



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had another busy and exciting week in the academy. Year 3 welcomed their parents to their Viking Workshop. Their powerful Haiku poems were displayed along with their clay amulets and art work. It was fantastic to hear the children speaking so knowledgeably about their historical and geographical learning as well as sharing some of the texts that have inspired them.



Also this week, our Colour Team assemblies. House Captains had worked so hard to prepare for these and it was fantastic to see the children their colour teams. They shared their ideas about supporting each other and using their learner traits. They also made a great start on their Colour Team songs!

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Wakefield Cathedral where they impressed with their inquisitive learner traits and listening skills



We are also admiring new published displays around school of writing alongside art work and learning across the curriculum. We want to show the children how proud we are of their wonderful achievements.

## Parent / carer evenings—change of date!

As communicated during the week, Parent / carer evenings will now take place on Tuesday 5th April and Thursday 7th April. These events will take place in the academy. This will provide an invaluable discussion of how your child is progressing at school. Interim Reports will be sent home on Friday 1st April and so this will also now provide an opportunity to discuss these. Thankyou for sending your preferred time slots. We will take it that the same day and time is still preferred on the new dates but if there are any problems please do contact me via email or by speaking to our admin team so that we can accommodate any changes. Thank you.



## Parent / carer event next week

Wednesday 16th March 9:15 am —Year 5 Parent Workshop. (We are limiting attendance to one parent per child at this event)

## Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are searching for a Teaching Assistant to join us. Our teachers and teaching assistants are an amazing team of talented and aspirational professionals and we really need someone equally amazing to join us. If you do know any one who might be interested, please encourage them to get in touch. Details are on our website.

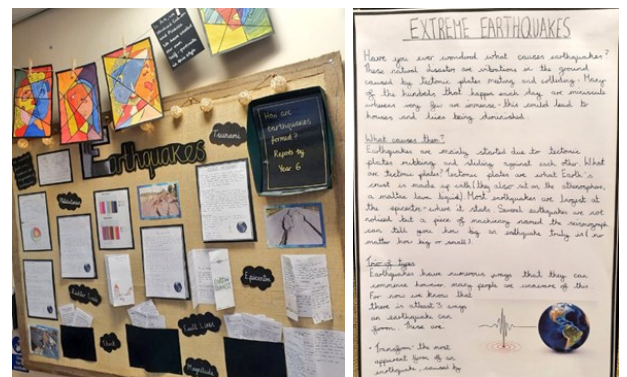
## A new chapter!

We are all so excited for Mrs Swinburne to officially start back with us on Monday as Trust Leader for Jerry Clay's exciting new chapter! A very very warm welcome back!

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 March 2022**

**Reception - Evan Massheder**

**Year 1– Alice Loftus**

**Year 2– Chloe Murray**

**Year 3– Charlotte Wadsworth**

**Year 4– Harper Benson**

**Year 5– Gabby Groves**

**Year 6—Aadam Akhtar**



## Attendance winners

As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97%**. Our winners this week—Reception!

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	98.71%	96.92%
Year 1	97.97%	98.07%
Year 2	97.33 %	97.15 %
Year 3	97.33 %	96.85 %
Year 4	96.67 %	97.93 %
Year 5	96.67 %	97.3 %
Year 6	97.10 %	95.97 %

**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 – 97.16%**



**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.**

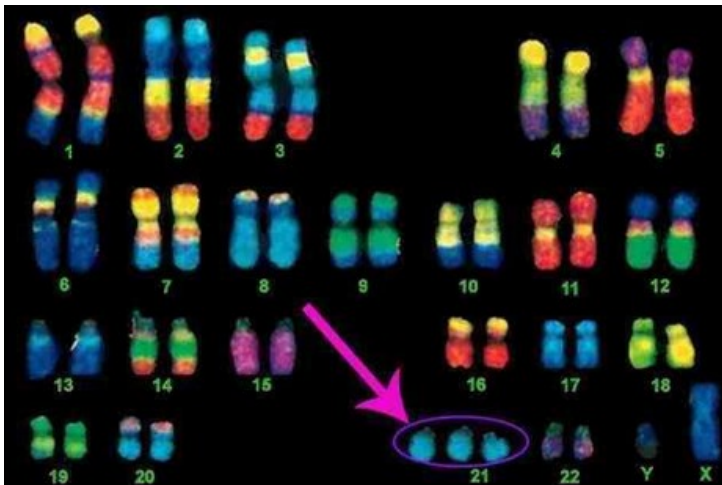


# World Down Syndrome Day

## 21st March 2022

We would like to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on **Monday 21st of March** by coming to school wearing colourful socks!

People with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome (they have 3 copies of chromosome 21 - hence 21/3, 21st March!) and to raise awareness and support World Down Syndrome day the "Lots of Socks" campaign is a worldwide campaign run by Down Syndrome International. Why Lots of Socks?



This is a picture of chromosomes which some say look a little bit like pairs of socks. Sometimes people have an extra 'sock' or chromosome and a person with Down syndrome has an extra copy of chromosome 21 as you can see in the picture. That's ok – it just means that some things are a little harder for them. They are a little different but different is ok. People with Down syndrome learn, laugh, love, live and, just like the rest of us, sometimes also get cross, sad, dislike things, get uncomfortable being stared at and just want to join in with everyone else. Where children with Down syndrome and other disabilities are given opportunities to join in, all children benefit from this and environments of friendship, acceptance, respect for everyone and high expectations are created.

Inclusive environments also help to prepare all today's children for life as tomorrow's adults, enabling adults with Down Syndrome to live, work and join-in, with confidence and independence, fully included in society alongside their friends and peers.

## ROCK YOUR SOCKS



for

## THE JOY OF DIVERSITY

on MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>

## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY





# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield** · Mar 10

Our House Captains led their very first Colour team assemblies this morning, sharing how they can strive together to be the best! They made a great start at making up their Colour team songs. [#buildingback](#) [#strivingtobethebestwecanbe](#) [#juniorleaders](#)



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield** · Mar 10

Year 1 have enjoyed learning through their new core text "The Robot and the Bluebird" including in our Science Investigation area - The Year 1 scrap heap. Are rusty metals still magnetic? [#JCAScience](#)



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**Jerry Clay English Hub @JCEnglishHub** · 11h

The power of the core text [#Paddington](#) Using story as a stimulus, the children in Year 1 have produced fabulous outcomes [#ReadingAtTheHeart](#)



You Retweeted

**Wakefield Cathedral @WakeCathedral** · Mar 8

A great day yesterday with a wonderful school (thank you all for visiting!) If your school would be interested in visiting Wakefield Cathedral do get in touch.

More information can be found at: [wakefieldcathedral.org.uk/learning/for-s...](http://wakefieldcathedral.org.uk/learning/for-s...)



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield** · Mar 7

What a fantastic afternoon for Yr2! A huge thank you to @WakeCathedral and to Gillian for leading such a beautiful tour and workshop as part of our R.E learning! [#JCARE](#) [#PrimaryRE](#) [#MakingMemories](#)



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Year 3 loved sharing their learning about the Vikings at their Parent/Carer workshop. Powerful Haiku poems, clay amulets and super historical knowledge was proudly displayed and it was a joy to hear the children explaining what they have learned. [#Readingattheheart](#).



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield** · Mar 8

Reception class have created beautiful water colour art work, built clocks and animal sanctuaries inspired by our core text Tiddler and interest in saving animals from plastic pollution [#EYFS](#) [#saveourplanet](#) [#caring](#) [#creative](#) [#underthesea](#)



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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

5/4/22 and 7/4/22 – 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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The designated **Safeguarding Governor** is Mr A Carter

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