



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 9th July 2021

Dear Parents

What a community!

I just wanted to start by saying a huge thankyou to everyone, staff, parents, children and our whole community for your tireless support. This week has been challenging as unfortunately we have had to close our Year 5 bubble and we are all dealing with the impact of rising Covid cases locally. Despite this, our children are continuing to thrive and enjoying such fabulous learning throughout the academy. The children and staff self-isolating have been so resilient doing whatever it takes to keep learning from home. Although this was the last thing they wanted, participation has once again been close to 100% and we are so thankful for the support of their families. This brilliant teamwork between school and home really has made the best of a turbulent time during the pandemic and placed our children in the best position they could be going into the new academic year.

As ever, thank you. Mrs C Elliott Headteacher

Celebration assemblies

Just a reminder that, due to the uncertainty around the impact of Covid on the last few weeks of term, classes are preparing virtual celebration assemblies. We will send out a link to their assembly on Wednesday 21st July.

In the case of our Year 6 leavers, we are still assessing whether it is prudent for parents to be able to come to their presentations on the school field on Monday 19th July. We will let parents know by Wednesday 14th July.

Covid safety measures to continue to the end of term

The Prime Minister is expected to announce next week whether the country will move to Step 4 of the lockdown easing from Monday 19th July. You will have heard the headlines regarding potential changes for schools. In light of very high and rising levels of covid cases in our area, we will be continuing with our current control measures including keeping children in class bubbles until the end of term on Thursday 22nd July.

Please continue to wear a mask on the school site. Our staggered start and end times and all other control measures will remain the same.

Local Public Health advise all eligible adults to take up the vaccine offer as soon as possible. They also encourage us all to exercise personal responsibility in how much we choose to mix and what precautions we take whilst cases are so high in our area.

We hope that by keeping restrictions in place we can keep all our children safe and well and prevent families isolating in the first few weeks of the holidays.

Changes from September

In light of the changing situation with Covid, we will continue to assess the situation throughout the summer break. We are digesting the new guidance to schools and will make decisions on start and end times and other covid measures nearer the start of term dependant on cases locally. We will be in touch to confirm further details as soon as we are able.





Staff news

Just to let you know that Miss Firth is getting married during the summer holidays! We hope she has a wonderful day and we wish her every happiness! Her new name will be Mrs Grundy.

We are delighted that Mrs Holmes, who has been working as a 1:1 teaching assistant, will be staying on at Jerry Clay in a new role as teaching assistant in Year 5 and 6. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Bailey and Mrs Hoyte to our team from September, working as 1:1 teaching assistants in Reception. They are both very skilled and experienced and we can't wait to start working with them.

We are delighted to announce the teacher and teaching assistants teams for the new school year.

Reception—Mrs Burrows, Miss Belford, Miss Ogden, Mrs Smith, Mrs Bailey (1:1), Mrs Hoyte (1:1)

Year 1 - Miss Harling and Mrs Ward

Year 2 - Miss Mitchell, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Smith

Year 3 - Miss Morley and Mrs Rex

Year 4 - Mrs Grundy (Miss Firth) and Mr Morris

Year 5 - Mr Palin, Mrs Longley and Mrs Holmes

Year 6 - Miss Karlsson, Mrs Hart and Mrs Holmes

Transition

We are now planning transition activities for each class to meet their new teacher during the final week of term. Teachers are also taking every opportunity to get to know their new class at playtimes.

West Yorkshire Police Mounted Division

It was a pleasure to welcome the West Yorkshire Police Mounted Section to school today. Each class had the opportunity to meet Police Officers Dan and Charlotte with their magnificent police horses Marley and Clifton. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about the roles and responsibilities of the mounted section and to ask lots of questions. Thank you to Hannah and Alice's Dad for organising this for us.





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: 9th July 2021

Reception - Lyla Lomax

Year 1– Amrita Mann

Year 2– Ruby Dixon

Year 3– Ralph Wainwright

Year 4– Joshua Toth

Year 5– Everyone—super star learners from home!

Year 6– All of the class!

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	91.65 %	98.65 %
Year 1	95.49 %	98.16 %
Year 2	92.62 %	97.97 %
Year 3	96.58 %	98.10 %
Year 4	100 %	98.58 %
Year 5	%	96.74 %
Year 6	93.28 %	96.83 %

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

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.87%
ACTUAL – 98.02% Keep it up, well done!

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have had another superbly busy couple of weeks of learning. We have been so impressed by their positive learning attitudes in preparation for their transition into Year 2.

In Literacy, we have been using exciting adjectives and thinking about all of the senses in order to write a beautiful setting description of the jungle. It was amazing to hear and see lots of the children applying this vocabulary to help describe their jungles during Design and Technology, where we have been creating hammocks for Mowgli. We were so proud of their teamwork and compromising skills as they worked with a partner to make together.



During Maths, we have been completing our work on fractions (halves and quarters) and using this to help us learn about turns. We enjoyed learning the Macarena dance to help practise quarter, half, and full turns earlier in the week!

In our Dance lessons, we have been busy learning our jungle dance ready for our jungle jive party. We hope to share this with you all too during our virtual celebration assembly.

Year 2

Wow! Another amazing two weeks in we have had and the children are striving higher and higher in preparation for their transition to Year 3!

In Literacy, we have been exploring poetry. After discovering rhyming words, we created our own rhyming sentences to retell the story of 'Cyril the lonely cloud' into a shape poem. We are so excited to publish them this week.

In Maths, Year 2 have been extremely resilient and determined to master their learning on time. We have persevered to read the time on the clock to 5-minute intervals and we have challenged ourselves to be able to draw the hands to show the time too!

