



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents

This week has been challenging for everyone but we are so proud of the children who are doing so well with their learning at home. We understand how difficult learning at home can be and we have been overwhelmed by the sheer effort put in by the children and yourselves. Please know that we are always grateful and never want to place pressure on you or the children. Your best is always enough. We only want to support the children to keep learning and keep positive at this difficult time. Teachers are enjoying checking in with the children and being able to support them in live lessons. The incredible way they are engaging and continuing to strive at this time shows your amazing commitment and teamwork. I would also like to express my gratitude for all the staff who work so tirelessly to support the children – their positivity and kindness is so valued.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and supporting the children with their mental health is always at the forefront of our minds. Staff are focussing on providing a supportive routine and a balance of varied learning activities including mindfulness, creative and active learning to support children's wellbeing. It is great to see the children enjoying dancing, PE and yoga from home. You will see us continuing to focus on this throughout the whole lockdown period. The BBC have released an article for parents on managing their wellbeing during lockdown. [Read this here](#)



Critical Worker Care

Safety remains our utmost priority during the pandemic and demand for places in school for children of Critical Workers is high. To prevent transmission of the virus, the safest place for the children to be is at home. Of course, we want to support Critical Workers in their roles and provide places in school for vulnerable children. However I must prioritise the safety of the children and staff in school as well as for the whole community and we must aim to keep our group sizes as small as we can. We are doing our utmost to support all the children at home with remote learning as well as to maintain and protect our Critical Worker and Vulnerable children service. I know that you will only use this service for the sessions where it is absolutely needed and there no other option. I do thank you for your support in this.

Thank you for booking wraparound care by lunchtime on Friday for the week ahead where possible so that we can safely plan for these numbers.

Please could I also reiterate the paramount importance of not sending children into school where they have symptoms of Covid-19. Our stance at Jerry Clay is to err on the side of caution as there are a range of symptoms now linked with the virus and keep children at home if unwell in order to protect the Critical Worker service.





Primary School Staff Covid Testing

The Department of Education has recently started a programme of asymptomatic COVID-19 testing in primary schools. Along with other protective measures we are taking, testing will allow us to take further measures to help staff members to work in as safe an environment as possible and to keep the community safe.

Reading Book Exchange

Next week we are going to have Reading Books available at school for children to come and choose their next reading book. These books will be inside the Main Entrance of school due to the damp, wet weather. Under each table is a box for you to put used reading books in from home so that they can be isolated. **Books can be collected between 9am-4pm on your child's allocated day.**

To be as safe as possible we have allocated certain days to each class to avoid large numbers of families coming to school at the same time. The timetable for this collection is as follows:

Monday - Reception & Year 1

Tuesday - Year 2 & Year 3

Wednesday - Year 4

Thursday - Year 5 & 6



When entering the school premises please make sure that face coverings are worn at all times. Please can we ask that social distancing rules are adhered to at all times should you see any other families at school.

Kind regards

Mrs C Elliott

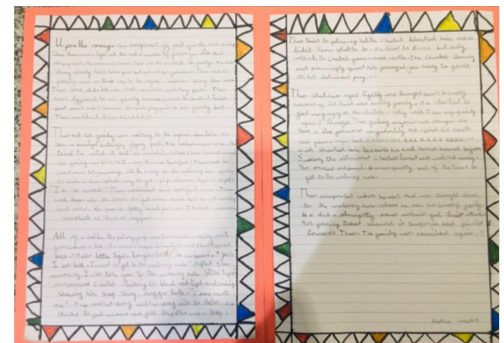
Headteacher



Special mentions of the week



Teachers are so proud of the amazing effort of the children in their class and would like to celebrate the effort they are making. They have chosen their Special Mention; someone who has 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: 25th January 2021

Reception - Jack Culley

Year 1- George Wardell

Year 2- Ollie Lawton

Year 3- Hannah Loftus

Year 4- Emily Harris

Year 5- Ethan Snowden

Year 6- Ruby Endersby

Click here for Special Mentions <https://youtu.be/dKCye3eqtJw>





Highlights of the Week



from Twitter

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Nadine Kaadan @Nadinekaadan · Jan 27

Wow!!!! I almost cried when I saw this 😊 Thank you so much Leo for reading my book, I am thrilled to know that Yazan's story & his experience of lockdown because of the war in Syria inspired you to draw your dream park on the wall ❤️ Much love to you & to @JCAWakefield @lantanapub

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jan 27

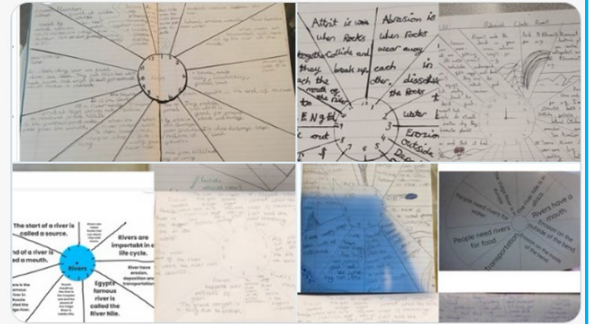
The power of story! Leo was inspired by the character in Year 1's story "Tomorrow" to paint his own wall beautifully with his mum. So special! 🌈 @Nadinekaadan #homelearning #readingrocks



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jan 26

Year 6 have been working extremely hard in Geography this week. Look at their fantastic retrieval clocks that they have created to demonstrate what they have remembered about their previous learning! 🌍 #retrieval #homelearning



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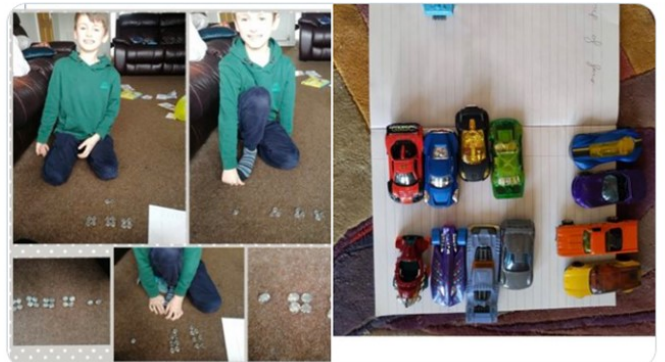
Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1h

Some excellent care and detail taken in year 4 to produce some outstanding pieces of art in the style of the artist Nick Gustafson #JCAArt #Amazonrainforest



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 6h

Children at home have done some amazing practical maths work this week on remainders! They have enjoyed using different objects around the house and will be even taking on the role of the teacher and making up their own examples today! #maths #homelearning #year3



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3h

A fabulous morning of ice exploration in Reception Class 'it's a penguin ice rink' 'an ice castle' 'it's the North Pole' #EYFS #frozenplanet #explore #discover #investigation #JCACurriculum



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jan 25

Thank you Miller for our gigantic hug! We miss you too! 😊 #caring #kindness



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