



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 1st July 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have enjoyed another busy week in the academy and are looking forward to our last few weeks of our current school year. Read about learning in each year group further into the newsletter. We also have exciting events coming up including our KS2 Creative Arts Performances on Monday 11th July at 6pm and Friday 15th July at 2pm and our Celebration Assemblies for each class in the last week of term. I have included reminders of the dates for these on the next page. A brilliant way to celebrate and share our learning from the whole year!

Class photos

Our photographer will be in school on Thursday 7th July to take class photographs and photographs of our Year 6 leavers.

Transition

Throughout the next few weeks the children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and get ready for their transition to their new year group. Our class swap afternoon is on Wednesday 13th July when children will work with and get to know their new teacher. We are delighted to welcome three new members of staff to our team from September: teachers Miss Farrer and Miss Hazell and teaching assistant Mrs Harding. I am pleased to announce teachers for the new year will be as follows:

Reception class—Mrs Burrows

Year 1—Miss Harling

Year 2—Miss Mitchell

Year 3—Miss Morley

Year 4—Miss Farrer

Year 5—Miss Hazell

Year 6—Mr Palin



We will saying good bye and thank you to Mrs Wilkinson at the end of term after 20 years working with Jerry Clay children. We are still looking forward to many more special times with Mrs Wilkinson over the next few weeks.



Summer Fair

The PTA Summer Fair took place last Saturday for the first time in three years! We were mostly lucky with the weather and are pleased to say that we managed to raise in profit just short of £3,000, which will go directly towards funding some new iPads for class. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and came to make it such a special day. The PTA will continue to develop a programme of events to help support the school and your input and help would be warmly welcomed.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs C Elliott Headteacher

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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: 1st July 2022

Reception - Delilah Knowles

Year 1- Harry Shaw

Year 2- Theo Hawkins

Year 3- Maisie Campbell

Year 4- All of Year 4!

Year 5- Jana Kamal

Celebration Assemblies

Classes will be focussing on transition to their new year group this half term and learning continues right to the end as we prepared for our Celebration assemblies in the final week of term where the children will reflect on and celebrated all their achievements this year and look forward to their next stage. For your diaries!

Reception - Tuesday 19th July 9:30am

Year 1 - Tuesday 19th July 2:30pm

Year 2 - Wednesday 20th July 9:30am

Year 3 - Wednesday 20th July 2:30 pm

Year 4 - Thursday 21st July 9:30 pm

Year 5 - Thursday 21st July 2:30 pm

Year 6 - Friday 22nd July 9:30 am

Look how much our current Year 6 have grown since their last celebration assembly when they were in Year 3!





Our Campaign for Excellent Attendance !

Excellent attendance in school is essential to ensure every child makes the best possible progress. 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.

I am receiving some requests for children to go on holiday during term time and this has such a detrimental affect on the children's learning. Children are missing out on key learning. Our staff and children are working so hard to make sure they feel confident and remain on track with their learning however any additional absences inevitably puts this at risk. After the effects of the past few years, this has a considerable impact on the children. Holiday requests in term time cannot be authorised as ensuring good attendance in school is a legal obligation.

Please note that learning and celebration continue until the end of the summer term when we will be ensuring smooth transition into new year groups and celebrating the children's achievements.

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 4**



Attendance winners -

As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**.

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	96.67%	96.61%
Year 1	92.67 %	98.00 %
Year 2	93.45 %	97.38 %
Year 3	96.67 %	97.19 %
Year 4	99.67 %	98.01 %
Year 5	96.98 %	97.35 %
Year 6	96.77 %	95.71 %

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE - SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.4%

ACTUAL – 97.17%



Sports Day!!

Last Friday, we had a fabulous Sports Day. With lots of perseverance, determination and smiles all round. It was fabulous to get our whole community together and to cheer each other on.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have started their new learning journey through their core text: The Jungle Book! We had to search for clues that led us to our book in our new jungle area! This week we have been busy listening to the story and creating a story map to showcase our understanding of it.

In Maths we have been learning all about position and direction. Ask us to show you our left and right hands! We went outside and created a car track to guide each other through.

We have enjoyed finding out where jungles are in the world (near the Equator) as well as learning lots about the animals and location of the Amazon rainforest this week. In Science we have also transplanted our growing plants into the outdoor area; we spotted our first pea pod the other day!



Key Dates:

Creative Arts Performances—Monday 11th July 6pm and Friday 15th July 2pm,

Celebration assembly— Year 1 - Tuesday 19th July 2:30pm

Year 2

Year 2 have had a super two weeks continuing our learning journey! As part of our Weather theme, we embarked on a fantastic visit to Yorkshire Water in Headingley! The children were fascinated to see the working site and tour around a variety of machines. They demonstrated fantastic inquiry skills and came away with such incredible facts and knowledge about water and the water cycle! This has been a great hook into our Geography and Science learning! We have continued our learning to explore different types of clouds.

