



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 28th May 2021



Dear Parents

Wow! Creative Arts Week has been an absolutely brilliant end to a busy half term. The academy has been buzzing with activity and the children have loved reflecting on the importance of the Connections we make in school, at home, with our families, friends and in the community. There have been so many wonderful creations and the children have been inspired to put together performances to share with you in June.

The children have made us so proud how they have adapted to their learning back in school over the course of this half term. We

have seen our youngest children discovering that they can be authors and create their own books and everyone striving to be the best they can be! As always, we aim for the most magical and meaningful learning and continue to react to the children's needs. I am also so proud of the whole staff team at Jerry Clay who continually show such commitment and talent to make this possible.

## Creative Arts—Connections Outdoor Sculpture Park

We can't wait to share our work from Creative Arts week with you! Our **Connections Outdoor Sculpture Park** will be open after school on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th June until 3.45 pm. Please pick up your children at the **normal staggered end times** (3pm—3.15 for Y1, 3,5 and 6 and 3.15—3.25 for Reception, R2 and Y4) that week. We would like to invite you choose a convenient day to view the Sculpture Park to help everyone maintain distance on the school site. Each class has made a sculpture for you to view and there will be a QR code to view their video performance.

## Help needed! - Plants and planting

We would love to hear from you if you could help us with making our school grounds the best they can be! We would love to plant up our borders and beds with some colourful flowers and plants. Maybe you know someone who has been growing flowers or veg from seed and have some spare. Could you help to plant up a pot or planter? If plants are your thing and you can help please get in touch with Mrs Elliott. Thank you.

I hope you have wonderful half term break and manage to enjoy a rest and some precious family time.

Best wishes

Mrs C Elliott Headteacher

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Published writing based on core texts 'Leaf' and 'The Tempest' in Year 1 and Year 6. We are very proud of this beautiful work.





## Medicines

Where essential, staff can administer prescribed medicines during the school day. Just a reminder to please complete a form at the school office to register any medicines to provide written consent and full details. Staff are **never** allowed to administer non-prescribed medicines unless permission has been sought from the headteacher and with written permission from yourself as parents. Medicines are kept in a locked cupboard to ensure they are used safely. Please could I ask that medicines (including inhalers) are not sent in your child's bag and that any instructions regarding medicines are given directly to the school office or the child's teacher.

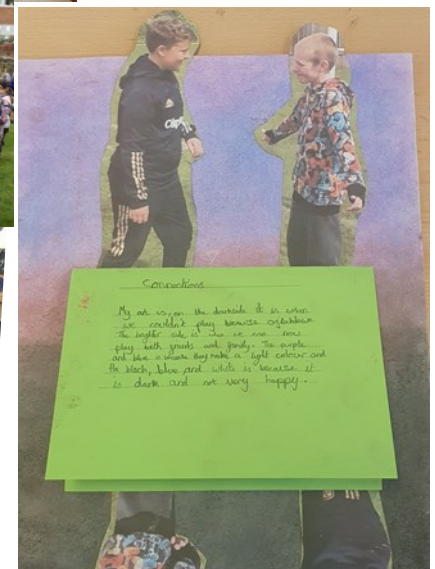
## Holidays in term time

Although it is perhaps tempting to take a holiday during term time as restrictions begin to ease, this is hugely detrimental to the children's progress in school. The government have made getting children in school a National Priority. Due to the disruption this year, it is essential that their schooling is not further disrupted to give them the best opportunities with their learning. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that the holidays are not booked during term time. We cannot authorise holidays during term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances and requests for holidays should be made with a holiday form to the school office at least six weeks in advance.

## Creative Arts Week 2021—By connecting together, we grow stronger! We can't wait to share our sculptures with you!



Connections  
Connections make the world go round,  
Connection is like glue,  
It attaches things together,  
Like walking in nature with your dog,  
Whatever the weather.  
A strong gate that keeps you going and glowing,  
travelling or playing,  
watching Star Wars or Marvel fighting crime,  
Being with family or friends in the sunshine,  
Going outdoor with the wind whispering in  
your ears,  
the birds dancing and singing,  
while the mischievous monkeys are swinging,  
and fish are swimming and smiling,  
Connections make you grin and beam  
with memories for ever,  
They keep the world from falling apart,  
and lie deep down in your heart,  
Connections really do make the world go  
round.  
By Jamie





# 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: 24th May 2021**

Reception - Tommy Taylor

Year 1- Jacob Thompson

Year 2- Mohammed Zahoor

Year 3- Maya Hussain

Year 4- Samuel Myatt

Year 5- Jack Asquith

Year 6- Bailey Hanson-Palmer

## 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.**

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	96.67 %	99.22 %
Year 1	92.00 %	98.37%
Year 2	98.00 %	98.37 %
Year 3	95.97 %	98.10 %
Year 4	97.33 %	98.36%
Year 5	95.63 %	97.65 %
Year 6	99.29 %	96.70 %

**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 – 98.12% Keep it up, well done!**



## WRAP AROUND CARE

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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

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

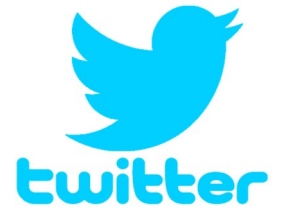
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For further information see the academy website at:

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



# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 25**

By connecting together we grow stronger! We have planted an apple tree the heart of our sculpture [#EYFS](#) [#JCAArts](#) [#Savetheplanet](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 24**

A busy morning sawing in Year 5 today for our Creative Arts outcome. What could it be?! [#JCAArts](#) [#JCACurriculum](#) [#JCACreativeArtsWeek2021](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 24**

The Creative Arts week is in full flow in Year 2! We had a brilliant morning developing our ideas and thoughts on our theme 'connections'. Then this afternoon we have started to paper mache our whole class sculpture! [#CreativeArtsWeek](#) [#JCAArts](#) [#MakingMemories](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 26**

This half term, Year 1 have reading *Leaf* by [@sandradiackmann](#) Here is our published display celebrating our amazing books inspired by our core text! [#JCAArts](#) [#weareauthors](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 25**

Year 1 have made a brilliant thoughtful start to creative arts week - we are using shapes to inspire our piece on 'Connections' Yesterday we completed lots of drama and dance on our feelings and emotions and today we started to design and make our class sculpture! [#JCAArts](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 26**

Year 3 have made such a superb start to their Creative Arts Week! We have been planning, testing out structures, role playing and each designing our own word linking to connection. We cannot wait for you to see the finished structure 😊

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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

Monday 21st , Tuesday 22nd, Thursday 24th, Friday 25th June- Creative Arts Connections Outdoor Sculpture Park.

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.