



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

It is wonderful to share learning from the last few weeks in each class in our newsletter today. The children have also been making great use of our playground sheds to develop their teamwork and Junior Leader Amelia B in Year 6 has been working with Mrs Grundy and Year 4 on their 'Seasonal Planting' club. They are watering each day and can't wait to see signs of germination in a few weeks time!

Reading and Phonics events in school.



Last week we were delighted to host two events to support other schools with their teaching of reading and phonics. We were so proud of the children for showing their excellent learning and to our staff for sharing their teaching with other education professionals.

Parent /Carer Events

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our parent /carer workshops this half term. It has been wonderful to welcome you into the academy and see how much it means to the children to share their learning with you. This week was the turn of Year 4 who enjoyed some creative recycling crafts and learning about sustainability.



Interim Reports and Parent / Carer consultation evenings.

The children have brought home their Interim Reports today and we hope you find these a useful summary of how your child is progressing at school. As explained in the accompanying letter, these will give details of some of the key objectives covered in the core subjects Reading, Writing and Maths as well as attainment in the wider curriculum. There will be an opportunity to discuss these with your child's class teacher in the parents / carer consultation evening next week on Tuesday and Thursday. A ParentMail form has been sent to acknowledge the report and to pass on any comments. Times for the Parent/Carer consultation have been sent out on ParentMail.



Easter Egg Competition

Next week we will be having an Easter Egg decorating competition on Friday 8th April. Any children that would like to enter should bring in a decorated egg on the last day of term. Eggs could be decorated with a beautiful pattern or made into a character or scene. There will be a prize in each class and we can't wait to see the children's egg creations!

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: 28th March 2022

Reception - Jeer Aree

Year 1– Douglas Trevena

Year 2– Amira Emmerson

Year 3– Ollie Lawton

Year 4– Sophia Weeks

Year 5– Betsy-Mae Foley-Dickinson

Year 6– All of Year 6!

Y5/6 Athletics Tournament

Year 5 and 6 competed in an exciting athletics tournament at Rothwell leisure centre which was held by ACES. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and competed in sprints, throws, long jump, triple jump and javelin.. The girls competed on the 24th and the boys competed on the 31st. The scores were then combined and JCA came 3rd. **Well done to:**

Boys: Isaac, Allen, Benji, Jack, Harvey, Aadam, Ryder, Alex, Joshua and Theo

Girls: Matilda, Olivia, Emily, Joella, Mia, Florence, Taylor, Scarlett, Rai-L'eyah





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 5!**



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	92.59%	96.69%
Year 1	99.33 %	97.98 %
Year 2	96.33 %	97.06 %
Year 3	98.67 %	96.91 %
Year 4	99.33 %	98.01 %
Year 5	100 %	97.56 %
Year 6	96.43 %	96.05 %

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 tested positive.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

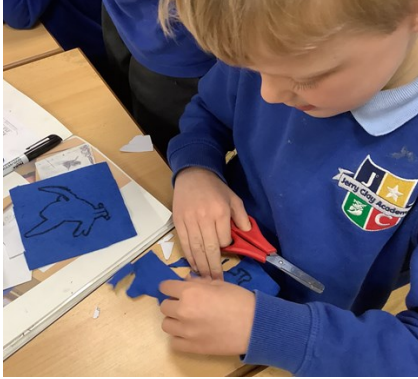
Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about measures in Maths. Whilst the weather was lovely last week, we enjoyed exploring our outdoor area to measure the length and height of different objects. This week we have started to look at weight and mass, using the language of heavier and lighter.

We have enjoyed looking into different maps of Wrenthorpe in Geography, and in Wise Time we have been discussing responsibility.

In Literacy, we have been striving to write their play scripts and think carefully about their punctuation and language choices, these are almost ready to be read next week and created into puppet shows!

In Design and Technology, we have been busy designing and starting to make their bluebird puppets. First they created their own templates, then carefully used this to draw around the felt pieces for the top of our stick puppets.



Key dates:

Parents evening: Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th April

Year 2

Year 2 have continued their learning on Africa and have enjoyed researching Nelson Mandela. In History, we have created a timeline of his life and discussed the impact he has had on life today. The children were shocked by the apartheid.

In Literacy, we have been striving to create a recipe for 'How to make a Pretty Salma fruit salad'. We have redrafted and up levelled our writing before publishing them yesterday! We are so proud of the progress we have made and our beautiful handwriting too!

In Maths, we have completed our statistics work and have started exploring 2D and 3D shape. We have developed our mathematical vocabulary to describe the properties of shape to help us identify and name the different shapes.

Last week, we hosted our parent workshop! We wanted to say a huge thank you for supporting and joining us. The children loved being able to share their learning with you and we were overwhelmed by your attendance! Thank you!

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Year 3

Year 3 have been inspired over the past fews by the text Arthur and the Golden Rope to write an adventure story based on a Norse myth. They have practised their use of fronted adverbials to start sentences in different ways and created suspense by describing the setting and using ellipsis.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about converting measurements between metres, centimetres and millimetres and have started to learn to calculate the perimeter and area of shapes.

