



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 17th May 2019

Proud!

I cannot describe the absolute pride we all felt for our amazing year 6 children this week. This week has been SATs week and our children have demonstrated perseverance, care & determination. Our children have worked hard all year in every subject and this week was a chance to shine in some of the curriculum. They really did sparkle! The sun shone & our children dazzled! Well done to them all!



Not only have I felt pride for our Year 6s, I have also had the opportunity to see lots of excellent work this week. As a school, we are really trying to stretch our vocabulary use and 'wow', some of the vocabulary used in writing this week has amazed me!

Jerry Clay is a special place to be. This week has reminded me just how special it is! Tests don't test our children's values, personalities and genuine team-work and care for one another. However, I have witnessed just how well-rounded our Jerry Clay pupils really are. Important skills for life!

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne

Executive Headteacher

Message from our Co-Heads of School

Creative Arts Week

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable week in school as preparations have begun for our Creative Arts Week that will be officially launched on Monday morning! The children will be using a fairytale to produce some high-quality work throughout the week that will be displayed at our Creative Arts Gallery on Wednesday 19th June. This week, you may have seen, on Twitter, that various authors and artists have appreciated some of the work that has been going on in school this week—this is so exciting for our children and demonstrates the impact that purposeful learning with a particular focus can have!

Class Photographs

Please remember that, as per the parent overview, class photographs will be taken on Thursday 6th June.

The Weather

The weather has generally been brilliant this week! Please make sure that when it is hot or sunny, your child comes to school with a sun hat and where necessary, sun cream which they can reapply themselves at lunchtime.

Kind regards,

Miss Brook & Mr Palin



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



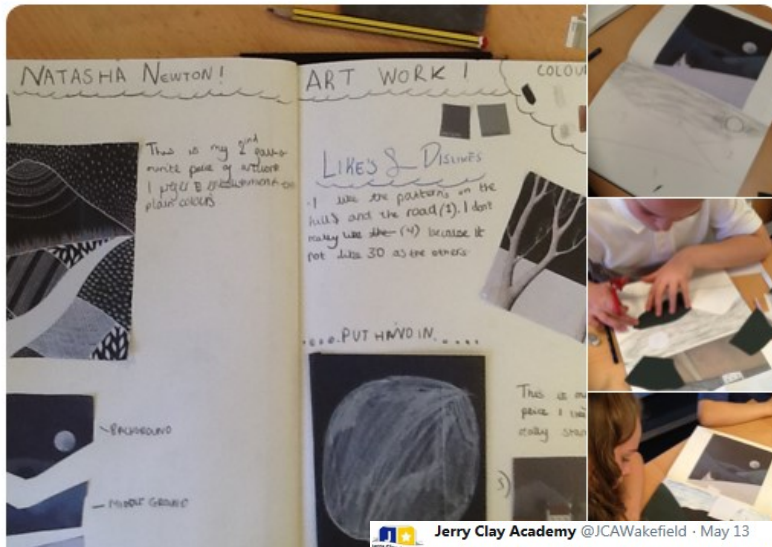
Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 13h

Day 3 #Sats over 🏆 1 day to go - so proud of our children. Continuing with our graffiti art project outside #JCAArt #JCACurriculum



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 13

Currently, Year 5 are inspired by the work of @NatashaNewton for our moon art project. Today we looked at creating a 3D effect, layering papers to show the background, middle ground and foreground. #JCAArts



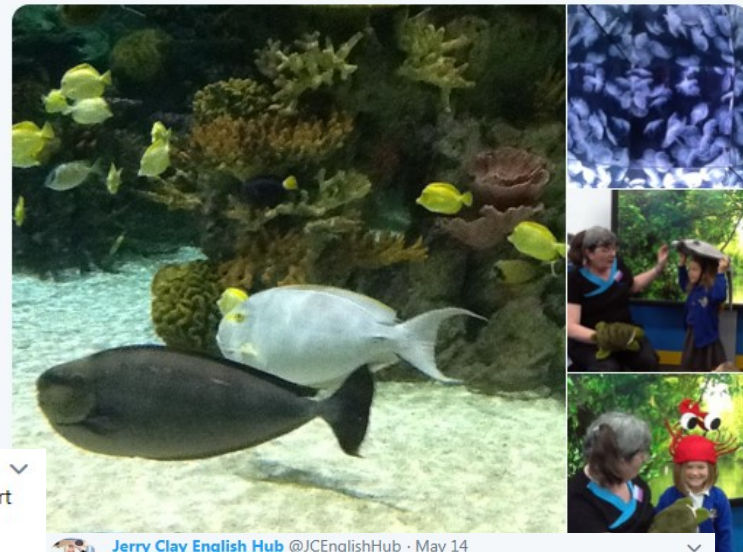
Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 13