In Literacy, the children have been applying their new knowledge from our visit to write a variety of texts. They have composed a detailed recount of the day, a report of the water cycle and a poem! We have been retrieving all the different literary devices we have learnt across the year to apply them into our writing and set ourselves high expectations. This week, we have started exploring shape poems.

In Maths, we have completed our unit on measuring length and height. Since using non-standard units, we have developed our understanding of centimetres and metres to explore their relation and how to convert measurements. We have now begun learning about time. We can confidently read and draw the time for o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

We are also had a brilliant Sports Day on Friday. All the children demonstrated fantastic teamwork and it was lovely to welcome our community back into school!

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Celebration assembly— Wednesday 20th July 9:30am



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3



In Literacy, we have been producing some outstanding pieces of writing! We have been working hard to collect all the key features of a newspaper report together to write our own based upon 'Charlotte's Web.' They have used their planning effectively to ensure they are included ambitious vocabulary and reported speech. We are super proud of all the hard they have put in to complete this.

In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering fractions using bar models to help us. We went outside to explore how we can compare fractions and place these into different groups - we really liked finding so many possibilities for one problem!

been striving to show tenths in decimals and on a number line. Our understanding has been brilliant!

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Celebration assembly— Wednesday 20th July 2:30 pm



Year 4

This week Year 4 have been learning all about time in Maths and have been working on weeks and months of the year, minutes and solving time problems. During writing this week, we have focused on poetry and have been writing our own poems in the style of 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. Here is one group performing their poem.

In P.S.H.E, we have continued to learn about First Aid and have been learning about people's hobbies during Spanish.

We are extremely proud of all our Year 4 pupils who performed brilliantly in their recent Statutory Multiplication Check which they completed online. We are also so so impressed with them for being the first Year 4 class ever to pass **Gold** in their Diamond Dash. Well done Year 4!!!



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Year 5

Last week, Year 5 had a terrific time at the National Science and Media Museum. As well as watching a Space film in 3D at the iMax, they attended a Space workshop where they found out about the different materials that make up the planets in the Solar System.

Over the past few weeks, we have also persevered to complete our sewing, inspired by Space Artist, Peter Thorpe. We are very pleased with our final pieces which demonstrate the range of stitches we learned applied to this art work.

In Maths, we have started to learn about angles. We can confidently name different types of angles and are starting to feel confident in using protractors!



Key dates :

Creative Arts Performances—Monday 11th July 6pm and Friday 15th July 2pm,

Celebration assembly— Year 5 - Thursday 21st July 2:30 pm

Year 6

Year 6 have continued their learning about The Tempest and have written some fantastic character descriptions, newspaper reports and spells. They have also continued to learn about trade in Geography lessons and Tudor influence in History. In Spanish, we have been linking our work on family to jobs that people do. In P.S.H.E we have been learning about First Aid. Next week, during P.S.H.E, we will be starting our R.S.E work.

This week, they have been on Residential where they are working on their teamwork, independence and risk-taking. They are having so much fun and we can't wait to tell/show you all about it in our Residential Assembly!

Key dates :

Creative Arts Performances—Monday 11th July 6pm and Friday 15th July 2pm,

Outwood Grange Transition Days: Monday 4th and Monday 11th July – children make their own way there – please see further details provided by Outwood Grange

Outwood City Fields Transition Days: Tuesday 5th July – children make their own way there – please see further details provided by Outwood City Fields

Tuesday 12th July Residential Assembly 9.15am

Wednesday 20th July- Year 6 Celebration Day (Bouncy Castle and BBQ)

Friday 22nd July- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 29 ...
Another super day in Reception Class creating large scale artwork based on our core text, giant spider webs as well as navigating tricky spiral snail trails on the body board [#EYFS](#) [#JCACurriculum](#) [#minibeasts](#) [#physicaldevelopment](#)



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 27 ...
We want to let our Year 4 community know that we are so proud of our Year 4 children who performed brilliantly in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check. Our average score was 24 out of 25 with the majority scoring 25. Amazing! 🍷🍷🍷 We keep going with Diamond Dash! 🌟



GIF

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 25 ...
What a wonderful [@jca_pta](#) Summer Fair. Thank you all for coming & thank you to our brilliant PTA for organising it. Thank you also to all our staff & parents who helped [#JCADreamTeam](#) [#Community](#) We all had a fantastic time! 🌟



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 30 ...
We used amazing perseverance skills to climb to the top to find all the orienteering points! What a view! [#residential](#) [#perseverance](#) [@YHAOfficial](#)



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Jun 24 ...
Reception and Year 1 made us so proud at their sports day this morning! Super team work, resilience and smiley faces! Sports superstars! 🌟🍷🍷



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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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