



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents

What a week for wonderful learning across the academy! Please find updates on the curriculum in each class further into the newsletter. There has been a real striving with writing this week, with children using exciting vocabulary and literary features to create impactful writing. Many classes have been moving on with their understanding of multiplication and division in Maths, making equal groups and arrays in Year 2 and striving to divide larger numbers in Year 3. Equally, classes have been learning across the curriculum including in Art and Geography.



Parent Events!

We can't wait to welcome you back into the academy for the first class parent events since before the pandemic! Teachers have shared the dates in their class pages. These could be workshops, galleries or assemblies and the children can't wait to share their learning with you. These few photos might take you back!



Our Parents Evening on Tuesday 22nd March and Thursday 24th March will also be held in the academy.



One-Way System no longer in use.

From Monday, please enter and leave via our main pedestrian entrance gate

Uniform

Just a reminder that our uniform includes sensible black school shoes and that hair accessories should be simple and in a neutral colour or in blue .

Road Safety

Please could I ask everyone to be extra vigilant about road safety at the start and end of the day. We have spoken to the children about staying with their adults and about taking good care when crossing. When driving, it is important not to pull in on the corners opposite the carpark as this can make it difficult for children and families crossing. Thank you for also parking with good consideration to our neighbours in the surrounding area. Thank you.

Please see the next page with an important update on **attendance**.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs C Elliott

Headteacher



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Our Campaign for Excellent Attendance!



As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance (where appropriate). Every day in school matters and while, unfortunately, we continue to be impacted by absence from Covid-19, it is paramount that we work together to ensure that the children are in school on time every day they are well. This will allow us to ensure gaps in learning are filled and the children stay on track and thrive in their learning.



8:50 am - Doors open. All classes are learning from the very start with a morning learning challenge in a core area of the curriculum such as maths or reading.

Each week we share attendance in Special Mentions assembly with the winning class displaying our attendance trophy in the classroom. Our winners this week are **Year 1!**

This week we have removed all absences from testing positive for covid or isolating due to covid from the attendance figures as regulations prevent attendance in these cases.



Attendance winners

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	98.7% %	96.34%
Year 1	100 %	98 %
Year 2	99.33 %	97.27 %
Year 3	93.62 %	97.05 %
Year 4	98.65 %	98.04 %
Year 5	94.67 %	97.24 %
Year 6	96.56 %	95.52 %

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 – 97.05%



Please note that children absent from school due to testing positive for Covid or isolating as a close contact are not included in these figures.



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: 24th January 2022

Reception - Romie Dutton

Year 1- Harley Brown

Year 2- Jessica Toth

Year 3- Maisie Campbell

Year 4- Lillianna Burrows

Year 5- Thomas Cooney

Year 6- Isaiah Agaba

The very first winners of our Reading Buddy Baskets!



Our very first winners of our brilliant Reading Buddy Baskets! These contain a book chosen by the class teacher, a class reading buddy and a delicious hot chocolate and marshmallow treat to drink whilst reading!. Please return the basket and reading buddy after the weekend. Return the book when your child has finished reading it.

Our Golden Table Winners!

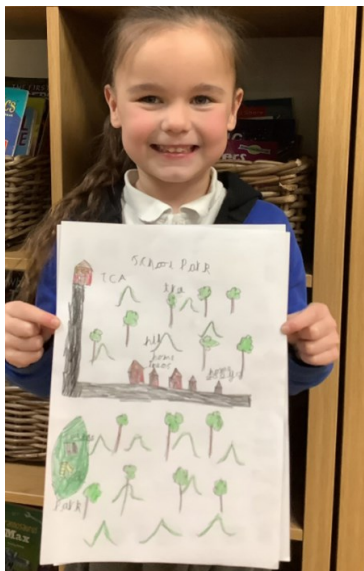
Lunchtime supervisors have chosen children for their exceptional behaviour at lunchtimes in our dining hall and on the playground.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful few weeks welcoming Paddington into life at Jerry Clay in Wrenthorpe. We have also enjoyed exploring Paddington's home country of Peru – this has been very interesting. We used an atlas to find that Peru is in the continent of South America, and used photos to look at images of Peru. It really did surprise us, all of the colours, foods and jobs in Peru.