In Geography, we have had lots of fun learning all about clouds and even created our own clouds using cotton wool. Year 2 then created amazing fact files to showcase the amazing facts they have learnt throughout the half term.



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Year 3

Year 3 continually amaze us with their learning and these past two weeks have been no different! We have been really impressed with the hard work they are putting in ready for Year 4.

In Literacy, we published our brilliant newspaper reports on Charlotte's Web, and role played our own version of a TV news report. We have now begun our learning on creating a detailed set of instructions. We have looked at lots of examples and we enjoyed hunting around the classroom for imperative verbs to use in our own work. This week we have been exploring what good instructions look like and the children really loved creating a set of instructions for their partner to follow.

In Maths, we have been so impressed with the children's exceptional fractions knowledge! We have concluded our 'fractions' unit by looking at equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. The children have absolutely loved using flashcards in these lessons to support their understanding and their rapid recall in amazing. We have now started our new unit on 'Geometry.' The children will be using their knowledge of fractions to support this new area of learning.

Year 4

Year 4 have been really engaged in their Dragons' Den pitches. They have been applying some excellent business knowledge to present their product and used some excellent persuasive language to encourage the reader to want to invest in our product.

Along with their pitch, they have been really engaged in designing and developing their lino printing where they have carefully used lino cutters to cut out their designs prior to the using rollers to print these.

In maths, we have been looking at shape and angles where the children have showcased fantastic understanding of these and have applied this understanding to a variety of questions. We will now be looking at position and directions which should deepen the children's knowledge about geometry.

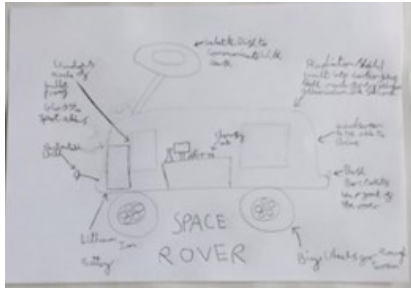
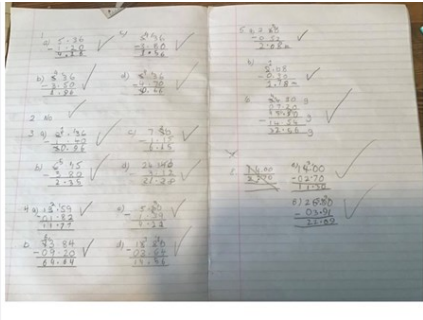


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Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant couple of weeks! Despite learning from home in the past week, absolutely every child has shown resilience, perseverance and determination to continue with their learning. Literacy has been learning about biographies with an end goal of writing their own in the coming weeks. Year 5 have concluded their Maths learning on decimals and will now learn about shape in the last couple of weeks of the term.

In Science, Year 5 have been learning about air resistance and have completed their own parachutes to show the best materials to use to show the best



Year 6

Year 6 had an amazing week during our Funfest week – there was fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm from those at home and in school! Everyone showed brilliant teamwork and care for each other – we are so proud of you all!



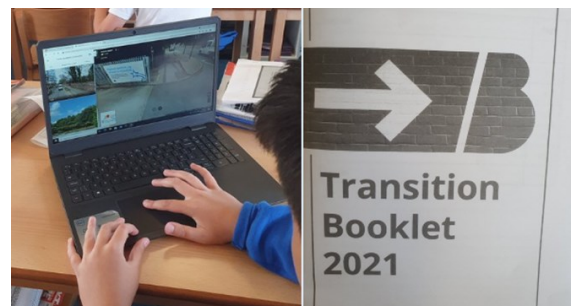
This week, Year 6 have attended transition day to Outwood. Those going to other schools were able to discuss transition and use the Internet to research their schools. We are continuing to discuss different areas of transition from Year 6 to 7, in class. We have explored different feelings, emotions and scenarios.

We are also going to be publishing our letters to our future selves and working on ideas for our end of year celebration assembly.



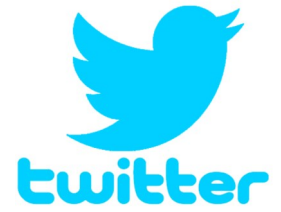
Important dates this half term:

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





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jul 5 ...
Reception Class have been tinkering and exploring a gear box following their interest in mechanical parts #EYFS #JCACurriculum #STEM #investigation

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jul 5 ...
Our Year 6 class have prepared and delivered a fantastic transition presentation for Year 5. They covered different areas and what is expected of Year 6 next year. Year 5 listened brilliantly and asked so many insightful questions. So proud of them all. 🌟

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jul 5 ...
Year 2 have been creating their own clocks outside to help them to show the time at o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past! 🕒
@WhiteRoseMaths #edutwitter #JCAMaths #PracticalMaths

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jul 7 ...
Year 1 have been working so hard in DT designing and making their hammocks for Mowgli. #JCADT #teamwork

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 7m ...
It was fantastic to meet Police officers Dan and Charlotte and their horses Marley and Clifton from @WYPHorses. A brilliant opportunity to find out about the roles of the Mounted section and how they keep us safe. Thank you.

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You Retweeted
Tracy Swinburne @tracyswinburne1 · Jul 6 ...
Planning towards environments that celebrate really high expectations, put reading at the heart & encompass the whole curriculum. Environment in Year 1 @JCAWakefield #EthicOfExcellence #WhateverItTakes #LeadingByExample @jward61783858

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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 Week wc 19th July

A link to a recording of Celebration assemblies will be sent out on Wednesday 21st July

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