



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 25th June 2021

Dear Parents

'Connections' Sculpture Park

What a pleasure it has been to share with you our 'Connections' Sculpture Park this week. It has been fantastic to see how much the children have enjoyed the experience of sharing their artwork and performances with you. I am sure you will agree that seeing the sculptures set in our beautiful school grounds brought them to life even more and that the QR codes were a great way to share our music, poetry and dance performances. Both the Creative Arts week before the holiday and the Sculpture Park this week have given us the opportunity to really recognise and value the connections we have with friends, family and community and have given us a positive and hopeful outlook for the future.

Virtual visits

This week, classes have continued to work hard to explore their themes and there have been interesting virtual visits to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park from Year 1 and to the Community of the Resurrection Monastery from Year 6. Both classes were really inquisitive and asked lots of questions to find out as much as they could. We love to inspire the children with engaging and relevant learning experiences and there is much more essential and inspiring learning to come right to the end of term. Read on later in the newsletter about the curriculum in each class over the last two weeks.



Reading and phonics

Our Read Write Inc team led by Miss Mitchell were also really proud this week to share our good practice with a local school to support them in their phonics journey. Our children are doing so well with their reading and phonics and our staff are doing an amazing job! Reading is a focus right through school and all children have lots of opportunities to read independently and to be read to by their teachers. Sharing a book at home, whether listening to your child read or reading it to them to develop their love of reading is quite simply the best thing that you can do to support their long term learning potential. We continue to enjoy our reading draw in Special Mention assembly on Friday and are finding that most children are reading at home every day of the week! Brilliant.

The children are learning so well in school and their time is so precious. We do have some disruption to schooling

in the local area due to Covid-19 and we want to do everything we can to keep the children learning in school. Please read the recent advice from Public Health on page 4 of our newsletter.

Best wishes Mrs C Elliott Headteacher

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'Connections' Sculpture Park





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 June 2021

Reception - Finlay Lawton

Year 1– Harry Taylor-Lyte

Year 2– Michelle Green

Year 3– Matthew Coulton

Year 4– Amira Hussain

Year 5– Harvey Crawshaw

Year 6– Richard O'Keefe

Creative Arts Raffle winners

Creative Arts Raffle

Thank you for your generosity in buying tickets for the Creative Arts Raffle which was organised by our Creative Arts Junior Leaders. The funds will be used to purchase additional arts resources for school. Daniel, Hannah, Alex and Dylan drew the raffle earlier and you can see this on Twitter @JCAWakefield.

The winning tickets are

3rd prize—Purple 180

2nd Prize—Yellow 216

1st Prize—Purple 146

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

 Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 4h
The Creative Arts raffle draw! Thank you everyone that bought a ticket, it means a lot! If you have the winning ticket, please come to the school office to pick up your prize! #JCAArts #Juniorleaders

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Covid public health advice

As you will be aware, there has been a significant rise in Covid cases in the local area amongst younger age groups. Public health are advising that the vaccination programme remains the main way for us to move as a community towards a more normal way of life with fewer restrictions. Unfortunately there is currently increasing disruption to education in the local area due to bubble closures and children self-isolating. At Jerry Clay, we really want to do whatever we can to keep our children in school where their learning is progressing so well. Therefore, please can I pass on the most recent Covid advice so that we can all work together to protect this.

- Please continue to distance and wear a face mask on the school site.
- Please be cautious if your child or any member of your household has symptoms of Covid-19 and do not send them to school. Common symptoms now include cold symptoms, sore throats, muscle aches, vomiting and diarrhoea. I would encourage a PCR test for any of these symptoms due to the rapid rise locally.
- Close contacts of people who have tested positive can now access PCR tests whether or not they have symptoms.
- Wakefield district today began a programme of testing asking all resident to take a PCR test. This is to ensure Wakefield is in the best possible position when further lockdown restrictions are eased. If I do receive any further details of this, I will pass it on.

Grab a jab weekend

With cases of the Delta variant increasing in West Yorkshire, it's more important than ever that people get both doses of their vaccine.

The NHS is holding a national Grab a Jab weekend from Friday 25th July to Monday 28th July to make it as easy as possible for people to get their first or second dose of their vaccine.

The following 'Walk-in' clinics will be held this weekend for anyone aged 18 or over.

Boots Wakefield (Ridings Shopping Centre) - 26 June (9am to 4.30pm) and 28 June (8am to 4pm).

Spectrum Community Health CIC, Navigation Walk - 26 and 27 June (8.15am to 7pm).

Castleford Civic Centre - 26 June (10am to 1pm) and 28 June (2pm to 5.30pm).

Full details can be found at www.NHS.uk/grab-a-jab

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting couple of weeks! As a class, we have enjoyed lots of exciting events; we absolutely loved Sports Day last week, we also explored our JCA Sculpture park together as a class and yesterday, we had a special virtual visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park! We are so lucky!

In Literacy, we have been comparing different versions of The Jungle Book and exploring exciting vocabulary from it! We have started to explore the jungle setting, and created music to represent the incredible creatures that live there! In Geography, we have written factual posters all about where jungles are and what animals can be found there.



During Maths, we have been building up our knowledge of grouping. This week we have been focussing on doubles, and representing these in different ways including as addition sums. We were super at spotting the patterns in the answers!

In Design and Technology, we have investigated different hammock designs as we are striving to create a hammock for Mowgli in the jungle. We have created some inspired designs so far!

