

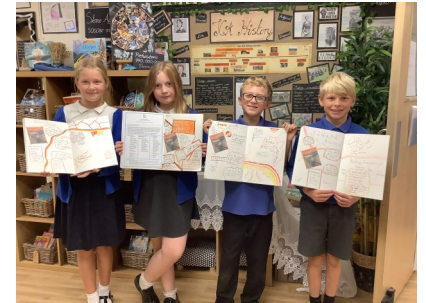


# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents

Learning has been moving on at wonderful pace right across the Academy this week as classes are starting to explore their themes. There have been so many great learning opportunities in different subjects across the curriculum including creating mood boards to explore artists and sketching techniques and using interactive maps to explore geographical locations. You can see some of these on our Twitter feed @JCAWakefield and in this newsletter. We continue to be impressed by the teamwork and caring of all the children as we get back into our school routines on the playground and in the dining hall. Next week, we will be interviewing for our Junior Leadership Roles and already our Year 6 are setting an incredible example and supporting the younger children in the academy. Well done Year 6.



## Jerry Clay English Hub Showcase

It was a pleasure to welcome visitors to our Jerry Clay English Hub Showcase yesterday. We were able to share the excellence in phonics teaching and learning in the academy and the children really shone in their listening, reading and participation. Jerry Clay English Hub supports schools in their teaching of reading and phonics and we are always looking to collaborate with others in our hub “community”. One visitor commented, “The school oozes reading joy—a real inspiration”.



## Star footballers!

We have a lot of skilled and enthusiastic footballers in the academy and it has been great over the last few weeks to restart sports after school clubs. Theo Burton in Y1 has been scouted and chosen to play for Manchester City. He will be training weekly with the team and obviously we hope for the future that this is something he continues to enjoy and excel in. We have three superb footballers now training with professional clubs: Isaac McCarthy at Bradford and Hisham Rehman at Burnley. What a talented bunch!

Please read on to find out more about exciting learning in the Academy, upcoming events and useful information. Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

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## Dress as a Word Day—Friday 1st October

We are excited for 'Dress as a Word Day' on Friday where we have invited children to come to school in fancy dress that describes an exciting word. I hope the information sent out was a useful starting point and I can tell that the children are well on their way with their plans. The idea is to wear or adapt their own clothes or a costume they already own to describe the word rather than buying anything new. This will further heighten our focus in school on expanding the children's vocabulary and hopefully will be a lot of fun. They will be exploring their words in class on the day and we can't wait to see which words they choose! Look out on Twitter for photos on the day.



## English Hubs

Jerry Clay English Hub

### Dress as a Word Day!

Friday 1st October

On Friday 1st October we will be joining schools across our region in dress as a word day. Our Jerry Clay English Hub will be launching our mission to ensure language, talk and oracy drives our curriculum.

#### How to Dress as a Word!

It can be very simple but try to choose a great word—one that might inspire other people to expand their vocabulary! Adapt clothes you already have to suit the word. Write your chosen word on a piece of paper or card in large letters so that everyone can read it.



#### Some words to get you thinking!

mysterious    puzzling    formidable    mighty  
iridescent    fragile    envy    pursue  
enigmatic    professional    brimming    ancient

#### On the day!

The children will be exploring the power of words further in class. Look on Twitter @JCAWakefield and @JCEnglishHub to find out more!



## Wakefield Music Services—Instrumental Lessons and First Access Ukulele.

Year 3 had their first whole class Ukulele lesson with Mrs Garside from Wakefield Music Services and they absolutely loved it. They will be having lessons each week as part of their Music Lessons in class and we can't wait to see how their skills progress!

This week musical instrument lessons began in school with teachers from Wakefield Music Services. Where we have spaces we will be speaking with classes in KS2 over the next few weeks. Children who have lessons in school also have the opportunity to take part in ensembles such as First Blow, Concert Band and Junior Strings at Horbury and Ossett Music Centre on Saturday mornings. More information can be found on Facebook WMS Horbury & Ossett Music Centre.



## Parental Controls for Apps

I wanted to pass along some really useful information on how to set up parental controls on Apple and Android devices from National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday.

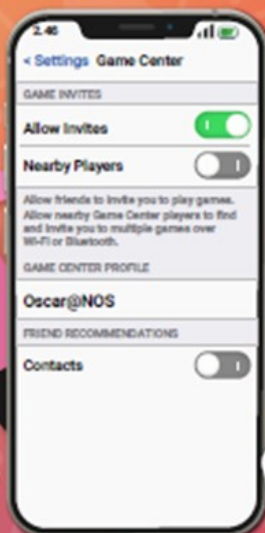
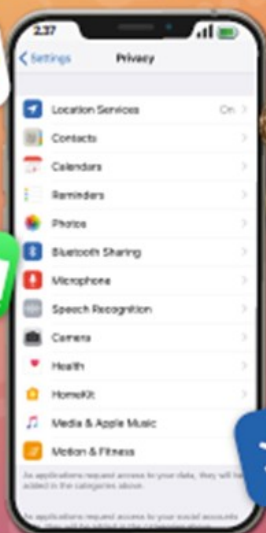
Downloading a new app or game is so quick and straightforward that, whenever a young person uses a smartphone (either their own or a parent's) there's always the possibility that they could expose themselves to inappropriate content (such as games with violent scenes or apps with adult themes) simply by sheer accident or, more likely, through youthful curiosity.

