



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents

It has been a busy first week in our final half term of the year. The children have really been enjoying their maths learning in school and are deepening and solidifying their learning ready for their move to their new year group in September. Teachers often plan exciting practical learning experiences to support the children's understanding.

We were proud this week to welcome visitors from Osmotherley Primary School this week to share how our wonderful environments in and out of school inspire excellence from all our children.

Many classes have also enjoyed learning outdoors this week. Whatever the subject, we can use our beautiful outdoor environments to share magical learning together.

PTA Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for Fathers Day- Wow! Thankyou for your generosity in supporting this tasty fundraising venture. Please send payment into school in a named envelope by Tuesday 15 June. Orders will be handed out at the end of the day on Friday 18th June.



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

Sports Week - The children will be taking part in our Sports Day over the course of the week next week. Please ensure the children have their PE kits in school all week next week. Children will be taking part in a carousel of sports activities in their PE lessons to earn points for their team. They will then take part in races on the track. Due to the current limit of 30 people gathering outside, we are not able to invite you onto the school site to watch Sports Day this year but we will share lots of photographs.

Creative Arts 'Connections' Sculpture Park - We can't wait to welcome you to view our Outdoor Sculpture Park on June 21st, 22nd, 24th or 25th. Every class has created a unique sculpture and an video performance based on the theme of 'Connections'. Please collect your child at their normal staggered end time and ensure that you remain distanced from other families when viewing the sculptures and videos.

Creative Arts Raffle - Send money in a named envelope to buy tickets for some special art prizes. £1 for 5 tickets. The raffle will be drawn in the week commencing 21st June.

Thankyou to Daniel and Dylan in Y6 for designing the posters to advertise our Creative Arts events.

Best wishes Mrs C Elliott Headteacher

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Come to our

'Connections' Sculpture park

We cannot wait to share our amazing art with you!



Every child in each class worked hard in Creative Arts week to make a unique sculpture for our very own fantastic outdoor sculpture park!

You can:

- wander the sculpture park after school on the 21st, 22nd, 24th or 25th June.
- scan Q-R-codes for an interactive experience for all the family to enjoy
- take photos next to our amazing sculptures!



*Enter our **Arts** raffle draw!*



It is £1 For 5 tickets to apply for the amazing raffle draw! Please send money in a named envelope to the office.

Prizes include: An incredible art hamper, acrylic paint, Canvas, charcoal, and a huge 75 Pencil box!

If you do enter, the money towards your tickets will go to more art supplies for our school!

The raffle draw will take place during the week beginning Monday 21st June (the week of the sculpture park)



Ongoing Covid Control Measures in school and arrangements for upcoming events -

We have all been enjoying the opening up of some aspects of society as part of the easing of lockdown however I just wanted to make you fully aware of current government restrictions last issued to schools on May 24th. *"You must do everything possible to minimise contacts and mixing while delivering a broad and balanced curriculum"*. In our small classrooms, if we have a positive case in a class bubble, all the children in that class are required to self isolate. We really want to protect the children's learning in school and we thank you for your vigilance in not sending children to school if they have symptoms of Covid 19. We are continuing to keep children and staff in different bubbles, distanced so that any cases do not impact on more children. We await further guidance on what future easing of restrictions might be from the government and how that will impact on schools.

Celebration Assemblies

Our celebrations at the end of the summer term are a special opportunity for the children to feel so proud of everything they have achieved during the school year and we love to share this with you. We are working on different possible ways of sharing our End of Year Celebrations as we continue to follow government guidance. These may be entirely virtual or could involve inviting you to view your child's class celebration assembly out of doors or in school. We are not sure at this time. We have planned provisional dates should we be able to invite you to school.

Friday 16th July - Reception, Year 1

Monday 19th July - Year 6

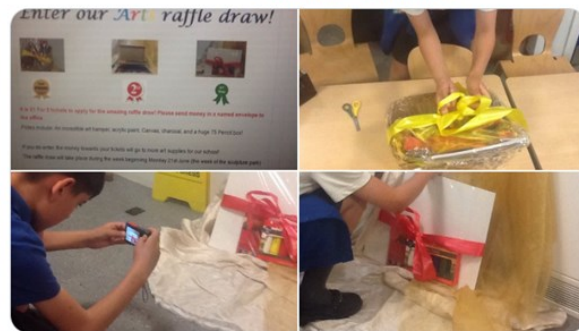
Tuesday 20th July - Year 2 and Year 3

Wednesday 21st July - Year 4 and Year 5



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 8

Our Arts junior leaders have been preparing an amazing raffle draw to raise money for Arts resources at JCA! #teamwork #responsibility



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 5h

Year 6 have started reading 'Go Big: The secondary school survival guide'. We are really enjoying the honesty and humour! #transition



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 7

The children created a super slimy trail for their giant snail 'we need slime so we know where the snail goes' #EYFS #JCACurriculum #creative #minibeasts



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For the special man in your life

Order Krispy Kreme doughnuts from JCA PTA for a Fathers day present that will be loved by all!

You could personalise the doughnuts at home too for that extra special feel.



