



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful week with the children striving with their learning across the curriculum. This week Reception class joined us for the first time in our Special Mentions assembly where we celebrate the magical learning that has been going on across the academy. They impressed us so much with how sensibly they listened and joined in. It is always such a treat to hear from teachers about the incredible team work and positivity of the children. They are amazing!

Anti-bullying Week: One Kind Word

This week has been anti-bullying week and we have been focussing on the power of kindness to forge friendships and support everyone. On Tuesday, some of our Junior Leaders led us in an assembly where they explored the subject of cyber bullying as well as how we can show kindness to each other. Classes have collected tokens to fill a kindness jar which we shared in assembly.



Open Morning:

Last Saturday, the academy was open for prospective parents to find out all about us.

Thank you so much to some of our Junior leaders who gave up their time to lead tours. Visitors were so impressed with their confidence and passion for the school. Thank you also to Zoe, our new kitchen manager who served up some delicious school meals. Families were so impressed with the nutritious food that is prepared daily from fresh ingredients by Zoe and her team.

Road Safety

Next week is National Road Safety Awareness Week. We will be reminding the children about this extremely important issue. Jerry Clay Lane is always so busy at drop off and pick up times that the greatest care is needed by all. Please could I remind everyone that the cones opposite the academy allow families to have good visibility in order to cross safely. Please could we ask that cars do not pull up or park in this coned area. Thank you.

Christmas Nativities

Parents in Reception class has been sent a ParentMail form to request tickets for our Nativity performances. Please request these by Wednesday 24th so that we can send out ticket allocations as soon as we can.

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th November on TEAMS.

Appointments have been sent via Parent Mail.

Best wishes

Mrs C Elliott Headteacher





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: 15th November 2021

Reception - George Bromby

Year 1– Finley Lawton

Year 2– Jessica Coulton

Year 3– Emily Blaylock

Year 4– Evie Brown

Year 5– Ava Perring

Year 6– Riley Fuentes

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%**.

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	98.79 %	96.731%
Year 1	98.32 %	97.31 %
Year 2	100 %	96.59 %
Year 3	95.00 %	95.04 %
Year 4	99.17 %	97.14 %
Year 5	95.42 %	93.80 %
Year 6	96.88 %	94.33 %

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%

ACTUAL – 95.79%

Please note that children who are self isolating due to COVID are not included in these figures.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA



Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed their first ever school visit on Tuesday 9th November! We had a fantastic walk up to St Anne's church. Words cannot describe just how proud we were of the children; they were amazing! Whilst we were there, Father Jonathon showed us all the special objects in the church.

During Literacy, Year 1 have used clues to predict details about their new core text: The Dragon Machine. We enjoyed a dragon hunt outside and have been using prepositions to describe dragons on maps of the places in our book. In Geography, we have been learning about a compass and how they give specific directions. We have put com-

passes onto our own maps.

During Maths, we have looked at lots of different ways and vocabulary to describe addition sums, working practically and with abstract numbers and symbols to represent these. We are now moving onto subtraction.

We went on a lovely Autumn walk in Science to discover different clues of Autumn, with the children using the iPad to take photos of different things that they spotted.

Key dates – 23rd November - Outdoor learning day

29th November – visit from Poet Matt Goodfellow

Year 2

Wow! What a busy start to the half term we have had in Year 2! One of our favourite memories was our outdoor learning day! We spent the day exploring the history of mining and the Victorian Era. We reflected on all our learning of mining so far and enjoyed making memories with hot chocolate too!

In Literacy, we have started creating our own fact file. Last week, we focussed on subtitles and how to organise our sentences into paragraphs. This week we have started writing our fact files on mining jobs. We have created an amazing introduction paragraph with fantastic sentence openers, questions and conjunctions.



In Maths, we have been reviewing the different methods we now know to be able to add and subtract numbers up to 100! We also learnt how to use related facts to help us use smaller numbers to add and subtract larger numbers.

In Art, we have completed our final art piece for our mining theme. We used pastels to blend our foreground miner. We have now started our DT project for this half term and we are looking forward to designing and making our own miners snap tin pasties.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3



We have been so unbelievably proud of the children in their maths over the last couple of weeks! They have been continually striving to apply column addition and subtraction to worded problems and have been checking for marvellous mistakes.

In Literacy, Year 3 have been working really hard to master each feature of a diary entry. They have been using the text of 'Stone Age Boy' to create detailed character descriptions and setting descriptions, with a real focus on expanded noun phrases.

In History, the children have identified Stone Age inventions and explained which of them is the most important. Finally, in Science, the children have enjoyed learning all about different types of skeletons. We have sorted different x-rays of animals into vertebrates and invertebrates and then researched information on endoskeletons, exoskeletons, and hydrostatic skeletons

Year 4

Year 4 have had a really busy couple of weeks where the children have been working really hard in their maths to apply their knowledge of addition and subtraction to a range of multi-step word problems and complex number sentences. In Literacy, year 4 have started looking at the key features in an informal letter where they have started to look at who the Anglo-Saxons were in History to understand who they might be writing their letter to and the reasons for asking them to move to Britain.

In Art, the children have used Plaster of Paris to make their Pop Art work 3D. From this they have painted these and added extra details so that the writing looks like it could jump off the page at any moment. Finally, in science, the children have enjoyed learning all about different types of animals and classifying them in different ways. They have started to use Venn diagrams and branching diagrams when classifying and grouping organisms differently.



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Year 5

This week, Year 5 have completed their art project; creating a clay tile using sculpting techniques – you can see some of the fantastic outcomes below. As well as this, we have continued our learning about The Blitz and can name some of the cities most affected and say why these cities were bombed based on their location. We have also written a newspaper article based on the bombings in Coventry during The War.

In Maths, we have completed our learning about statistics and we are confident to present and interpret data in different ways.



Year 6

Year 6 have had another brilliant fortnight – full of striving! In Maths, we have been continuing to learn about fractions. We have simplified, converted, added, subtracted, multiplied and divided these. Please encourage your child to revise these (using their revision books) over the year.

In Literacy, we have produced detailed historical accounts of Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

We would also like to thank all of our Junior Leadership Team who helped prepare displays, books and classrooms to showcase their hard work, ready for our Open Morning. Junior Leaders who led tours were so clear and confident – we are so proud of them! Well done and thank you!



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy · 6d

Brilliant to welcome prospective families to our Open Morning today. We were proud to showcase our academy and share how we [#strivetobethebestwecanbe](#)



Jerry Clay Academy ... · 1d

Year 1 are loving their Geography learning at the moment. This week, they have been working on their positional language, understanding compass directions and creating their very own map.

[#JCAGeography](#)

[#Creativecurriculum](#)



Reception Class Outdoor Learning Day with

[@edensforestcic](#)

We have enjoyed creating stick men for our shared story [#EYFS](#)

[#JCACurriculum](#) [#physical](#)

[#outdoors](#) [#JCAreading](#)



Jerry Clay Academy · 3d

Our Y6 Junior Leaders led a fabulous assembly to introduce Anti-bullying Week. They explained how to use 'one kind word' and reflect on using our Jerry Clay Learner traits [#AntiBullyingWeek](#) [#OneKindWord](#)

[#JCACurriculum](#) [#PHSCE](#)

[#leadership](#) [#values](#)





Dates for Your Diary

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th June 2022 -

Monday 25th^h July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

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

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 and pm) – 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!

