



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents

We are so proud of all the children for their amazing effort with this week. They continue to impress us by striving so high with all their learning. They and you are showing such resilience despite all the uncertainties. When the snow came on Tuesday, it was wonderful to see sledging, building snowmen and enjoying the outdoors. Remote learning was swiftly adapted and we were so impressed by the snowy maths games, snow instructions, art work and even snow poetry!

Children's Mental Health Day: Friday 12th February

This week has been Children's Mental Health week and our children have been thinking about how to express themselves and their feelings in so many different ways. Miss Harling shared Tara's beautiful art work on twitter which gives us so much hope for the future. Reception enjoyed a live yoga session with Miss Ogden and the snow on Tuesday gave many people chance to enjoy to some fun times outdoors. Our focus on mental health will continue next week leading up to a Mental Health Day on Friday. On this day, teachers will explore the theme of feelings and mental health further in their live lesson in the morning before giving ideas for how the children could explore this further away from screens. There will be no live lessons in the afternoon to allow the children to relax into their own projects or to allow you to spend some fun time as a family,

I have attached information from [Wakefield Cares](#) about support services available to access during lockdown for both practical and well-being support.

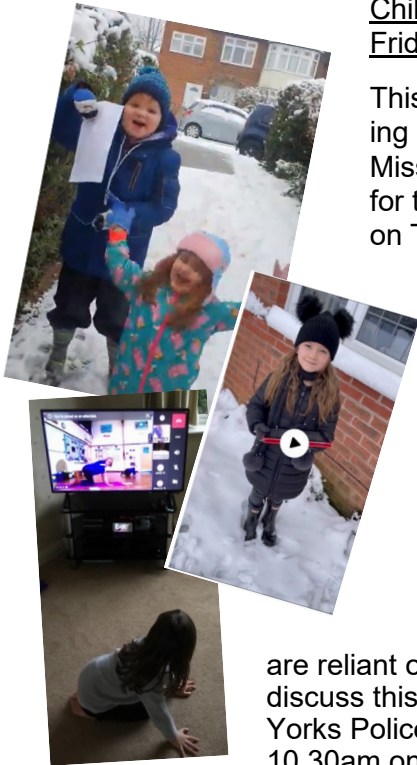
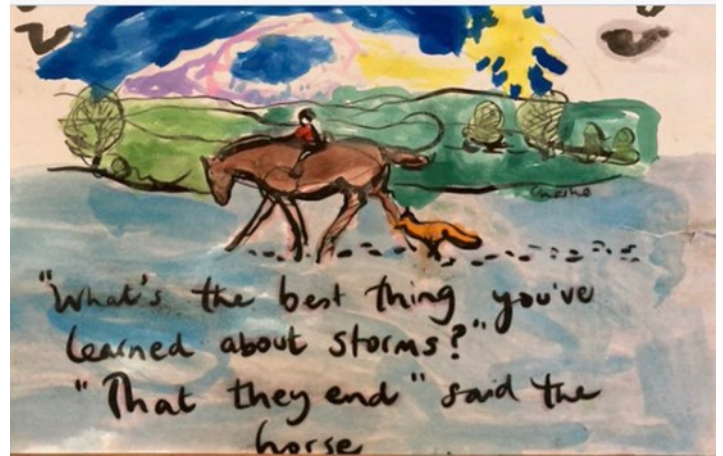
Safer Internet

We regularly discuss staying safe on the internet at school and whilst children are reliant on devices for aspects of education and entertainment in lockdown, it is important to discuss this with your child. Tuesday is Internet Safety Day and PCSO Luke Carson from W Yorks Police will be sharing online safety information for primary age children and parents at 10.30am on Tuesday. [Click here](#) to access this Teams event.

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. Their website <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> is an excellent resource for advice and activities on all aspects of online safety geared to each age range. They have released a series of 15 fun activities that can be done at home to help families to support online safety at home. [thinkuknow home activities](#)

NSPCC's Net-Aware also provides excellent advice on keeping children safe online. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/8-tips-for-keeping-your-kids-safe-online-during-lockdown/>

Keeping devices up to date with the latest updates and drivers is also important in ensuring online safety. Guidance regarding secure wireless connections, anti-virus and firewall software and keeping these up to date can be found at <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/securing-your-devices>



PIC-COLLAGE



Wrenthorpe Assist

Children in school have made Caring Cards which will be delivered to members of our community by Wrenthorpe Assist. Staff have also been collecting items for the village food bank. If you are able to donate any food items please take them to Wrenthorpe Methodist Church on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10.30 am and 2:00pm

Critical Worker Care

Demand for Critical Worker places in school remains high. Thankyou for only using this service when absolutely needed and there is no other option. Staff are now testing for Covid twice a week and we are doing everything we can in school keep everyone safe and to protect this service. Maintaining small group numbers by keeping children at home whenever possible is ultimately the best way to keep everyone safe. Please ensure, as always, that you always wear a face mask and socially distance when entering the school site. Many thanks.