The original and arguably the best!

Enjoy 6 or 12 signature Original Glazed ring doughnuts.

All doughnuts are made fresh daily and delivered to JCA PTA the same day.

How to order

Email: jcapta@gmail.com - Let us know if you would like to order 6 or 12, plus your childs name and year group.

Fill in the slip attached and return to school. If you can't print it out feel free to copy out the information and return to school.

It is on a first come first serve basis until we hit our order limit.

We must receive your order by 1pm on Thursday 10 June.
(yep that's 2 days time, sorry!)

The doughnuts will arrive at school on Friday 18 June and handed out at the end of the day.

Payment for orders **must** be sent into school by Tuesday 15 June. Put your cash or cheque in an envelope as usual and add your Childs name, year group and how many you have ordered. If we have not received payment for any orders by Tuesday we will offer the order for resale.

Order 6 for £5 or 12 for £10

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Childs name and year group

How many doughnuts you want to order. Multiples of 6 only.

Your name

Additional information

Suitable for vegetarians: Yes

Suitable for vegans: No

Allergens

Contains: Gluten (Wheat), Egg and Milk

As we make our doughnuts fresh daily and use many ingredients and shared equipment we cannot guarantee that any of our products are free from allergens (including wheat and other cereals containing gluten, milk, eggs, soya, nuts, peanuts and sulphites).



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: 11th June 2021

Reception - Eddie Trickett

Year 1– Teddy North

Year 2– Thomas Dixon

Year 3– Morgan Francis-Brownlie

Year 4– Lara Kinnear

Year 5– Amelia Brown

Year 6– Jonah Martin

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	92.62 %	98.96 %
Year 1	98.67 %	98.38%
Year 2	94.33 %	98.21 %
Year 3	99.33 %	98.15 %
Year 4	100 %	98.43 %
Year 5	95.58 %	97.56 %
Year 6	100 %	96.83 %

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 – 98.08% 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 very productive and exciting couple of weeks! We absolutely loved Creative Arts week where we expressed our emotions through dance, drama and art and considered the power of connecting together as a team. We are looking forward to sharing our sculpture with you in a couple of weeks at our sculpture park!

This week we have launched our new core text: The Jungle book! Alongside this we will be learning all about incredible jungle creatures, jungles around the world and where they are located. We found out that we will be having a jungle party at the end of the theme! The children have listened beautifully to the story and created lovely story maps to show their understanding of this during Literacy.

In Maths we have been learning about equal and unequal groups, we have created groups of 2 and 5 in order to build up our skills in grouping. We are applying our excellent counting in 2s and 5s to help with this!



Year 2

Wow! Another amazing week in Year 2 and the weeks are flying by! Year 2 have been striving so high in all their learning and enjoying their last half term.

In Literacy, we have been exploring our new story focus 'Cyril the lonely cloud' for our theme 'What's the weather'. We used our active reading skills to explore the front cover and make predictions about the story. We also created beautiful story maps to help us remember the story.

In Maths, we have spent the week applying all our learning from September to help us to solve lots of word problems. It has been challenging to review and remember all our learning and solve 2 step problems.

In D.T, we are continuing our textiles project inspired by 'Grandma Bird'. We cut out all our different layers of fabric to match our designs, ready to sew on to our patches next week.



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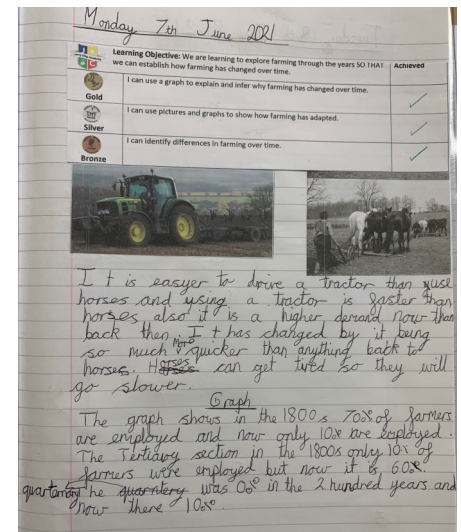
Year 3

Year 3 have made a brilliant start back to their learning after the half term. We have been so impressed by their attitudes and enthusiasm.

In maths, we have been continuing our super work on fractions. The children consistently showcase their mathematical vocabulary, proving just how much hard work they are putting into each lesson. We have just begun looking at tenths, specifically on how we can show these as decimals and counting as far as we possibly can with fractions!

In literacy the children are still loving our core text of Charlotte's Web. The children have been taking it in turns to read parts of the chapter aloud to increase their confidence. We have been spotting key features of a newspaper report and understanding what makes a good headline.

In our topic lessons we are continuing to progress our knowledge on farming. We had a phenomenal lesson on how farming has developed over the years, specifically looking at the evolution of ploughing and milking cows. The children showed lots of inquisitiveness looking through old photographs and fantastic listening skills as we explored challenging graphs/statistics on farming.



Year 4

Year 4 have had an excellent week back! In Maths, we have been looking at developing our understanding of money and applying this to different problems and situations. The children thoroughly enjoyed going to 'Jerry Clay Stores' and using their knowledge to buy and sell groceries to other children.