Year 1 have been problem solving in a real life context today to cut our picnic treats in half. We strived to use mathematical vocabulary to show our whole and the 2 equal parts accurately.
#JCAMaths @WhiteRoseMaths #makingmemories
#teamworkmakesthedreamwork



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 14

Reception class had a wonderful time @thedeehpull today discovering magnificent sea creatures such as sharks and rays as well as finding out why some sea creatures are secret super heroes #EYFS #JCACurriculum



Jerry Clay English Hub @JCEnglishHub · May 14

The impact of a fantastically illustrated picture book- 'The Journey' @storybreathing #Vocabulary #Imagination @_Reading_Rocks_





Year 3 and 4 Tennis tournament



Well done to our Year 3 and 4 Tennis team who competed on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at Slazengers Sports Club. All children showed fantastic perseverance and determination to play against a variety of different schools, a fantastic effort by all children involved, this resulting in JCA coming 2nd.

Well done to:

Year 3: Isaac, Kai, Olivia and Maya

Year 4: Oliver, Jamie, Florence and Summer



Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament



Jerry Clay hosted the annual Year 5 and 6 football tournament on Thursday 16th May 2019. It was a great event attended by 10 schools across the local area. Each of our three teams played really well and showed great commitment in each game. Jerry Clay A were the tournament winners after winning a penalty shootout in the final! Well done to all involved – as ever, the teamwork and sportsmanship was fantastic!

Well done to:

Year 5: Jacob, Max, Lucas D, Lucas A, Oliver M, Tegan, Jake and Rayan.

Year 6: Luka, Spencer, Alfie, William, Nicholas, Matthew, Noah, Zach, Samuel, Joshua, Sammy, Joe, Liam and Myles.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1



Year 1 have had an extremely busy couple of weeks exploring our topic 'Incredible Creatures'. We have completed our magnificent 'Jungle Book' storyboards. We all strived to use a range of adverbs and phenomenal adjectives and vocabulary to make our writing incredibly exciting to read!

In Maths, we have started exploring fractions. We began our unit by exploring fractions in real life situations and creating half of a picnic. After exploring halves of objects, we investigated what half looks like as a fraction to help us find one-half of shapes and numbers. Next, we are excited to explore quarters!

In our topic 'Incredible Creatures', we have continued to enjoy exploring the jungle and jungle animals. In Science, we went on a nature walk around the school grounds to investigate what plants we have and what they need to grow. We discovered plants growing in the pond and concluded that plants do not need soil! We have also been developing our Computing skills to search the internet safely for images of jungle animals and this week we learnt how to save and copy our favourite images onto a Power-Point!



Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting couple of weeks continuing their topic: 'What's The Weather'. We have looked at different climates across the world and have learnt about extreme weathers such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and droughts. We were surprised at the damage they could cause! In Literacy we have been using 'Rain' by Sam Usher as our core text and have just created a story re-tell – you might have seen that Sam Usher was impressed with our work on Twitter!

Year 2 have been re-telling 'Rain' by [@SamuelUsher](#) this morning, really thinking about how their words and actions show how a character is feeling.



3:07 am - 13 May 2019

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Sam Usher @SamuelUsher · May 13
Replying to @JCAWakefield
How wonderful, thanks

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In Maths, we have continued to learn about measure and have been able to read scales in units of 1, 2, 5 and 10. We have done this for measuring length, weight, capacity and temperature. We have also used the four number operations to add and subtract a variety of measures.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

Year 3 have had an exciting few weeks where they have continuing to look at the great outdoors, particularly in our school community. Here they have been looking at the way land is used in the school grounds where they have been drawing sketch maps to showcase



this. They have also planted the seeds in the prepared soil and have been watering these to ensure they grow. In Literacy, Year 3 have just finished their story about the mysterious key where they are now starting to look at play scripts in preparation for creative arts week.



In Maths, the children have continued to develop their knowledge surrounding fractions where they have been using fraction wall to find and compare equivalent fractions. Finally in PE, the children have been developing their ball skills, such as throwing, catching and hitting, where they have applied these skills to a range of different games, such as rounders and cricket.

Year 4

Year 4 have been striving high with their writing over the last few weeks to tell the story of the inspiring picture book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. Their finished stories are so exciting with atmosphere created with fabulous vocabulary and sentence openers. We were thrilled when the author himself commented on Molly's story on Twitter with 'What?!! This is outstanding!'

We have continued to explore the power of the imagination by making a timeline of inventions that have changed our lives through the twentieth and twenty first century. In Science, we have learned to

make electrical circuits, learned about complete and incomplete circuits and made our own switches to turn the light bulbs on and off.