In DT, we have designed our own Viking shield and are ready to make these. In History we have also used or inquirer skills to find out more about Viking homes and villages ready for our Viking day next week.

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.

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Year 4

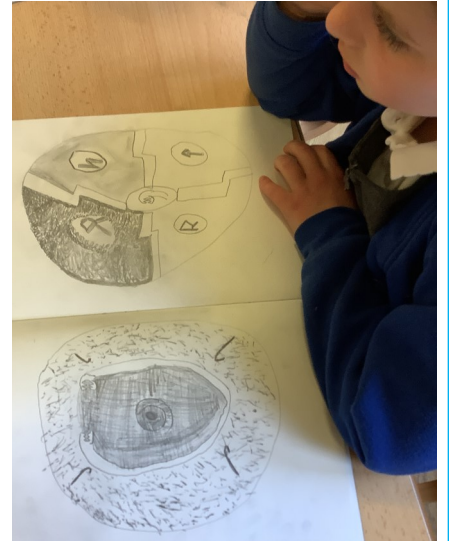
Year 4 have had a fantastic couple of weeks. They have been working really hard on writing some persuasive letters to year 3 about the dangers of not recycling and how we can help to save the planet. Once they produced these, they then enjoyed buying stamps and posting these at the post office.

In Mths, we have been continuing to develop our knowledge of fractions where we have been converting these into decimals.

Finally, in Geography, we have continued to develop our knowledge of sustainability where we have been continuing to understand the difference between renewable and non-renewable resources and how this is benefitting or affecting our planet.

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Year 5

Year 5's learning has taken them to Roman Britain this week! Did you know that there are lots of things that appear in Britain today that Roman's brought over nearly 2,000 years ago! As well as this, we have created our final Art pieces in the style of Sue Davis-Vachon – we have had to persevere to find the best way to re-create her work!

In Literacy, we have been striving to create persuasive writing using lots of different features from a range of WAGOLLs. In Maths, we have continued (and very nearly completed) our fractions work – this week we have been particularly looking at fraction problem solving strategies.

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Year 6



Year 6 have had an excellent fortnight of learning! In Literacy, we have been learning to persuade and have been writing to August in Wonder to persuade him to stay in school. Next week, we will use these skills to persuade someone about a topic of our choice. We have also enjoyed time updating our Book books with our feelings and opinions about what we are reading.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about data and shape. In PSHE we have been learning about money, budgeting and in-app purchases. We have also created our own 'Positivity Pocketbooks' to remind us of all the things that make us happy and that we are proud of. In Art, we have been practicing our drawing and chalk pastels skills.

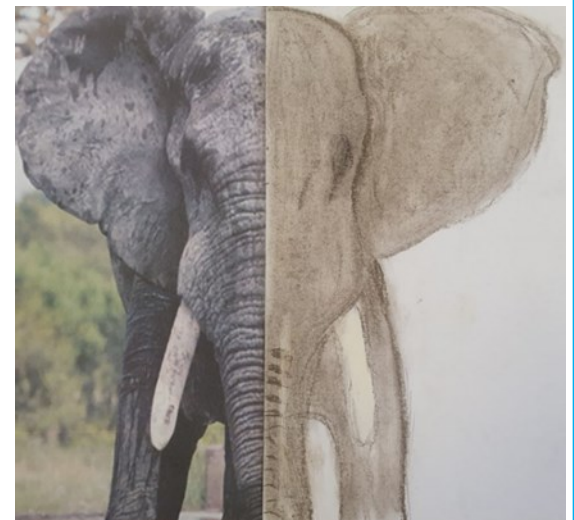
This week, we have completed our Mock SATs and have worked so hard this week (and all year)! Please continue to support Year 6 in their homework and revision!

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Parents evening: Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th April

Year 6 SATs week: Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May

Residential Meeting: Thursday 19th May 5:30 pm.





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 22h

Year 5 used partner talk to master multiplying a mixed number by an integer. They used clear steps to success on the working wall for support. Great progress year 5! @JCANumeracy @WhiteRoseMaths

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 22h

Just because the sunshine has gone, doesn't mean we can't have a great lunchtime! Lots of team work on show on the playground this week! We would love to hear from you if you have a little time to spare to join our lunchtime supervisor team. jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk/useful-info/em...

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 23h

Wonderful language development in Reception today! Children leading their learning with sensitive interjections from an adult to move learning forward #LanguageDevelopment #EYFS @JCEnglishHub

2:09 434 views

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 26

Such a super week at JCA! We are SO PROUD of our children. From our Head Boy & Girl speaking so outstandingly to a group of schools, Y2 demonstrating their learning over time at their parents workshop & our youngest children demonstrating brilliant phonics. #StrivingToBeTheBest

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 25

Year 1 have enjoyed taking their Maths learning outside for the last couple of days as we have started to learn about measurement. #JCAMaths @WhiteRoseMaths

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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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