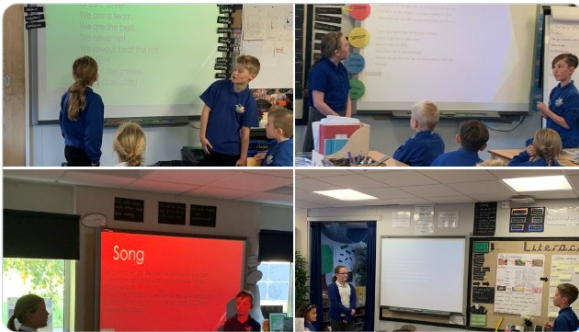
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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 22h
A great Head & Deputy Junior Leader assembly this morning, sharing a story about Zog & the moral of perseverance. We loved Jabob's quote "you don't always see the struggle, everyone only sees the success, just like the tip of an iceberg!" #Perseverance #LoveReading #JCAILT



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 10h
Fantastic house assemblies today with our new House Captains. The children loved their new house songs #HouseSystem #JuniorLeadership



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 22 Oct
Reception class inspired to talk and paint following apple pressing. "There are sharp bits in the circles and it gets squashed. They are crushed so the juice falls out" #EYFS #JCACurriculum #JCAArts



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

As we are drawing this half term to a close the children have had a lovely two weeks really focussing on their art and published writing. Their writing in literacy has been amazing to see improve from those first couple of weeks in year one. They are now on display in the classroom for all to see.



In Maths we have started working on our number bonds

to ten, this has been challenging to some but they have enjoyed the physical games we have played as well as using other resources to help find the missing number needed to make ten.

In Art we have been developing upon our drawing techniques by using paint to print our dragon eyes. We have also been finger painting to create their own Autumn picture, they mixed colours and created a lovely field picture which will be displayed at the harvest gallery.

They also had the opportunity to make their own apple juice. They pressed the apples themselves and all had the chance to taste their juice.

Year 2

Year 2 have been incredibly busy over the last two weeks! For our topic 'Magnificent Miners', we have published our mining adventures stories and we have created our final piece of art work based on our artist inspiration 'Valerie Ganz'.

In Maths, we have been striving to use column addition to help us solve addition problems. At first, it was quite tricky partitioning the tens and ones, but now we can add 2 digit numbers while exchanging tens.



This week in Literacy, we have been developing beautiful Harvest shape poems to celebrate Harvest festival. We have enjoyed learning about alliteration and including onomatopoeia into our poems. Also, we have been striving to develop exciting vocabulary and included excellent adjectives such as 'exquisite' and 'formidable'!

In Art, Year 2 have been using clay to shape and carve different fruit and vegetables for our Harvest basket.

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Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic few weeks, they have been continuing to develop their knowledge of addition and subtraction where they have really been challenging themselves to complete missing number sentences and word problems. In Literacy, we have finished completing our Stone Age stories which are now on display alongside their cave paintings. We have also been developing our knowledge of play scripts where the children have wrote their own plays surrounding the Harvest festival.



Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Yorkshire Museum, the children participated in a range of different pre-historic workshops, including weaving, pottery making and building Stone Age tepees. This largely developed their knowledge and understanding surrounding pre-historic times which they have then applied in their History.

Year 4

Year 4 have been exploring Harvest based on the song Harvest for the World by The Islay brothers. We explored where our food comes from by looking on food packaging and then locating the countries using an atlas and marking them on a world map. We discovered that not everyone has enough to eat and that often those people who grow and harvest our food are themselves hungry. We found out about fair trade and about food poverty in the UK and around the world. This inspired us to write our own poems about Harvest for the World.



In Literacy, we have then being using everything we have learned about Greek myths to write our own set of instructions for 'A Hero's Handbook'. We have been practising using precise imperative verbs and adverbs. In Art, We made our own Greek mask by drawing a dramatic face in proportion and layering pieces of cardboard in low relief before adding depth and detail with charcoal.

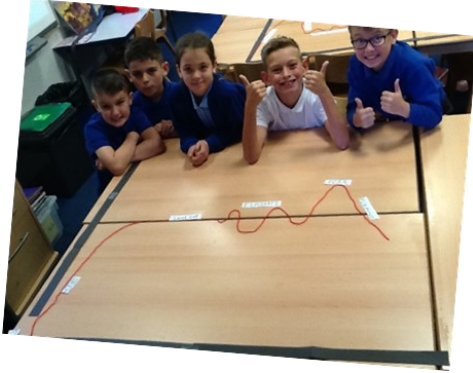
It has been fantastic to see the progression of the children's dance skills throughout the half term working with Miss Hoyte. Our finished street dance routine is fantastic.

Finally, it has been a great week in Maths. Firstly, we were a brilliant team taking on Year 5 in a Times Tables Rock Stars Battle and (almost!) beating them in one of the highest scoring battles yet in school. We're hooked! A re-match has begun and ends on the first morning back after the holidays. Come on Year 4! We have also been learning different mental and written methods for subtraction and being flexible to choose the most efficient method. We have also been focusing on solving complex and multi step problems involving addition and subtraction.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5



We have been developing our understanding of statistics in Maths, learning all about line graphs, tables and two-way tables. Lots of us have been striving on TT Rockstars to develop our speed of times tables to help achieve our next Diamond dash level.

In Literacy, we have been drafting, editing and publishing our newspaper articles; these are based on a Luftwaffe plane

crash at Budmouth Point, which is a fictional location in our class story. The children have shown so much enthusiasm whilst completing these!

During Art, we have been crafting our clay tiles. We practised different design elements before moulding onto a tile. We have enjoyed programming our own game using Scratch in Computing. This has included given a response depending on whether the answer is right or wrong, including awarding points (or taking them away!)



Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard to complete and paint our ancient Egyptian death masks. To go alongside these, we have been writing diary entries from the perspective of Howard Carter discovering Tutenkhamun's tomb. We will be turning these into video diaries.

During Maths, we created long division tutorials and have been learning about the order of operations. In Science, we have been learning about the dissolving process using solutes and solvents (skittles and water). We have also been learning about harvest around the world.



Important dates: 11th November – 15th November Bikeability Week
26th November – Y6 trip to Wakefield Museum

KS2 Tag Rugby



Well done to our Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team who competed on Thursday 24th October at Stanley Grove. All children showed fantastic determination and sportsmanship qualities to work together and showcase a fantastic team effort.

KS1 Dance Competition



Well done to our Year 2 Dance team who competed on Thursday 17th October at Wrenthorpe Academy in the Dance Competition. Our dancers performed confidently and supported the other dance teams competing!

Our dance team achieved 1st place!!

Well done to:

Matthew, Harper, Daisy, Maya, William, Hadley, Lucas and Sophia!



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 18th October

Year 1– Isaac

Year 2– Charlie

Year 3– Aadhi



Year 4– Matilda

Year 5– Florence

Year 6– Lucy

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	96.67%	96.85%
Year 1	97.33%	97.65%
Year 2	98.67%	98.47%
Year 3	98.33%	98.23%
Year 4	88.71%	94.33%
Year 5	96.67%	96.74%
Year 6	100% 	98.51% 

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 – 97.24%

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)