Fortunately, the parental controls you'll find on most smartphones are an excellent way of minimising this possibility. They don't completely remove the element of risk – but they *do* limit it considerably. Our #WakeUpWednesday guides this week steer you through the process of setting up this useful protection on iPhone and Android smartphones.



# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and Features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



## How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

## How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

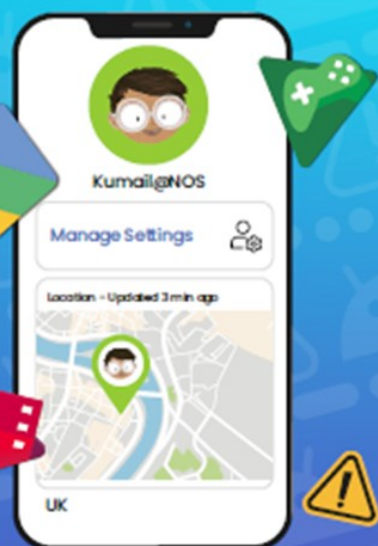
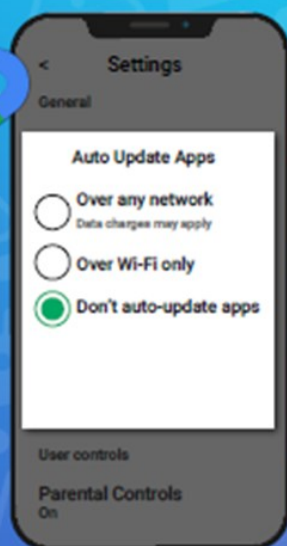
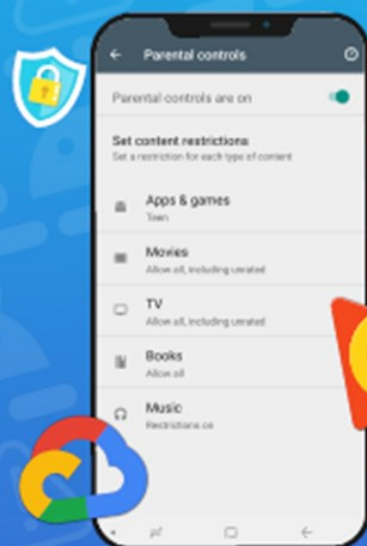
## How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going on to Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



## How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

## How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

## Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set





# 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: 13th September 2021**

Year 1– Eleanor Spencer

Year 2– Niyah Dutton

Year 3– Isaac McCarthy

Year 4– Morgan Francis-Brownlie

Year 5– Cody Harlock

Year 6– Benji Hangula

## 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 | 97.34 %   | 97.34 %                                  |
| Year 1    | 98.67 %   | 97.95 %                                  |
| Year 2    | 98.67 %   | 99.49 %                                  |
| Year 3    | 93.67 %   | 97.31 %                                  |
| Year 4    | 97.67 %   | 98.2 %                                   |
| Year 5    | 98.67 %   | 97.69 %                                  |
| Year 6    | 90.94 %   | 92.89 %                                  |

**97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET**

**BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS**

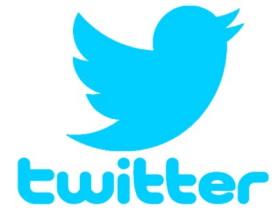
**90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN**

**WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.40%**

**ACTUAL – 97.23%**



# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 10m**

We had a very insightful Geography lesson today in Year 6. We used maps to infer information about Cairo and used Google Maps to virtually visit some landmarks in Egypt. #JCAGeography

**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield**

This week Year 1 have read 'Once upon a dragon's fire' Today they reflected on their favourite parts of the story and why. #JCAReading



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield**

We are really appreciating being able to use our playground sheds again and being able to strengthen our teamwork at play times. #teamwork



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield**

The children created a 'bat trap' yesterday and left it standing overnight. Lots of brilliant discussions, predictions and team work displayed #EYFS #JCACurriculum #literacy #teamwork

**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield**

Developing language and building relationships through the use of puppets #EYFS #language #literacy #JCACurriculum



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield**

A brilliant outdoor learning Maths lesson with Year 5 this morning! They have been comparing numbers to a million! #JCAMaths





## Dates for Your Diary

### INSET DAYS

1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

12/10/21—Reception RWI Phonics Coffee Morning

### Parents Evenings

23/11/21 and 25/11/21 – Parents' evenings

22/3/22 and 24/3/22 – Parents' evenings

### Reports

3/12/21- Progress check out to parents

20/3/20 – Progress check out to parents

15/7/22 – End of year reports to parents

### Theme Days/Weeks

Wc 18/10/21 - History Week

3/03/22 - World Book Day

wc 4/4/22 – Theme week

wc23/05/22- Creative Arts week

### Performances

3/12/21 – Reception Activity Morning

7/12/21 (am) and 9/12/21 9am) – Reception nativity

13/12/21 – Christmas carols around the tree

14/12/21 (pm) and 15/12/21 (am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity

16/12/21 Christingle at Wrenthorpe Methodist Church

15/06/22- Art gallery evening

05/07/22 & 7/07/22– Creative Arts evenings

w/c 18/7/22 – Celebration week

### Sports Day

24/6/22

8/7/22 Reserve Sports Day

### Summer Fair

25/6/22 (TBC)

**We will continue to assess how events take place throughout the year. We hope to invite parents and visitors into the academy to share and celebrate with us and will keep you posted!**

