



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents



We have had a great week with learning continuing to move on a pace! Classes are delving deeper into what makes their writing so exciting, redrafting and improving and taking such pride in their final published work. Creative learning has also been evident in Art, Drama and Music with lots of perseverance on display.

This week we marked Safer Internet Day on Tuesday where we explored respect and relationships online in an assembly with Miss Mitchell, our Computing Lead. Mrs Burrows also shared an assembly to explore the theme of Growing Together for Children's Mental Health Week where we explored how we grow emotionally and can take different opportunities to grow throughout our life.



This week has also seen a very low number of Covid cases in the academy (just 1). We are really pleased about this and would like to thank everyone for your vigilance and for working with us to keep everyone safe in the academy. Equally we keep working hard on our safety measures. A big thank you also for the kind messages we have received in response to the remote learning provided when children have had to isolate with Covid. Using Seesaw and Tapestry, teachers have provided learning and support so that the children remain motivated, enthused and on track with their learning. It has been great to see them slot straight back in to class on their return to school.

Parent events

The first of our parent events take place next week in the academy. We can't wait to welcome you!!

Monday 14th February 5:30pm—Year 6 SATS Information Meeting. In the School Hall

Wednesday 16th February 9:15 am—Year 1 Breakfast with Paddington.

Please wear a mask and take an LFD on the day. Thank you.

Valentines Disco

We **can't wait** for these next Thursday! EYFS and KS1 6-7pm and KS2 7:15—8:15 pm. Please see the attached poster.

Our PTA have also sent out a flyer advertising the Pre-loved Uniform that is available to click and collect on Thursday evening. Email orders to jerryclaypta@gmail.com

Have a good weekend.

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: 7th February 2022

Reception - Jude Emmerson

Year 1- Teddy Dickinson

Year 2- Noa Robinson

Year 3- Charlie Taylor

Year 4- Beth Denton

Year 5- Nataniel Potasinki and Aadhi Sundaram

Year 6- Lottie Bullers

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 Football team who competed on Thursday 10th February 2022 at Wakefield Indoor Football Centre. The tournament was hosted by ACES and involved other teams including Rooks Nest and Wrenthorpe Academy. All children showed fantastic perseverance and determination which resulted in them winning 3 games and losing 1. The final result saw Jerry Clay Academy take the first place position through winning on goal difference after the team had scored a significant amount of goals.

Well done to:

Harrison, Kai, Harvey, Alex, Theo, Ryder, Joshua and Mia.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have been so very busy finishing publishing their letters to Aunt Lucy. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication, especially with their presentation and handwriting!

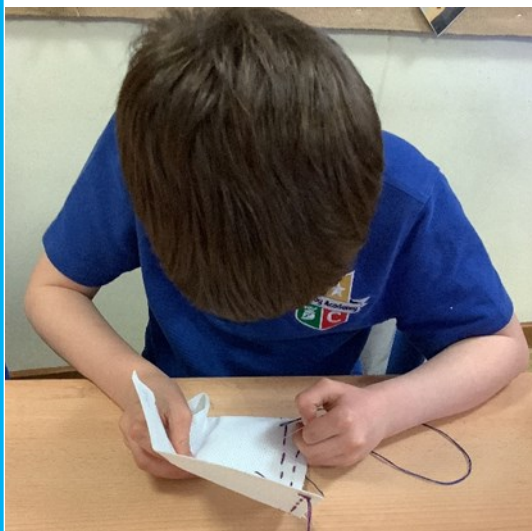
In Maths we have been developing our addition and subtraction skills using a number line to jump forwards or backwards. We have also been using ten frames to show different number sentences.

We are enjoying being artists and using sketching pencils and charcoal in order to develop our drawings of Paddington, and make them look realistic with our sketching techniques!



Parents evening: Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th March

Parent Event:: 16th February 9:15 am – Breakfast with Paddington



Year 2

A fabulous last two weeks in Year 2! This half term has flown by and the progress the children have made has been amazing!

In Maths, we have continued our learning on multiplication and division. Now we can use a variety of methods to show our understanding. We have now applied these skills to word problems to help us solve 2 step problems.

In Literacy, we are finishing our final draft of our African stories. We have enjoyed using a variety of literary devices to build suspense, excitement and up level our writing. We are looking for-

ward to redrafting and publishing them next week!

One of our favourite learning this week has been DT. We have begun developing our sewing skills and this week focused on the running stitch. We found it really challenging at first but persevered to create a consistent and neat running stitch.

Key dates:

Parents evening: Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th March

Parent workshop: Wednesday 23rd March



Year 3 have been working really hard over the past couple of weeks to showcase their excellent learning. In Literacy, they performed their play scripts inspired by 'The Boy who Harnessed the Wind' and used what they have learnt in drama to convey their emotions and feelings. We went on a map hunt to explore our new core text and have also now begun learning about haiku poetry where we have clapped out syllables to understand the structure of the poem.

In Art, we have used our amulet designs to mould and carve intricate patterns onto clay. We have left these to dry to evaluate our art piece in next lesson.

Parents evening: Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th March

Year 4 have enjoyed writing their adventure stories about being lost in the Amazon rainforest. They thoroughly enjoyed working alongside their partners to write the conversation they might have with someone they meet in the rainforest using the appropriate pronunciation.

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Parent workshop: 15th March 9:15am

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

A fantastic couple of weeks in Year 5! In our theme, we have started to learn about biomes and have a good understanding of how the location in the World affects the biome. We have continued to learn about the artist, Sue Davis-Vachon, and created some observational drawings ready to print to create work in her style.

In Literacy, we have continued our learning about traditional tales and are now ready to



write our own in the style of Anatoly – a character from our core text. In Maths, we have learnt about multiplication and division and are now learning about fractions.



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Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about passive voice and cause and effect conjunctions. We are going to be using these to create a formal non -chronological report about earthquakes and tsunamis (which we have been learning about in Geography).

In Science, we have been learning about evolution and inheritance. We have been analysing evidence for evolution over time – using fossil records to support us to do this.



We have also been working hard assessing what we know in Literacy and Maths and what we still need to learn/revise. We have also been working hard on our reading skills – please support your child by ensuring they read at home each night.

Key Dates:

14th February 2022 5:30pm : SATs information meeting for parents (in school hall – please wear a mask.)



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 7
Reception Class have set up their own Winter Olympics with challenging ski slopes, toboggan races, ice skating and slalom events. They commentated on TV and awarded medals [#EYFS](#) [#JCACurriculum](#) [#language](#) [#problemsolving](#) [#creativity](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2h
Year 4 demonstrated excellent focus and perseverance during art today to use water colours effectively to produce some 3D rainforest pictures. We can't wait now to use some oil pastels on them next week to really make them stand out [#JCAArt](#)



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You Retweeted
White Rose Maths @WhiteRoseMaths · Feb 10
Wonderfully creative, yet mathematical! 🤖

The children at @JCAWakefield have devised their own games to play with friends – and how great do they look?

Thank you for sharing with us! 📷

[#problemsolving](#) [#mathsgames](#) [#mathsisfun](#)



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 9
Super role play from Year 1 this morning in drama! [#coretext](#) [#Paddington](#) @JCA_Reading



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3h
For Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, Year 3 have been considering different ways in which they have grown. They drew roots to show where they started and to show all the ways they are continuing to grow [#childrensmentalhealthweek2022](#)



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 10
Getting to know our new Disco performance Bringing Us Together. Music does make us feel good! Lots of concentration from Year 4! [#JCA_Music](#)



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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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Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Deputy Safeguarding Lead

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The designated **Safeguarding Governor** is Mr A Carter

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