



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents

Today, as each Friday, we have shared our Special Mentions assembly in school on Teams. It has been a joy to hear just how brilliantly all the children are doing in school and how they are all striving to use their Jerry Clay Learner Traits everyday. In particular, we heard of children caring, sharing and working collaboratively as well as being inspired and developing independence in their learning. They are so resilient! Staff are working hard to ensure they are motivated by engaging learning and supported to be happy learners in school. Many classes are currently completing writing based on their core texts and are feeling proud of their quality outcomes. Some Y6 writing based on *The Tempest* by Shakespeare can be seen below.

Creative Arts Week

Next week we are having our Creative Arts Week in school based on the theme of 'Connections' with our friends, family and community. Our Junior Leadership Team have been working hard to prepare a launch assembly on Monday to kickstart this week of reflecting and creating. We can't wait to share our outcomes with you in our Outdoor Gallery during the week beginning 21st June (More details to follow!)

School photos

Our school photographer will be visiting on Monday 14th June to take class photographs as well as individual photos of our Year 6 leavers.

RSE Parent Consultation

We launched our parent consultation on our Draft Relationships and Sex Education Policy on Monday and this runs until June 10th. You will have received a ParentMail earlier this week along with an anonymous ParentMail form to provide your views. Thank you for those replies already received. Details can be found on our school website under the Curriculum tab.

Holidays in term time

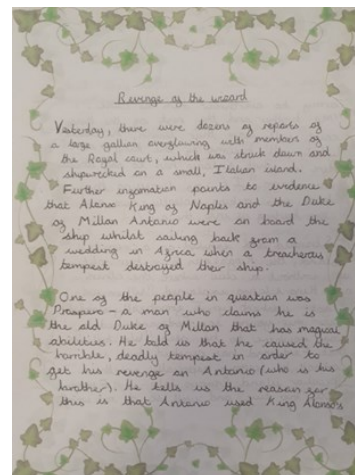
It is essential that the children are in school in order to give the best opportunities with their learning. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that holidays are not booked during term time as this does have a very detrimental impact on the children's learning.

Covid Safety

Please continue to wear masks and to distance when on the school site. We are doing all we can in school to protect our bubbles and keep our children learning in school.

Fingers crossed for slightly better weather this week-end!

Best 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: 21st May 2021

Reception - Lyla Lomax

Year 1– Joshua Taylor-Lyte

Year 2– Drew Peters

Year 3– Tinus Esterhuizen

Year 4– Mia Oxley

Year 5– Maya Garner

Year 6– Hannah Khan



Attendance winners

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance (where appropriate). As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**.

Please note that children who are self isolating due to COVID are not included in these figures.

lass	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	97.99 %	99.24 %
Year 1	98.00 %	98.65%
Year 2	96.00 %	98.39 %
Year 3	96.00 %	98.19 %
Year 4	97.64 %	98.41%
Year 5	97.50 %	97.79 %
Year 6	97.14 %	96.59 %

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET
BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS
90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.40%
ACTUAL – 98.19% Keep it up, well done!



WRAP AROUND CARE

Run by academy staff and offering a range of indoor and outdoor activities including games, crafts, table tennis, pool and outdoor play.

The tea menu varies week to week, example menus include:

Pasta with tomato sauce and cheese / yoghurt
Soup with a roll / fruit
Wraps with a variety of fillings / jelly & ice-cream

EARLY CARE from 7.30am

Cost: £4.75 per session including a breakfast of cereal, toast & a drink

AFTER SCHOOL CARE until 6pm

2020/21 costs according to pick-up time:

- Collect before 4.30pm: £4.75 including a snack
- Collect before 5.15pm: £7.00 including a light two course tea
- Collect before 6.00pm: £9.00 including a light two course tea
- Reduced fees are available for a second or third child from the same family attending after school club. The reduced fees from 1st September 2020 are: £6.50 (collect up to 5.15pm) / £8.50 (collect by 6pm).

*We accept childcare vouchers from company schemes and the Government Tax-Free Childcare Scheme: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/eligibility>

*Prices review annually in July by the Governing Body

For further information see the academy website at:

<http://www.jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk/parents/wrap-around-care/>

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have had a super couple of weeks! Lots of exciting learning both inside and outside of the classroom! We had an exciting day with Eden's forest this week outside, learning all about continents and oceans. We created a huge map to show these, then considered the different animals that live across the world. Our day ended with a lovely visit to the pond, hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows!

Inside the classroom, we have been so busy being amazing authors! Our published stories have been written beautifully on special forest paper and next we will be working on the illustrations before we share them with you! During Maths, we have been consolidating our addition and subtraction skills using different methods to check our accuracy. We are now also super speedy at number bonds and have started looking more at times tables!



Year 2

WOW! What an amazing week we have had in Year 2! We have been so impressed with Year 2 and their incredible striving and effort they have put it into all their learning! In Literacy, we have worked incredibly hard to redraft and up level our stories ready to publish this week! We can't wait to finish and publish them in our beautiful handwriting!

Our Art focus is Textiles and we have loved practising our sewing skills and we have been developing our running stitch! It was difficult to thread the needle and use the aida, but we have persevered to perfect our perfect running

stitch.

We also had an incredible outdoor learning day, while explore our theme 'extreme weather'. We did science experiments to explore tornadoes and how clouds are formed.



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Year 3

What a fabulous two weeks of learning year 3 have had. Showing real perseverance and determination during such a busy time. I have been so immensely proud of all the children for the effort they have put into their Literacy work. We have completed our persuasive letters to Mr Zuckerman from Charlotte the Spider. The children have been so focussed on using persuasive language and modal verbs to communicate their points effectively, and this has been really evident in their work.



