



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

This week it has been great to see the children's fabulous, creative outcomes in DT, Music, Spanish and across the whole curriculum as the result of their planning process. Year 1's Robot blue birds and Year 4's Pneumatic frogs are great examples of how our whole curriculum is inspired by the children's immersion into their core text—in these cases, The Robot and the Bluebird and Explorer.



A big well done also to Year 3 who gave a fantastic ukulele performance to parents and carers on Tuesday. It is wonderful to see their progress since September working with Mrs Garside from Wakefield Music Services. Scan here for a taster of their great singing and playing!



It has been a really special term as we have been able to invite parents from every class into the academy to share in their children's learning. Equally, we are excited for our new term and all the opportunities it will bring to connect with families and community.

Parent / Carer evening questionnaire on ParentMail

It has been wonderful to be able to invite parents and carers into the academy this week for a holistic update of the whole curriculum on how the children are doing in school. Following on from the interim reports sent home last week, we hope you found these useful. We always aim for teamwork between home and school to ensure each child does their very best. We would be grateful if you could complete our parent / carer evening questionnaire sent on ParentMail if you haven't already. Thank you.



Staffing news!

This week we say goodbye to two valued members of staff and look forward to welcoming some new additions to the team after Easter.

Mrs Atkinson leaves us after 8 years in our admin team. She has been a warm and welcoming face in the office and we wish her well with her new ventures. We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Noonan as a Senior Administrator to our team.

Mrs Holmes, who has been working as a teaching assistant in Year 5 and 6, also leaves us to go back to her career as a Secondary School English teacher. We have really enjoyed working with her and we know she will inspire so many children in her new role. We welcome Mr McDougall to our team as teaching assistant.

Happy Easter and Ramadan Mubarak

This week we have been finding out about the meaning of both Easter and Ramadan. The children reflected on how Muslims draw nearer to Allah during Ramadan as well as on the symbolism of Easter Eggs in the Christian faith. It was great to see the children's decorated eggs!

We hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday.

Mrs C Elliott Headteacher



Year 3 had a fantastic Viking day bringing all their knowledge to life.



Thank you for the wonderful welcome back to the Jerry Clay Academy community!



This week I have had the pleasure of working within the academy everyday, as Mrs Elliott has been recovering from COVID! What a fabulous way to start the week, by hosting to our Year 3 parents in the music assembly! What a wonderful performance that was!

As you will know I have been supporting the academy and English Hub since September for 1 day a week and from 14th March, I have returned full time to rigorously work on our next chapter. Previous to this, I was the Executive Headteacher of JCA for 7 and half years. I have been asked by the Trustee Board to become the CEO/ Trust Lead of our new venture, developing our Multi-Academy Trust. Collaboration and empowering other schools to receive an excellent education is something the team and I are passionate about. As I continue to support other schools, and Jerry Clay Academy, to be the best they can be, I really do look forward to sharing our journey with you in the coming months.

Our new Multi-Academy Trust is called Accomplish MAT, encapsulating our focus on striving for the highest standards and recognising the individual accomplishments & uniqueness of every child. Jerry Clay Academy is obviously the first school to sit within our Accomplish family & the team's dedication and commitment to the excellence at JCA will be uncompromised.

I will keep you all updated over the coming months and look forward to speaking with you all over the summer term.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

With kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne
Trust Leader





Special mentions of the term

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: 4th April 2022

Reception - Oscar Lee

Year 1– Evie Neal

Year 2– Jessica Coulton

Year 3– Eshal Shazad

Year 4– Rory Marritt

Year 5– Scarlett Black

Year 6—Amelia Brown



Attendance winners

As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97%**. Our winners this week—**Year 1 & Year 3!** Please note that these percentages include COVID absences. Lets hope that the summer term is a great one for attendance.

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	93.51%	96.57%
Year 1	96.67%	97.95%
Year 2	95.97%	97.02%
Year 3	96.67%	97.00%
Year 4	95.33%	97.91%
Year 5	87.92%	97.20%
Year 6	94.04%	95.89%

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

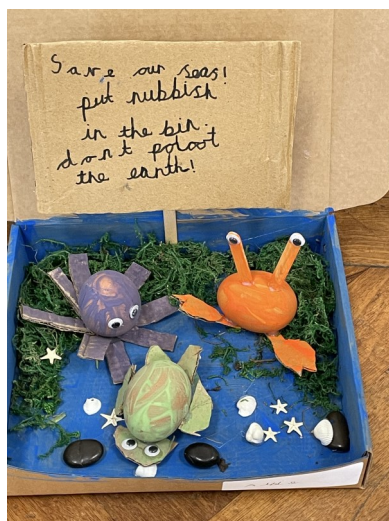
BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97%

ACTUAL – 97.07%



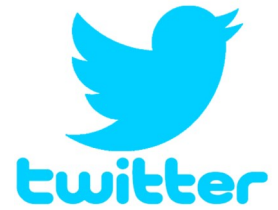


Well done everyone! We were just so impressed by them all. See some of our prize winners on twitter.





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Apr 5
Year 1 have enjoyed finishing making their robot and bluebird puppets this week in DT. #JCADT #process



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¡fantástico! @JCAWakefield

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Apr 5
Wonderful to see the Year 4 Spanish cafe in full action this afternoon. The children created some fabulous menus & their role-play Spanish speaking restaurant was just brilliant #Fabuloso 🇪🇸



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 15h
What an exciting Viking Day Year 3 have had! We constructed our shields in DT for our special day and even attempted our best fierce faces 🐉
@JCA_DT



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Apr 5
Brilliant to see how caring our JCA children are- some of our Year 5 children have recreated 'We are going on a bear hunt' @MichaelRosenYes from their own initiative for our Reception children. In their words "it's to inspire them to love reading like we do" 📖 #LoveOfReading



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 52m
Year 4 finished their pneumatic frogs yesterday in DT. They used the idea of using air to inflate a balloon which caused the mouth of their frog to open #JCADT



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 20h
An inspiring and confident ukulele performance yesterday by Year 3! We were thrilled to see just how far they have come since September and even more so that they could share it with parents! 🎸 Huge thanks to Wakefield Music Services #JCAMusic



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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:

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Designated Safeguarding Lead

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

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