



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents

Whilst it has been a short week following the bank holiday, we have had such a busy week in school! It was Year 5's turn to enjoy an Outdoor Learning Day with Eden's Forest to explore their learning about space. Thank you also to Wakefield Cathedral who gave Year 2 a virtual tour as part of their RE learning. The children are really impressing us with their inquisitiveness to find out about their theme as well as by their perseverance.

Parents Evenings thank you!

Parents evenings have been so useful to share how the children have returned to school, their current learning and next steps. These conversations have been extremely valuable to allow us to work in partnership to ensure the very best learning for the children. The technology was *mostly* kind to us in allowing these to go ahead. Thank you for the many kind and supportive messages on the Parent Evening Feedback form which I have shared with staff. Throughout the pandemic, the teamwork between home and school has been key in ensuring the children are best supported and continue to keep happy and learning. We are absolutely committed to supporting our children pastorally and with their learning coming out of this extremely challenging year. We always aim to inspire them through engaging learning experiences. Rigorous systems are in place to ensure that we identify each child's learning needs and move swiftly to support them. As we move through the summer term and onwards this remains our utmost priority. Please do get in touch at any time if you have any queries about your child's learning.

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 the holidays are not booked during term time as this does have a very detrimental impact on the children's learning.

Handling Difficult Emotions—Future in Minds Parent Workshop

We have arranged for Future in Minds, Wakefield's Mental health and wellbeing advisors, to hold a virtual parent workshop on June 15th from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. This will be an opportunity to hear from experts on aspects of anxiety among children and helping them to handle difficult emotions. Previous Future in Minds workshops have

been very successful in the Academy. There will be space for 25 families on a Zoom call and places should be requested using the Handling Difficult Emotions ParentMail form by Friday 14th May. If you would like to request any issues are covered please add these to the form. The link will be sent when places are confirmed.

Jewellery

Please could I remind you that our uniform policy allows only stud earrings. The children would need to remove these or apply tape over them themselves during PE. No other form of jewellery should be worn in school. Thank you.

I hope you all have a good weekend. Best wishes

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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: 4th May 2021

Reception - Lucy McCarthy

Year 1- Noa Robinson

Year 2- Neveyah Dutton

Year 3- Dylan Raw

Year 4- Ryder Bruce

Year 5- Mollie Spencer

Year 6- Richard O'Keefe

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	98.29 %	99.43 %
Year 1	96.22 %	98.72%
Year 2	98.33 %	98.76 %
Year 3	99.17 %	98.42 %
Year 4	99.58 %	98.61%
Year 5	98.79 %	98.56 %
Year 6	95.09 %	96.65 %

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 – 98.46% 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 continued to get lots of inspiration from our core text: Leaf. We are striving to use vocabulary and ideas from the story in order to plan our own stories in Literacy. In Art, we have been developing our printmaking skills so that we can use this skill to create our front cover of our very own stories, inspired by the front cover of Leaf.

In Geography we have learned more about hot and cold places around the world, including the equator and the poles; we packed our suitcases carefully

thinking about what we might take if we visited!

Our Maths learning has been focussed on identifying odd and even numbers, spotting patterns in our number square and number lines and using numicon to help.

Important dates to remember:

Tuesday –18th May Year 1 Outdoor learning day

Year 2

Wow! What a busy two weeks of amazing learning we have had! Year 2 have impressed us with their inquisitiveness and enthusiasm to learning. In Literacy, we have begun writing our own versions of 'Grandma Bird' by Benji Davies. We started by using our story telling to learn the story. Scan the QR code to watch our super story telling! Now, we are using the structure to rewrite our own version. We have been striving to use expanded noun phrases, alliteration and similes!

In Maths, we have completed our learning on measuring length and height and have started to explore position and direction. We created map of the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to help us describe left, right, up and down to give clear directions.

This week, we were also lucky enough to attend a virtual workshop at Wakefield Cathedral. We had a fantastic time following up our R.E learning about Christians to explore special places of worship!

Important dates to remember:

Tuesday –11th May Year 2 Outdoor learning day



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

Year 3 have shown brilliant perseverance in their learning this week. We are glad to be back together again, to continue the hard work we produced in isolation.

In Literacy this week the children have shown fantastic recall of our diary entry features and have used their detailed plans from home learning to support their hot writes.

In Maths, we have been recapping our understanding of adding and subtracting different lengths. We corroborated this knowledge with an enriched outdoor learning session, where the children became maths code breakers. They had to use what they had learnt to answer a variety of questions to reveal a clue.

Across our topic of 'The Great Outdoors' the children have shown off their creativity, using resources from the outdoors such as leaves and flowers to practise colourful printing techniques as well as painting their collage backgrounds in Art. Using researching and retrieval skills to create informative posters on arable and livestock farming in Geography.



