



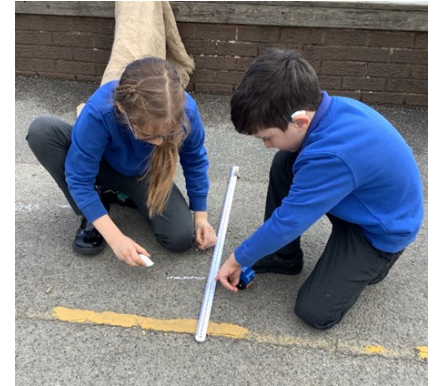
# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

We ended a brilliant week with our Special Mention assembly this morning to celebrate all the fabulous learning throughout the week. Teachers particularly noted the children's resilience and perseverance when facing a challenge. We have also been very impressed with the caring shown by the children on the playground in inventing their own playground games.

It has also been wonderful to hear of some incredible achievements of some of our former pupils; Thomas and Hannah Skinner who are performing in a production of The Sound of Music in Wakefield theatre this spring as well as Harriet Burrow's wonderful art work now that she is in Year 9. (Have a look on our Twitter feed @JCAWakefield!) It is fantastic to hear how they continue to 'strive to be the best they can be!' We would love to hear of any achievements of our former pupils.



## Parent / carer events

On Wednesday, parents and carers of pupils in Year 5 enjoyed sharing their learning about their workshop about their learning on their theme 'What's the difference between Living and Surviving?' The children were able to speak knowledgeably about their learning and to complete some challenging and creative activities.

Next week is the turn of Year 2!

Wednesday 23rd March 9:15 am—Year 2 Africa Parent Workshop. (We are limiting attendance to one parent per child at this event.)

## Parent / carer consultation evenings

Parent Evening appointment on either Tuesday 5th April or Thursday 7th April based on time slots requested. These consultations will take place in the academy.

## Rock Your Socks! - Monday 21st March 2022

Remember to wear colourful socks on Monday when we will be raising awareness of World Down Syndrome Day. We will be sharing more information in our assembly on Monday.

## ROCK YOUR SOCKS



for  
**THE JOY OF DIVERSITY**

on **MARCH 21ST**

## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

## ROAD SAFETY—IMPORTANT!

Please could I reiterate how important it is for everyone to take the greatest care outside school when picking up and dropping off. In particular, **the Zig Zag lines must not be parked on** as it prevents children and families from seeing clearly down the road when crossing in front of school. We have recently raised awareness of road safety with the children in assembly and we want to do everything we can to keep everyone safe on Jerry Clay Lane.

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: 14th March 2022**

**Reception - Jessica Kelly**

**Year 1– Lucy McCarthy**

**Year 2– Isabelle Hurdus**

**Year 3– Alex Chang**

**Year 4– Harry Szabo**

**Year 5– Florence Lancaster**

**Year 6– Mollie Spencer**

## Hockey Tournament

On Thursday 17th March, children from years 5 and 6 attended the hockey tournament held at Slazengers Hockey Club. Here we competed against other schools including Rooks Nest, Wrenthorpe, St Johns and Stanley Grove. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing as part of a team to compete against these school.

Well done to:

Harvey C, Harrison, Mia, Lucas, Kyle and Samuel.







# 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.

Families taking holidays during term time has had quite an impact so far this year and has unfortunately negatively affected some children. Teachers are working incredibly hard to ensure that all children are making the progress they need to after the disruption of the past couple of years. Any further absences create more gaps which will inevitably affect the child's confidence and progress.

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!**



## 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	95.81%	96.34%
Year 1	100 %	98.14 %
Year 2	95.67 %	97.08 %
Year 3	97.67 %	96.88 %
Year 4	98 %	97.92 %
Year 5	98.66 %	97.35 %
Year 6	96.77 %	96.01 %

**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 – 97.17%**



We have removed all Covid related absences from the attendance figures, whether isolating or having test-  
ed positive.

# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 1

Year 1 are enjoying our new core text: The Robot and the Bluebird. Our next project is a Robot and the Bluebird puppet show!! We are busy thinking of exciting ideas for our scripts in Literacy, and in Design and Technology we have been investigating different puppets and starting to develop our skills in felt-making! We are excited to start working on creating our own puppets and playscripts ready to share with you.

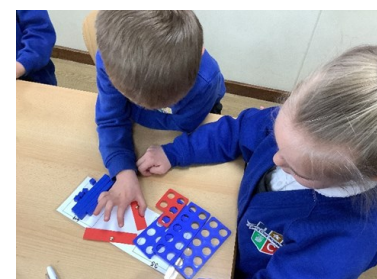


During Maths we have been developing our counting and number skills up to 50! We have been counting and comparing objects up to 50 and thinking about one more and one less. The children are becoming so confident to explain and represent numbers in lots of different ways.

In Wise time we have been learning about being responsible and what having responsibility for something means, and how this changes as we get older.

### Key dates:

**Parents evening: Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th April**



## Year 2

What a busy two weeks we've had again in Year 2! While we continue through our learning journey, our confidence has blossomed as we develop and learn new skills.



In Literacy, we have started our new writing to create a recipe. To help us with the steps, we made our own fruit salads and practiced using time adverbials, imperative verbs and adverbs, to use in our own writing.

In Maths, we have been enjoying our learning on statistics and seeing how it can be used in a real life context. We have explored statistics and pictograms and have mastered using the key to help us interpret the data.