Year 2

Another fabulous 2 weeks have passed in Year 2 and we just become more proud and inspired by the children. We are so impressed by their efforts to strive high in preparation for Year 3!

In Literacy, we have begun a new story 'Cyril the lonely cloud' and we are beginning to create our own shape poems. We have looked at lots of examples and we enjoyed spotting rhyming words in existing poems and stories. This week we have been developing exciting vocabulary to use in our own poems.

In Maths, we have started our new unit on 'time'. It was really useful to apply our knowledge of fractions to help us to understand telling the time at o'clock and half past the



hour. We created our own clocks in the outdoor area to show different times.

Year 2 also had an amazing first sports day with KS2! They demonstrated fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship and made everyone incredibly proud. We have uploaded the videos of each race onto seesaw to share with you!



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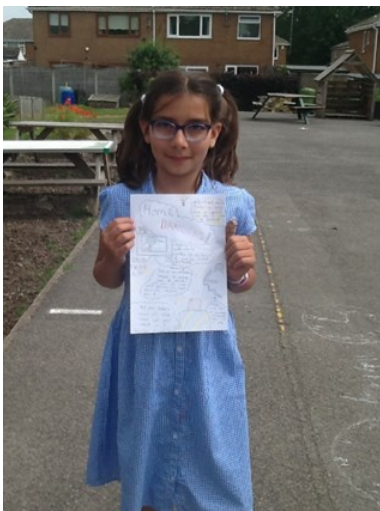
Year 3

Year 3 have had a really busy couple of weeks! They worked so hard in our PE lessons in the lead up to sports day, and this hard work was clear to see on the day. They also spent time weeding the gardening beds ready for our Creative Arts structure to be put up. Overall, showing superb dedication and teamwork.

In maths, we have been finding fractions of amounts and really challenging ourselves to apply this knowledge to trickier worded questions. They have been able to utilise all of their learning on fractions to begin to spot patterns and equivalent fractions.

In Literacy, we have been putting the final pieces of our newspaper report together on Charlotte's Web. We looked at all of the brilliant work and examples from our books, to help us when we began forming our plan.

Year 3 loved our DT lesson this week on exploring seasonal vegetables and fruit. We gathered our understanding of the term 'seasonality' and discussed what fruit and vegetables would fall into our four seasons. Our favourite part had to be when we were finally able to taste test some of the fruit and vegetables that had been brought in.



Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard in their maths to understand angles and turns and apply this to a variety of different questions. They have been able to utilise their previous knowledge of fractions when discussing and moving using turns.

In Literacy, we have started to look at Dragons Den where the children have started to understand what a pitch is before beginning to decide what they will say and how they will persuade the Dragons to invest.

In Science, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about electricity where they have shown excellent inquisitiveness to ask and answer questions linked to the dangers of electricity. They showcased a real mature and in-depth understanding of the reasoning of why and how we can be careful in our homes.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 are so passionate about the DT project they have started! They have used their design brief to create a moving space vehicle and have already researched to start their designs – we can't wait to see the final outcome. As well as this, Year 5 have learnt about the different layers of the Earth and can 'speak like an expert' on this!

In Literacy, Year 5 have really been focusing on sentence structures and applying their knowledge of different sentence clauses; they have been working on using these skills in mystery stories.

In Maths, they have continued their learning on decimals and have applied their calculation methods to be able to add and subtract numbers to different decimal places.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic couple of weeks. We have been writing some horror genre stories based around our stimulus, 'Alma'. The children have had fun playing with language and grammar to scare their readers and keep them in suspense! We have also been writing letters to our future selves and are going to keep these as our own mini time capsule/keepsake to look back on.

In Maths, we have been continuing revision of shape and time. We have also been learning how to read a bus and class timetable in preparation for secondary school. We have also discussed how we can increase our independence.

On Thursday, we had our virtual R.E trip with Brother Marc from Mirfield Community of the Resurrection. This was a fantastic question and answer session!

Next week is our FunFest Week – we are very much looking forward to all the exciting activities we have planned!

Important dates this half term:

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

Tuesday 6th July – Outwood Grange Transition Day – please see letter and Parentmail

Monday 19th July AM – Y6 Celebration Assembly – (We will be in contact next week to confirm arrangements for this).





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 21
We loved seeing children and parents exploring our interactive 'Connections' Sculpture Park after school. We'd love you to share any photos you have taken too! #JCAArts #JCASculptures



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 23
'We are generating electricity to power all the houses in Wrenthorpe' 'you press here and it travels along the cable and over the bridge' Amazing teamwork sustained over 2 days #EYFS #JCACurriculum #teamwork #vocabulary #problemsolving



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 24
Year 6 have enjoyed a morning travelling around our virtual escape room. We have used mathematical problem solving skills to unlock the code! #JCAMaths



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 23
Year 1 loved exploring our JCA Connections sculpture park as a class 😊 #JCAArts #JCASculptures @YSPsculpture



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2h
Year 6 absolutely love their new hoodies! Thank you so much 🌈 We have given these our a bit earlier this year, ready for Year 6 FunFest Week next week! We will make so many more lovely memories ☀️ 😊 #friendship #memories



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 24
Thank you @YorkshireWP ~ Year 1 were so excited to learn about and see incredible jungle creatures this morning 🌿🦁🦋 #JCACurriculum #JCAScience #JCAGeography



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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/>



Dates for Your Diary

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.

Please see earlier notes

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

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