Year 4

Year 4 have had an excellent few weeks where they have demonstrated fantastic inquisitiveness and risk taking when developing their knowledge about the industrial revolution. They have been enthralled in new learning which was also benefited by our outdoor learning day we participated within last week. This has resulted in the children producing some excellent diary entries set within the industrial revolution describing the day that they saw the steam

train for the very first time.

In maths, the children have demonstrated excellent perseverance when developing their knowledge of decimals. They worked well in partners to understand how to show decimals and fractions on a number line where they are starting to apply their previous knowledge to new learning.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA



Year 5

Year 5 had a great day spent outdoors with Eden's Forest. They learnt about Space, consolidating their learning about planets. One of the key things from the day was being able to share some of the facts that they learnt about – did you know that Saturn is 1.433 million miles away from the sun?

In Literacy, we have completed our adventure stories based on 'The Jamie Drake Equation' and are now starting

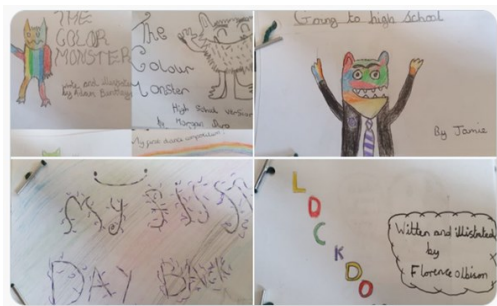
to write an explanation text using our knowledge. In Maths, we are now learning about decimals.

Year 6

Year 6 have had another fantastic two weeks full of so much high quality learning and outcomes! It has been brilliant to meet with you all via Teams and share all of the wonderful achievements of your children!

In Literacy and Drama, we have been using 'The Tempest' as inspiration to write character descriptions of Caliban and Prospero and create different scenes.

During Maths, we have started to learn about statics and data and how to collect and interpret this. We started with line graphs and will be learning about 'the mean' next week.



In Wise Time, we have created stories based on 'The Colour monster' to explore our own worries and experiences. We think younger children will love these!

Our JLT have been working hard on getting Worry Buddies up and running – they are currently preparing further training so that we can continue to make Jerry Clay a happy place to be!

Important dates this half term:

Road Safety Workshop: Monday 10th May 2021

Y6 rescheduled Bikeability : Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th May 2021 – I will send further details via ParentMail nearer to the time.

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 30 Apr
Our Worry Buddies have designed and put up their brand new display to inform and encourage our children to speak about any worries to their class representatives. What a fantastic effort! 🌟





Highlights of the Week from



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 16m

A huge thank you to @WFCathedralEDU at @WakeCathedral for our fantastic FREE virtual workshop yesterday! An amazing opportunity, brilliantly organised and engaged all our Y2s! We loved our virtual visit for our R.E learning! 🙌🙌
#JcaRE #LearningOpportunities #MakingMemories

Gillian Bunn @WFCathedralEDU · 17h
Really enjoyed our virtual workshop with the Y2s @JCAWakefield. A fantastic and knowledgeable class. @WakeCathedral



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 5

A great day for Year 5 yesterday - they spent the day outdoors learning about space! They worked incredibly hard to create a scaled model of the solar system on the field! #JCAScience #JCACurriculum



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 18h

Wonderful child initiated learning inspired by our core text 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' #EYFS #JCACurriculum #Literacy #creative #language



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 5

Year 1 loved the added challenge of measuring the progress of their seedlings using a ruler this morning! #JCAScience #JCAMaths #teamwork



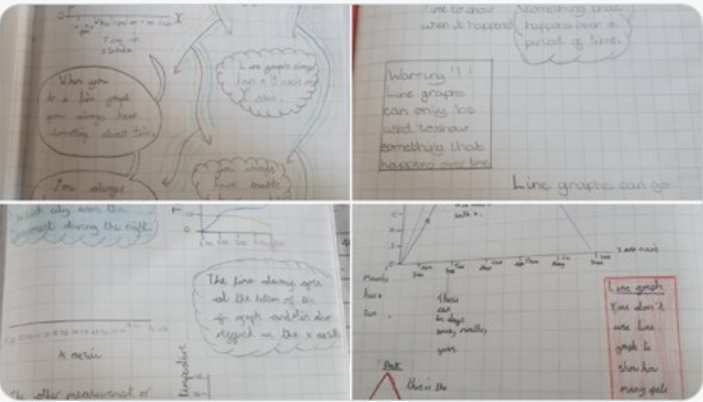
Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 5

Year 1 developed their printing technique today, then added details using felt tips. Some beautiful experimentation! #JCAArts #sketchbook #inspired



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 23h

started today's statistics lesson by revisiting vocabulary and information that we could remember (about line graphs) from previous year groups. #retrievalpractise #JCAMaths





Dates for Your Diary

Parents Evenings

4/5/21, 6/5/21– Virtual Parents evenings

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.