In Science, we have applied our knowledge of material to conduct our own investigation. We considered all the factors that could affect the validity and how to keep it a fair test. Using our existing knowledge, we made scientific predictions and evaluated our results in our conclusions.

We are looking forward to our upcoming parent workshop on Wednesday 23rd March and hope you can join us!

### Key dates:

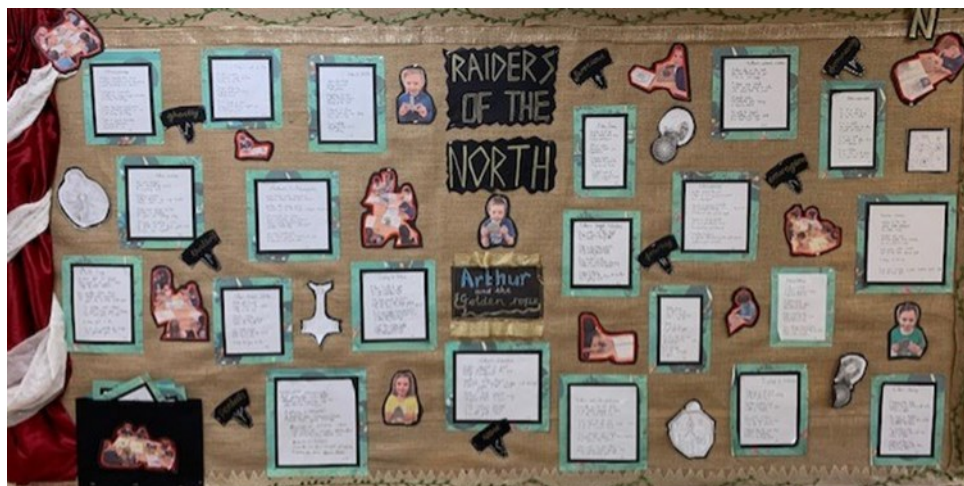
**Parent workshop: Wednesday 23rd March 9:15am**

**Parents evening: Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th April**





# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA



## Year 3

Year 3 have shown brilliant perseverance in their Literacy writing. They have been practicing using fantastic fronted adverbials, direct speech and adverbs in their writing. We have also updated our display to celebrate the children's haiku poetry work.

In Maths, we have soared through statistics and have now begun our new topic of measurement. We have been demonstrating our brilliant knowledge of converting measure-

ments and have share our top tips when measuring objects.

In DT, we have looked at Viking shields and their designs. We have been able to explain which designs we like and used key vocabulary to explain why. For Geography, we have researched the characteristics of Leeds and are beginning to compare these to another European country.

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their Viking parent workshop and have been coming up with a range of activities they would include in their own Viking workshop.

### Key dates:

**Parents evening: Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th April**

## Year 4

Year 4 have showed some excellent perseverance in Maths where they have applied their knowledge of fractions to word problems when adding and subtracting fractions. In Literacy, we have developed our comprehension knowledge showcasing how to retrieve and interpret a variety of different text types.

In Science, we have continued to develop our understanding of states of matter and completed an exhilarating experiment to find out if gas weighs anything. The children were extremely hooked with this using Coca Cola, Fanta and lemonade to see whether the weight of these changed when they stirred the gas bubbles out of them. Finally, in Geography, the children have been very inquisitive to understand the impact that climate change is having on our planet and thinking about what we can do to help it.

### Key dates:

**Parent workshop: Tuesday 29th March 9:15am**

**Parents evening: Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th April**



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 5

The last 2 weeks in Year 5 have included our fantastic parent workshop! It was brilliant to see so many people in attendance and we loved sharing our learning.



In Literacy, we have finished our poems which included features such as metaphors and personification – we were very proud of how these went! In Maths, we are continuing to stive learning about fractions. We can now confidently add a number of fractions with different denominators!

### Key dates :

**Parents evening: Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th April**

## Year 6

Year 6 have been so hardworking for the last fortnight! In Literacy, we have written informal diary entries about August's first day in Wonder. Some children chose to write from August's perspective and others chose different characters and different days. We have also published our earthquake reports – summarizing our learning from last half term.

In Maths, we have been strengthening our knowledge of measurements, shapes , perimeter and area. During History, we have been learning about adversity that historical figures have faced over the years. We have focused also on the Paralympic games – the origins and impact of these.

In P.E, we have been learning the skills of netball and have played small team games to practice our footwork.

### Key dates :

**Parents evening: Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th April**







# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 14**

A fabulous day building zip lines and writing messages to Mr and Mrs Grinling, imagining life at the lighthouse [#EYFS](#) [#coretext](#) [#writingforapurpose](#) [#JCACurriculum](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 17**

Year 6 have been practising how to measure angles using a protractor. We have also learnt the vocabulary for types of angles. [#JCAMaths](#) [#teamwork](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 17**

Year 1's next project is to create puppets for their own puppet shows! We have explored different types of puppets in D&T and have started to role play and write some script ideas in Literacy [#JCADT](#) [#teamwork](#) [#JCALiteracy](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 17**

A fantastic Science experiment by Year 2 today, to test the properties of materials! We loved testing our predictions and wrote detailed conclusions! [#JCAScience](#) [#PrimaryScience](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 20h**

Nothing tells the truth more than children! Mrs Swinburne was greeted from breakfast club with a poster made during this time representing what they feel is important about JCA [#ReadingatTheHeartOfTheCurriculum](#)

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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 16**

A brilliant feeling to welcome our Year 5 parent community in for their workshop this morning! Thank you to all who came! [#JCACurriculum](#)

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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 7/5/22 – 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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