In Maths, we have learned about the decimal equivalents of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ before using all our knowledge of decimals in problem solving. We are now applying this to real life contexts involving Money.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

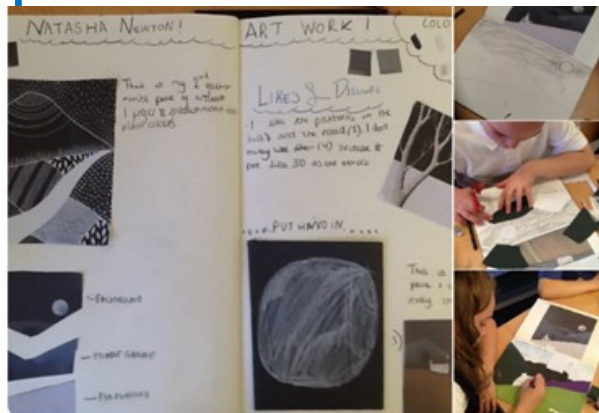
Year 5

Year 5 have been continuing to enjoy our 'Life through a Lens' Earth and Space topic. They produced some truly phenomenal persuasive writing based on the setting 'Pandora' – we were blown away by the quality of the ideas using ambitious vocabulary. The children have enjoyed publishing these too!

During Maths we are calculating with decimals at the moment and

showing our understanding in lots of different ways, including converting our answers into fractions and percentages.

In Art, we are using the work of Natasha Newton – a British artist – to inspire our own work. Our goal is a moon collage using her ideas to guide our own. This week we looked at how to build up layers to create a 3D effect using papers. She was so very impressed when she saw our work on Twitter that she sent us a message! We will share more as this project progresses next half term.



9:02 am - 13 May 2019

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Natasha Newton | Artist @NatashaNewton · May 15

Replying to @JCAWakefield

Thank you so much for sharing this - it really made my day! It's wonderful to see that my work is helping to inspire the children in this way. I'd love to see more!

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Year 6

Year 6 have certainly had a busy couple of weeks!

We've enjoyed some excellent outdoor learning, including SPAG and Maths hunts. This week we have worked so hard in our SATs – showing our determination, effort and perseverance.



We've enjoyed breakfasts outside together as a lovely start to the day and have also spent time during P.E playing team games such as rounders and football. We have also been working on our 'graffiti art'.

Dates:

10th – 13th June Edale Residential

Friday 19th July at 9.15am - Year 6 Celebration Assembly

Dear potential visitor,

I am writing to you to request the cancellation of your upcoming holiday to Pandora IMMEDIATELY! I am a trustworthy, former scientist of the Pandora power squad (PPS). I severely disagree with the tremendous amount of holidays and visits to this beautiful moon -situated around Alpha Centura A- so therefore refused to do the research and was quickly fired. In this letter I will convince you why you will certainly NOT want to come to the Pandoran territory. I regret to inform you that if you do go, then the blood-thirsty, flesh-eating animals there will show you NO mercy!

First of all, have you even considered that Alpha Centura A's stellar moon: Pandora (which is totally uninhabitable by us humans) is 4.4 light years away? This is an exceptionally long voyage. Even with your space craft in flux, it takes around 75 long boring years to get there! 9 out of 10 people have DIED without even getting close to the savage moon! I bet you certainly wouldn't like to get lost in outer space because 20 out of 23 of stellar spaceships have set off and NEVER been seen again?! Also what are you going to eat in your narrow and tight space travel? You probably don't want to be stuck -in a tin can- for 75 years without food! However there is a 50% chance you will survive but when you will survive the life long trip through the great unknown but when you're anywhere near Pandora the great Lyonoxerous ,with a wing span of 30 metres, will savagely attack you and drag you down, emitting the dangerous anger you will obviously be leading on. There is a 98% chance of this! So if you want to see the light of another beautiful day then DO NOT go!

My second point is regarding the savage...



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: 6th & 13th May 2019

Reception - Navaeh & Michelle

Year 1– Daisy & Charlie

Year 2– Aadhi & Lara

Year 3– Joella & Allen



Year 4– Morgan & Hannah

Year 5– Freya & Max

Year 6– Luka & Year 6

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	99.67%	97.07%
Year 1	98.67%	98.03%
Year 2	97.24%	97.70%
Year 3	98.39%	96.54%
Year 4	98.67%	98.01%
Year 5	97.42%	98.39% 
Year 6	99.68% 	98.12%

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 – 97.70% Keep it up, well done!

JCA School Disco

Thursday 23rd May 2019



Reception, Year 1 and 2

6.15pm – 7.15pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

7.30pm – 8.30pm

£2.00 entry including unlimited drinks.

**Sweets, tattoos, crisps and accessories available
to buy.**



Donkey Rides

Inflatables

BBQ

Ice Cream

Face Painting

Stalls

Games

Rock Painting

Join us for some summer fun...

Saturday 29th June 2019
12pm - 4pm

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

Class Photos—Thursday 6th June