We are busy in Literacy writing our letters to Aunt Lucy. Our main focus is striving high with our superstar words and place names. The children are really enjoying the challenge!

In Maths, we have been focusing on comparing and ordering objects and numbers between 1 and 20. We enjoyed completing this practically as well as with abstract numbers, using the vocabulary of greatest, smallest, least, most.

Parents evening: Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th March

Parent Event:: 16th February 9:15 am – Teddy bear's picnic

Year 2

In Year two, we are continuing to strive higher in our learning and we are enjoying the challenge! In Maths, we have started our new unit on multiplication. We have used a variety of resources in our learning to help us represent multiplication in different ways. Inside and outside, we have used groups and now arrays to help us solve multiplication problems.

In Literacy, we have loved reading our core text 'Pretty Salma'. This week, we have started planning and mapping out our own characters and structure so that we can write our own version of 'Pretty Salma'.

In DT, we have been using our Art skills to review and recap our primary and secondary colours. Then, we could use these to help us evaluate existing products for our DT project. In DT, we are beginning to design and make an African tribal t-shirt called an 'Ghana Batakari'.

Key dates:

Parents evening: Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th March

Parent workshop: Wednesday 23rd March 9:15am



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

What a fantastic week in Year 3! We have really been striving with our presentation across subjects and our enthusiasm and passion has really shone through in our work.

In Maths, we have been focusing on dividing through the partitioning model. Although we have found this really challenging, we have persevered using concrete models and feel much more confident.

In Literacy, we have been incredibly proud of Year 3 for the fantastic play scripts they have written! These are now complete and the children are looking forward to performing them in groups next week.

In Science, we have been continuing to look at magnets and focused this week on magnetic and non-magnetic materials. The children loved exploring which materials they could pick up with the magnets. In Geography, we have done some lovely work on human and physical characteristics of Wakefield. We have used our own knowledge of Wakefield to name key landmarks and compare them.



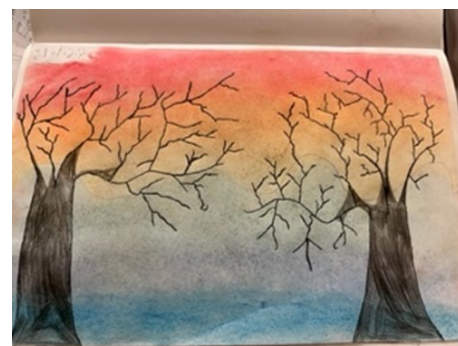
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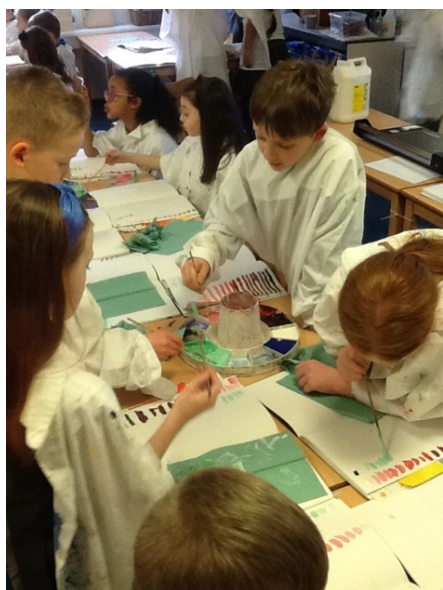
Parent workshop: Wednesday 9th March 9:15am

Year 4

Year 4 have been working extremely well over the last couple of weeks, they have used a variety of poetry features along with including their humour into producing a shape poem that links to an Amazon rainforest animal. In Maths, we have also been continuing to develop our times table knowledge through utilising our knowledge when using the bus stop method to solve division problems.