In Literacy, we have started to use the idea of Dragons Den to excite children into thinking about how we can write a persuasive argument to pitch an idea to the Dragons. In DT, the children have continued to build and adapt their trains where they have designed these using different colours and patterns.



Finally, in Science, the children have continued to expand on their knowledge of sound and how this travels where they applied their knowledge of vibrations to the telephone and other devices before making some telephones of their own.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 have impressed us so much in their learning over the past few weeks. Creative Arts Week was extremely busy and the children worked so hard to create their final pieces which they cannot wait for you all to see!

As well as the creations for the gallery, Year 5 completed their sewing pieces, inspired by space artist, Peter Thorpe. This was a result of two afternoons of determination, perseverance and patience!

This week, Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the first moon landing and have written a brilliant newspaper report to tell the story. In Maths, Year 5 have moved onto learning more in-depth about decimals, using the place value skills they already have.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a great first week back! In Literacy, we have been working on developing higher quality vocabulary and sentences through our suspense story, 'Alma'. During Maths lessons, we have been updating our knowledge on angles and shapes and revising other topics that we have studied this year. In Geography, we have started to learn about Trade and what product are imported and exported in an out of the United Kingdom.

Today, each Year 6 child received their own copy of Go Big: The Secondary School Survival Guide We will be using this in school to support our transition Wise Time sessions.

Important dates this half term:

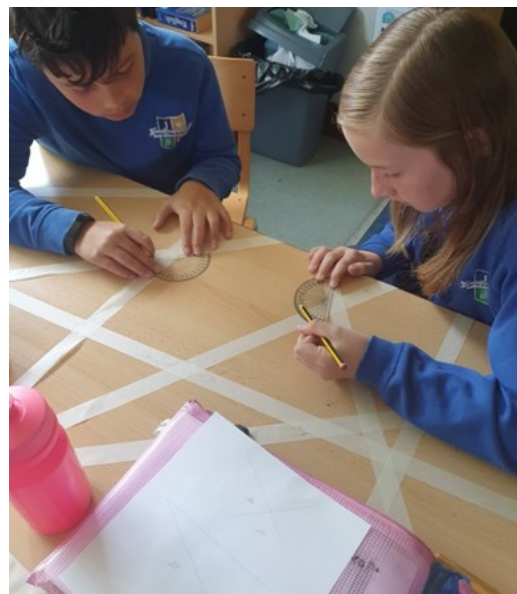
14th June AM – Year 6 photographs

Thursday 24th June PM – 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

Monday 19th July – Y6 Celebration Assembly – (details to be confirmed ASAP due to Covid restrictions)





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 9h

Year 1 have been using their counting in fives skills to help them work out how many pounds they would like to spend on the Arts raffle draw and how many tickets that will give them! #JCAMaths #reallifelearning @WhiteRoseMaths



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 8

Thankyou @edensforestcic for a superb day of adventure and fun exploring micro habitats and insects #EYFS #JCAOutdoorLearning #insects #teamwork #physical #creative



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 8

Year 4 are thoroughly enjoying their Sherlock Holmes library and producing some outstanding and interesting book reviews explaining why these exciting books should be read #readingforpleasure



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 8

Today Year 1 were left clues by a little boy to help us discover our new core text: The Jungle Book! #coretext #JCALiteracy #JACurriculum

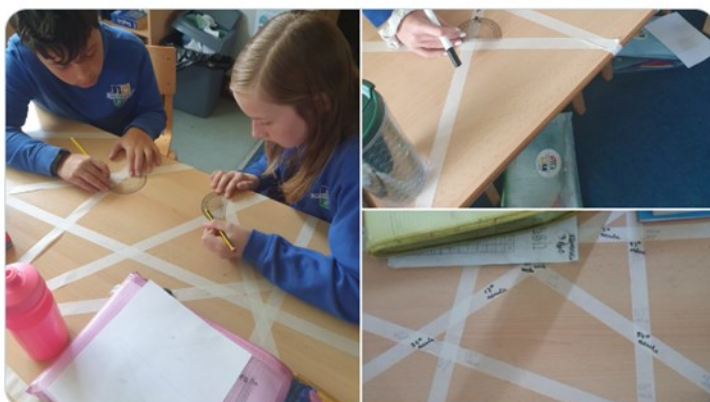


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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 8

Year 6 have been estimating and measuring angles using a protractor. We discussed the patterns of opposite angles and will apply these skills and knowledge when measuring angles in shapes tomorrow. #JCAMaths



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 7

Enhancements to our indoor and outdoor provision have created such enthusiasm for learning #EYFS #JCAEnvironment #minibeasts



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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

Celebration Assemblies—possible dates pending government guidance.

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Sports Day Week

w/c/ 14/06/21

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



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 10h

We managed to catch some glimpses of the partial eclipse this morning - there were big cheers at 11.15am! Very exciting hearing from Greenwich Observatory Astronomers. @ROGreenwich Thank you from our Year 6 class! (Sadly, it was too cloudy to see the shadow through our colander!)

