



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents

It has been such an exciting week in the academy with great learning and special memories. Classes are striving with their writing and really developing their skills. Year 6 had a fascinating workshop about Ancient Egypt led by Wakefield Museum on Monday in which they showed super inquirer skills when examining real Egyptian artefacts. On Tuesday, when they used team work and thinking skills to find out how Ancient Egyptians would have moved heavy limestone blocks to make the pyramids. Year 1 persevered to give a wonderful, expressive performance of the poem 'Monster under the bed'. See their performance on Twitter @JCAWakefield.

## Our busy weeks ahead!

Monday 11th October: **School photographs**

For photographs with younger siblings from 8am, please access the side hall door through the car park.

Tuesday 12th October: **Phonics coffee morning** for parents of children in Reception class at 9:10 am. Please come to the main school entrance after dropping your child off.

Find out how we teach phonics and early reading and how to help at home. (We are so excited as this is our first opportunity to invite you into the academy!)

Friday 15th October: 3:30pm

**PTA Meet and Greet.** Your PTA needs you! Chat to Jenna and Louise, our current Co-Chairs about how the PTA supports the school with fun events, fundraising and by providing amazing learning opportunities in school. Please find attached a poster for the PTA AGM on November 4th at 6:30 in the academy hall. We would love your support. Their next event is a Halloween disco on Thursday 21st October and we can't wait!

## Harvest Festival

We will be having a Harvest Festival, led by Reverend Ruth in the academy on **Tuesday 19th October**. As part of this we would like to make a donation of non-perishable food to the Wrenthorpe Food Bank and to CAP (Christians Against Poverty). We would be very grateful if you could send in tins or packets on Tuesday 19th October. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes Mrs C Elliott Headteacher

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# 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: 4th October 2021

Year 1– Danial Khan

Year 2– Evie Brown

Year 3– Yvie Hopton

Year 4– Dougie Denning

Year 5– Rai-L'Eyah Saddique

Year 6– Maya Garner

## 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	95.48 %	96.94 %
Year 1	96.67 %	97.10 %
Year 2	92.67 %	96.30 %
Year 3	98.67 %	97.90 %
Year 4	98.67 %	97.97 %
Year 5	98.00 %	97.68 %
Year 6	94.38 %	94.63 %

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

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

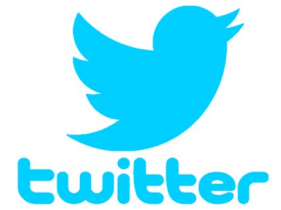
**90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN**

**WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.40%**

**ACTUAL – 96.91%**



# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Oct 4**  
Reception Class immersed in role play [#EYFS](#) [#PhysicalDevelopment](#) [#Literacy](#) [#Language](#) [#Creative](#)



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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Oct 5**  
We have finished our Outdoor Day by creating replica pyramids, mummifying a cardboard replica and creating Clay pots and amulets. [#Outdoorlearning](#)



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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Oct 5**  
This afternoon, Year 2 have been practising their Art skills to create a monochrome pallet for our backgrounds inspired by [@ValerieGanz1](#) [#JCAArts](#) [#ArtistInspiration](#) [#CreativeArts](#)



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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield**  
Year 4 enjoyed completing some role-play today to understand how our hero and monster could react in our Ancient Greek myth [#Outdoorlearning](#) [#Drama](#)



4:35 PM · Oct 7, 2021 · Twitter Web App



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 21h**  
Today, Year 3 have begun creating their 3D ammonites inspired by [@DarrellWakelam](#). They created their spiral-shaped outline using strips of card and then added in segments using paper straws [#fossils](#) [#art](#)



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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Oct 4**  
Year 6 have had a fantastic afternoon looking at ancient Egyptian artefacts. We thought about what these were and why they would have been placed in tombs. Can you spot the crocodile? Thank you - we found out so much [@WakefieldMuseum](#) [#JCAHistory](#)



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## Dates for Your Diary

### INSET DAYS

1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

12/10/21—9:10am 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!**