In Art, we have developed our knowledge of colour using a colour wheel to consider how we can make secondary and tertiary colours. We have also developed our knowledge of warm and cool colours and applied this when developing pictures linked to the Amazon rainforest. Finally, in Geography, we have been locating different rainforests across the world, considering climate and identify what different layers of the rainforest.



Parent Evening: Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th March

Parent workshop: 15th March 9:15am

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 have again been working so hard. In Literacy, they have written their own explanation texts and have 'produced' them in the style of David Attenborough! In Maths, Year 5 have started to learn about multiplication and division. They have been able to retrieve key facts and have learnt multiplications up to $3d \times 2d$.

In our theme, Year 5 have been able to retrieve key geographical facts about the World and have now learnt about lines of latitude and longitude – did you know that the Equator only passes through 13 countries?!



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& Thursday 24th March

Parent Event : Wednesday 16th March 9:15am

Year 6

Year 6 have been continuing to work extremely hard. In Literacy, we have been writing flashbacks – exhibiting our emotive language, different sentence types and use of punctuation. In Maths, we have been continuing our revision of arithmetic skills and algebra.

During Science, we have been deepening our learning about earthquakes and tsunamis. WE will soon

be creating our own non – chronological reports about these. In Science, we have been learning about evolution and inheritance. Year 6 have also done some amazing singing and dancing with Miss Hoyte – excellent teamwork!

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Parents evening: Tuesday 22nd &
Thursday 24th March

**14th February 2022 5:30pm : SATs
information meeting for parents (in
school hall – please wear a mask
and do an LFD on the day. Thank
you.)**





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



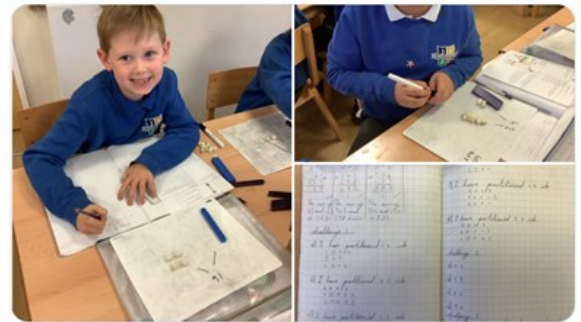
Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jan 27

Today in Literacy, Year 3 selected lines from our own play scripts to act out in a freeze frame. We focussed on making our facial expressions clear to help tell the story #JCALiteracy



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jan 24

Year 3 practising their partitioning in different ways using concrete resources @WhiteRoseMaths #JCAMaths



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jan 25

Year 1 are totally absorbed with their rich learning about Paddington. They are engaged in drawing maps to help him find JCA and writing to Aunt Lucy. Some really wonderful writing at home too! #striving @JCA_Geography @JCEnglishHub



Wakefield Music Hub @WakefieldMusHub · Jan 26

Brilliant Yr3. You are really rocking those ukes! #SuperstarPlayers



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jan 25

Year 3's ukulele playing is really coming on! Great chord changes in their new piece Rockin' Robin! Not easy to do. Thank you to Miss Garside @WakefieldMusHub #perseverance #JCAMusic #JCACreativeArts



You Retweeted



Jerry Clay Academy PSHCE @JCA_PSHCE · Jan 22

How do you feel today? Lots of opportunities to talk and reflect on our emotions at the start and throughout the day @JCAWakefield #EYFS #PSED



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jan 26

Rai-L'eyah and Scarlett in Year 5 have created a 'Paddington club' full of playtime games for Year 1! The Year 1 children absolutely loved playing these this morning. What a thoughtful idea! 🥰🐻 #playtime #fun





Dates for Your Diary

INSET DAYS

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Additional bank holiday—Monday 6th June 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

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

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



Jerry Clay Academy

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated **Child Protection Officers** for this academy are:

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