In maths, the children have shown fantastic retention of knowledge on recognising and find a half and a quarter. They have been challenging themselves to explain their thinking using key mathematical language, such as equal parts, numerator, denominator and shared. We also have been trying to use our fraction vocabulary in other subject areas to try and solidify our knowledge even more.

Year 3 have shown some superb retrieval skills in their RE work this week. Discussing and showcasing all that they have learnt on 'why some people think life is a journey' using retrieval clocks. Additionally, in art we have completed our final collage of leaf printing. What began as a simple gradient background, has now transformed into fantastic layers of detail using our printing techniques.



Year 4

Year 4 have had another fantastic couple of weeks. They have been incredibly immersed within their new learning, particularly in literacy where we have been looking at our new book 'Sherlock Holmes.' The children have really enjoyed getting into character when acting out being detectives to solve a crime. This has resulted in some exceptional writing being produced.

To finish off our learning on the development of the railway, the children have thoroughly enjoyed building a wooden train and developing their skills when using a saw and PVA glue to produce this product. We are now looking forward to painting and finalising these over the next couple of lessons.



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Year 5

Another brilliant 2 weeks of learning for Year 5! We have continued to learn about Space but with a focus on Art! We have studied the work of Peter Thorpe and are going to be re-creating his work using the sewing skills we have practised – keep your eye out on Twitter for the final outcomes! In Literacy, we have studied information texts and have written our own about the different planets of the Solar System! This has been with a focus on using a variety of sentence structures. Finally, in Maths, our focus has been on fractions, decimals and percentages and we are now experts in converting between them all!



Year 6

Year 6 have had another fantastic fortnight of learning. In Literacy, we have been writing newspaper reports based around our core text, 'The Tempest'. We have also been improving our editing and critiquing skills. We can't wait to publish our work for our new writing display!

In Maths, we have continued to interpret data and have focused on line graphs and pie charts.

During History, we have been learning about the Tudor dynasty and their influence on the modern world. We have also spent some time relaxing in our natural environments outdoors.

Next week we have Bikeability and Creative Arts Week.

Important dates this half term:

Y6 rescheduled Bikeability : Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th May 2021 please see ParentMail for further details

Next half term:

14th June AM – Year 6 photographs

Thursday 24th June – Virtual Mirfield Community of Resurrection R.E Visit

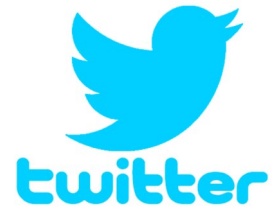
Friday 25th June AM – Puberty Talk with school nurses

w/c Monday 28th June – Year 6 Fun Fest Week – please see ParentMail for further details





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 18

Our magical story telling of our core text 'Grandma Bird' by @Benji_Davies 🧡❤️Year 2 have loved developing our expression to perform and retell our story!
@_Reading_Rocks_ #JCAReading #readingforpleasure #TalkForWriting

1:58 1.3K views

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 18

A super day learning outdoors with @edensforestcic - Year 1 learnt all about continents and oceans around the world and the different animals that live there. Lots of super team work, inquiring and communicating!
#JCAOutdoorlearning

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You Retweeted

Jerry Clay Academy Art @JCA_Art · 5h

Our Creative Arts junior leader team are busy planning their launch assembly for next week's exciting Creative Arts week! #JCAArts #Juniorleadership #Arts #Primaryarts @JCAWakefield

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Jerry Clay Academy Art @JCA_Art · 5h

Excellent preparation and organisation! Super team work!

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 4h

Year 6 have continued their fantastic writing based on Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. They have published their stories and newspaper reports. We also finished the day with a 'table read' using scripts in our drama lesson.
#JCACurriculum

THE DAILY NEWS
FRIDAY 31 MAY 1780
LOCAL FISH MONSTER RECLAIMS ISLAND

... a large galleon...
Further information...
One of the people...
Prospero...
... never seen...
... With all the crew...



Dates for Your Diary

Photographs

14/6/21 Class photos and Y6 Leaver photos

Reports

16/7/21– End of year reports

Theme Weeks

w/c 24/05/21- Creative Arts week

Provisional Performances—pending Government Guidance

w/c/ 21/06/21 - Creative Arts Outdoor Gallery .

w/c 19/7/21 – Celebration week

Sports Day Week

w/c/ 18/06/21

Year 6 activities

w/c/ 25/06/21

End of Term

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Back to school

Wednesday 8th September 2021

We continue to respond to the changing situation with the pandemic to prioritise safety for all. Dates are subject to change and are likely to run differently to in a normal year. We continue to follow government guidance on what we can and cannot do safely. We will communicate further arrangements as soon as we can.



Reminder of drop off & pick up times

A classes – Y1,3,5, 6

8.30-8.45

3.00-3.15

B classes – R, Y2, Y4

8.45-9.00

3.15-3.25

Summer dates and after school clubs

We are all very much hoping that the government roadmap for the easing of lockdown continues however we continue to await guidance on what this will mean in school. We are looking forward to some exciting events in the summer term but are unsure exactly how these will run. Equally, whilst it remains essential to keep our class bubbles apart we are unable to run after school clubs. We will continue to re-assess this moving forwards. Thank you for your understanding also that our teachers, who offer after school clubs, are still working extremely hard in difficult circumstances in school and are very much prioritising the children's learning at this time.