



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents

At the end of what has been a very challenging half term for all, I would like to say thank you for your ongoing support and team work. We could not be prouder of the children. They have continued to engage brilliantly and their learning across all subjects has been just incredible! We hope this has helped the children to stay happy and keep striving during lockdown. The amount of learning and the quality of learning has been wonderful and the children have continued to show brilliant learner traits of perseverance, caring, communication and inquisitiveness. It is wonderful to showcase some of the excellent learning from children at home and in school in this newsletter. The children's love of reading is shining through and it is great to see them sharing their reading on Seesaw and Tapestry.



## Mental Health

We have continued to focus on mental health and the children have been encouraged to find ways of expressing their feelings creatively in a way that makes them feel good: through dancing, art work, music, writing, drama and dressing up.

Starting after the half term holidays, we will be promoting **screen-free Friday afternoons**. On Fridays, there will be one live lesson in the morning and children will be encouraged to spend time in the afternoon away from screens exploring their own creative projects, building and making, or spending time outdoors or with family.

## Parents Evenings



The parents evenings scheduled for March will now be moved until a little later in the year. We will be in touch to confirm new dates however, as always, if you do have any queries or concerns please get in touch via [headteacher@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk).

## TTRS and Numbots

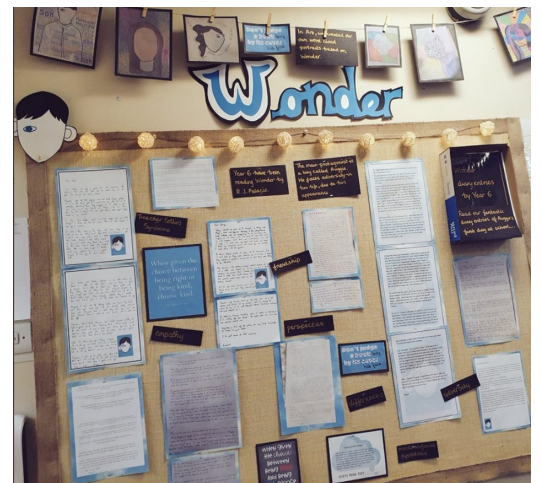
Introducing Numbots, a great maths game which allows the children to practise their addition and subtraction number facts. Numbots uses the same login details as TTRS which the children in Y1-6 use to practise their times tables.

Whilst we all remain uncertain of when school will be able to reopen to all the children, we are committed to doing our utmost to ensure that they continues to thrive and to enjoy their learning. We hope you have a relaxing and very well deserved half term break.

Warmest wishes,

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: 12th February 2021

Reception - Ruby Jones

Year 1- Caleb Preston

Year 2- Charlie Bromby

Year 3- Dougie Denning

Year 4- Kyle Spence

Year 5- Benji Hangula

Year 6- Daniel Ward



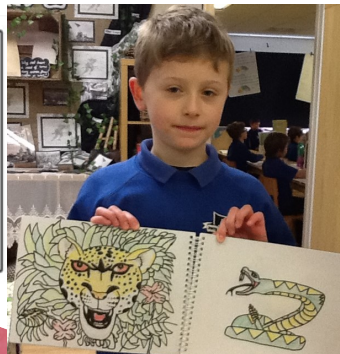
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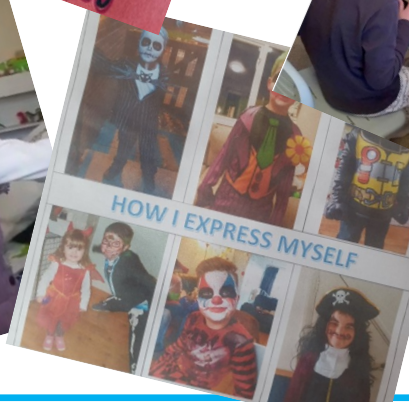
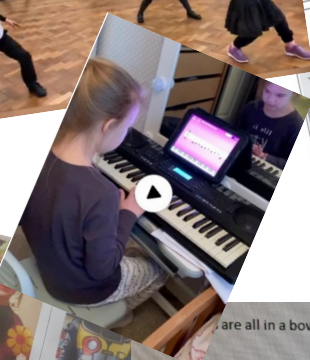
Here are just some the ways we have expressed ourselves at JCA over the past few weeks! .



Hope you like my worry box, i have done it around my happy monster in literacy :)



The red monster is the most curious monster in the whole wide world! The red monster is surrounded by flickering, glowing, fire like a meteor. On his face he has shiny, shimmering teeth! He has blunt, smooth claws on his hand. On top of his head there are poity horns like an elephants tusks! On his pick he has curious, glowing eye like glames! The red monster has furry, fluffy ear like a monkey!



are all in a bowl with a sign next to it saying "please take one," my body picks one each morning  
In the night sky, my sadness slumps down the streets, getting annoyed at every little thing that makes a sound.  
Happiness leaps through the field keeping a close look out for rainbows, carrying a smile everywhere she goes.  
Confusion is losing his sense of direction every second. Carrying a cloud shaped like a question mark always above it's head.  
Worry carefully tip-toes through the cracks in the roads as its bubble of thoughts drags him down.  
My emotions can change from every morning to every minute. I am a bag of pick and mix.

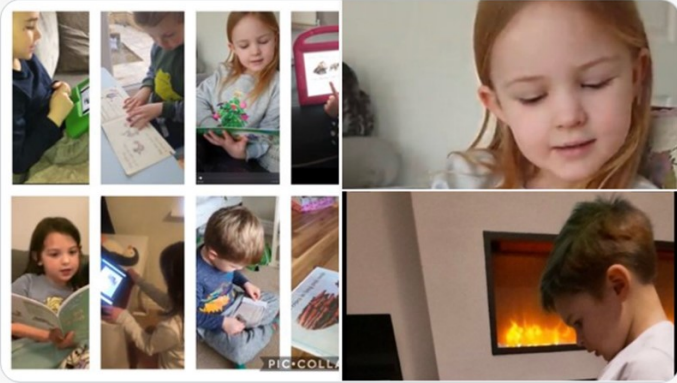




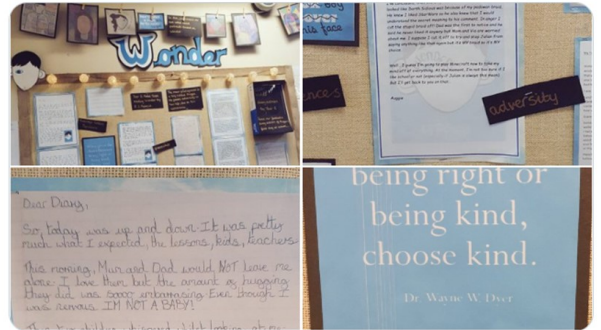
# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 9**  
A sprinkle of Reception Class reading magic #EYFS #JCACurriculum #Literacy #remoteteaching



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 9**  
Incredibly proud today to be able to display Y6's fantastic home learning from this half term. I am sure you will be so proud to see and share this once back in class! They have written and published diary entries at home and produced bright and individual word cloud portraits.



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 9**  
Year 1 have been busy preparing a teddy bear's picnic. This week they have written a menu, an invitation and prepared all the decorations. Some have even baked and designed their own games - so very kind! #homelearning



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1h**  
An Ice Palace, robot and flower using 3D shapes #EYFS #JCACurriculum #remoteteaching #Creative



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 9**  
Thank you to West Yorkshire Police for our informative Internet Safety Day presentation . It is always essential that we remind ourselves of the fantastic potential of technology but also the dangers to be aware of. #internetsafetyday

