



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

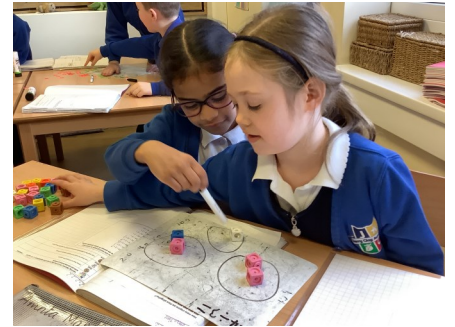
Dear Parents

Well the wonderful learning has certainly continued this week! In this morning's Special Mention assembly we celebrated the confidence shown by the children to tackle new challenges and to push themselves to learn more and achieve more. There have been so many children earning Diamond Dash certificates over recent weeks. Well done to everyone who is persevering to learn their timestables.

PTA

A huge thank you to our outgoing PTA Committee members who have worked so hard over recent years raising funds for the school. It is always a source of great pride that we have such a supportive PTA who have contributed some of the most incredible features of school such as our Outdoor cabin and valued Outdoor learning areas. It was great to welcome them into school last week to say thank you.

We are so fortunate to have the ongoing support of our new PTA team and to all our parents and community who continue to support us in this way. The next PTA event is the **Valentine's Disco on Thursday 17th February**.



Road Safety—One-Way System no longer in use.

This week we went back to using our main pedestrian entrance when entering and leaving school. I have made this decision in the interests of road safety so that families and children do not need to walk through the car park and straight out onto the road. Unfortunately I had observed some occasions when I was unhappy with the safety of some of our children around the vehicle entrance of school.

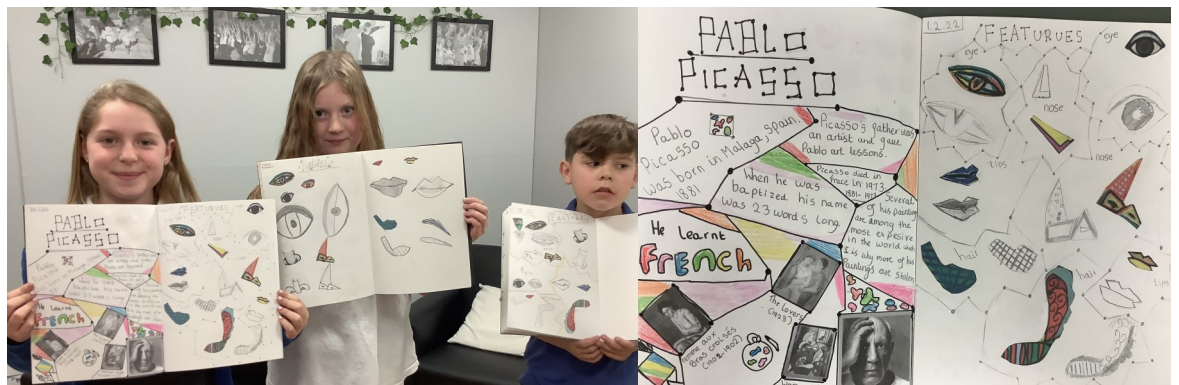
We continue to work with the children to ensure they are fully aware of how to be safe near our busy road. We have learned know to Stop, Look, Listen and Think and to stay with an adult when crossing the road.

Please could I ask everyone to be extra vigilant about road safety at the start and end of the day. 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 again for driving and parking with good consideration to other road users and 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





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. Learning is structured carefully in sequences with new knowledge and skills taught, consolidated and practised every day. 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 for the second week in a row are **Year 1!**

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	98.74%	96.45%
Year 1	100 %	98.12
Year 2	97.33 %	97.28 %
Year 3	98 %	97.11 %
Year 4	97.3 %	98.01 %
Year 5	96.67 %	97.21 %
Year 6	97.27 %	95.6 %

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 – 97.1%



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: 31st January 2022

Reception - Matthew Chow

Year 1- Henry Percival

Year 2- Roman Ellis

Year 3- Hisham Rehman

Year 4- Matthew Coulton

Year 5- Samuel Myatt

Year 6- Joella Comer

Star Guitar performers!

On Thursday, our Guitarists performed to Key Stage 2! Well done. Some of the children have only recently started to learn to play and for most this was their first time playing in front of an audience! It was great to also hear how much progress some of our more experienced players have made. Parents can find videos on Seesaw.





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 1

Reception celebrated Chinese New Year today. We created our own dragon, performed a traditional dragon dance and received gifts #culture #tradition #understandingtheworld #GongXiFaCai2022



You Retweeted

White Rose Maths @WhiteRoseMaths · 3h

Great effort!



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3h

"Dividing is just the same as multiplying but the other way round." Concrete resources to the concept of dividing by sharing. Well done Year 2. @JCA_Numeracy @WhiteRoseMaths



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3h

A fantastic performance by all our guitarists. A dramatic Russian quartet from these Y5 children with Miss Webster. @WakefieldMusHub All the hard work is paying off! Videos of all the performers on Seesaw. #JCA_Music



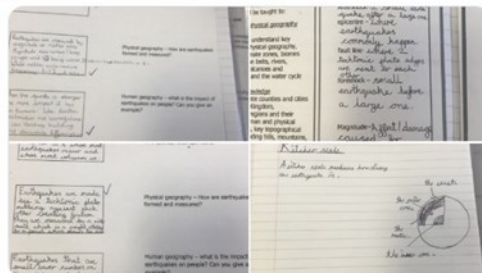
Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 2

Year 6's sequence of learning in art: exploring cubism, colour theory, and the features of artist Picasso. Next step, planning and creating their own portrait in a cubist style using paint. @JCA_Art



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Feb 3

Year 6 have been learning all about earthquakes and tsunamis this half-term. Today, they have summarised their learning by creating their own glossaries and knowledge organisers.





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:

Mrs C Elliott

Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Mr T Palin

Deputy Safeguarding Lead

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

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