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: 5th February 2021

Reception - Molly Lyle

Year 1- Amira Emmerson

Year 2- Esme Knowles

Year 3- Hadley Olbison

Year 4- Ava Perring

Year 5- Henry Stringer

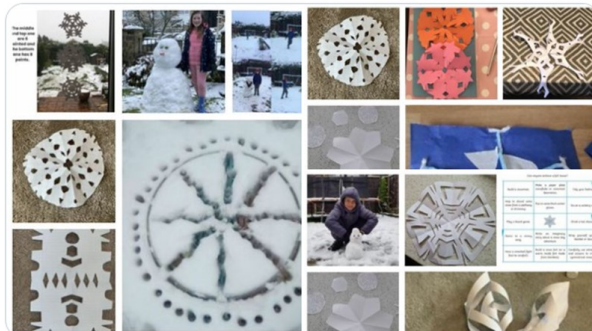
Year 6- Ruby Wardell

Click here for Special Mentions <https://youtu.be/ke7Do3m-TJA>

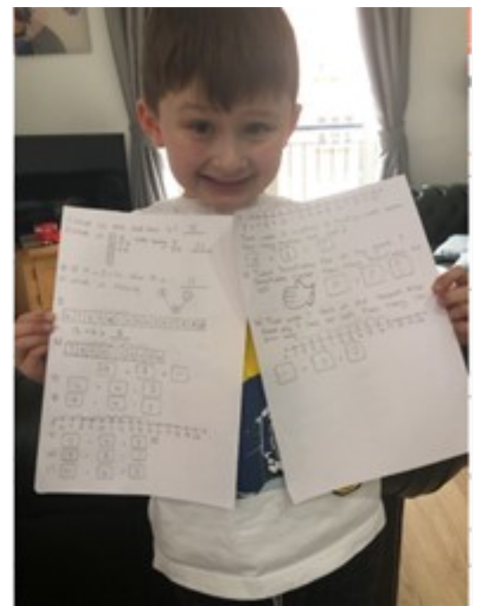


Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1h

Year 6 have made some fantastic memories in the snow with Snow Bingo and created their own Maths/Art symmetrical snowflakes. How many shapes and lines of symmetry can you spot? #homelearning #MathsArt



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Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 23h
Reception class are enjoying LIVE Action Words and Maths. So proud of the engagement and enthusiasm for learning #EYFS #homelearning



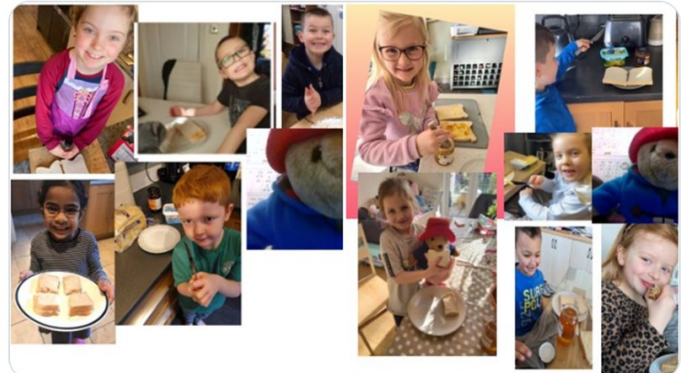
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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 21h
More fantastic geography work from Year 6 - deepening their understanding of tectonic plates, fault lines and locations of earthquakes. They have created maps, play dough and fruit models of these - such creativity! 🍌🍌🍌🌍
#geography #JACurriculum



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 1
Year 1 have been reading and following instructions carefully to make Paddington a marmalade sandwich! He has looked at all of them and is delighted to see so many of you enjoying them too! 🍌🍌🍌
#JCAhomelearning



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ption Class are feeling relaxed after our LIVE yoga session today with Ogden #EYFS #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek #physical #JACurriculum



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 1
Year 4 have demonstrated some excellent creativity in producing a worry box for #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek #wellbeing #mentalhealth



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 2
Writing for a purpose in Reception Class #EYFS #literacy #JACurriculum #homelearning



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