

Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter



Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

The last few weeks have flown by as each class has been so busy with their learning across the curriculum. From Art to Science, Maths to Music the academy has been full of exciting learning opportunities. It really has been great to see such curious and thoughtful children!

Junior Leadership Team Our Year 6 children have impressed us so much with their passion and ideas and have now been appointed to their new roles in leading our academy. They really do have a pivotal role in making Jerry Clay Academy even better.

Another BIG thank you to the PTA for our new ipads which, thanks to all your efforts over several years have been put straight into good news in classes and are already having such an impact! We are so lucky to have such a dedicated community. Many of the wonderful facilities we enjoy in outdoor learning have been funded by the PTA such as the Outdoor classroom, Sand World and Year 1/2 Outdoor area. We are always the envy of visiting schools when we explain how lucky we are to have such a supportive PTA. Thankyou. It really is appreciated.

European Day of Languages. Children in Year 3 to 6 enjoyed finding out about Germany, Italy, Sweden and Spain with Lingotots this week as well as learning to speak a few words. The children learn Spanish in school and it was great to get an appreciation of different languages and countries.

Extra curricular After School Clubs. A number of children have requested to change clubs during the course of this term. Significant effort goes into their organisation and running so please could I remind everyone that, once places for the Spring term clubs are allocated and announced, these are final. We would also encourage children to attend all sessions. It is important that the children do learn to stick with activities in order to benefit from these experiences.

Bike Shed We are so lucky to have had a Bike Shed in school installed in school for the use of children who would like to scoot or cycle to school accompanied by their parent / carer. If you would like to use the Bike Shed, please ask for a Terms of Use Agreement to be sent via ParentMail.

PTA—Halloween Swap Shop. The PTA are organising a Halloween Disco on Thursday 20th October. Ahead of this they are organising a Swap Shop for fancy dress costumes. We hope recycling costumes in this way will help to save money and reduce waste. Families who wish to swap a costume should drop these at school next week. Pick up a new costume on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards 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 Special Special Mention; someone who has really stood out during the whole year for demonstrating excellent learner traits, fantastic attitudes to their learning and consistently being the 'best that they can be' every day. Well done!

Special Mention of the Week Commencing 19th and 26th September 2022

Year 1– Romie Dutton and Albie Benson

Year 2– Henry Percival and Finley Lawton

Year 3– Olivia Kinnear and Leo Fisher-Heydemann

Year 4– Isaac McCarthy and Alex Gatenby

Year 5– Tinus Esterhuizen and Morgan Francis-Brownlie

Year 6—Gabrielle Groves and Taylor Anderson

Attendance winners

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance as this is essential for children to make the best progress. 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	94.19 %	
Year 1	97.93 %	
Year 2	96.67 %	
Year 3	98.00 %	
Year 4	98.67 %	
Year 5	90.00 %	
Year 6	97.93 %	

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.40%

ACTUAL – 96.17.0%



Reading at JCA

Reading newsletter—30th September 2022.

Summer reading challenge

Congratulations to JCA on winning the Wakefield libraries Summer reading challenge for 2022! Thank you to everyone that took part and for parents for taking them along to the library and supporting our mission!

We are delighted to be welcoming Andy Seed to our school on Monday 3rd October. Andy will be completing workshops with each class. Please see the parentmail from earlier this week.



Core texts

Look in the doorway of your child's classroom for Information about their current core text! This also gives you a little bit of information about the themes of the book to discuss at home.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have continued to love their learning based around our theme Dungeons and Dragons – we have been striving high in English. We have created our own dragons and used colours to describe them, inspired by our core text "Tell Me a Dragon".

In Maths we have been counting forwards and backwards and using this to help us find one more and one less than a given number. We have completed some excellent learning outside!



During History, we have been reading all about William who lived at Sandal Castle 1000 years ago. We have found out all about different parts of the castle through this. In Science, we have learnt different ways to describe a material using their properties.

Key date – Tuesday 11th October Pontefract castle visit

Year 2

The weeks are flying by in Year 2 and we are thoroughly enjoying our learning journey across the curriculum.

In English, we have continued our writing on our core text 'Town is by the sea'. We have written a fantastic setting description using expanded noun phrases, similes and prepositional openers. Now, we have started writing our own retell of the story. The openings of our story have continued our descriptive writing. This week, we have composed the climax to our story and have been exploring the use of ellipsis and onomatopoeia to build suspense.



In Maths, we have almost completed our learning on place value to 100. This week, we have been using the inequality symbols to compare amounts and numbers to show if they are greater than, less than or equal to. We have extended our learning by applying our skills to solve reasoning and word problems.



In History, we have been exploring artefacts of mining to make predictions. We received a fantastic resource box from the National Coal Mining Museum brimming with artefacts to explore!

In Art, we have used our colour mixing skills to create and mix tones. In Science, we are continuing our investigating of living things by exploring microhabitats.

Key dates:

Friday 11th November - Trip to the National Coal Mining Museum

Tuesday 22nd November - Parent workshop

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

The weeks are flying by and the children are beginning to settle into our Year 3 routines and are demonstrating a real drive with our current topic of 'The Lost World.'

In English we have been compiling all of our learning and writing skills to create our third person narratives based on our core text. We have taken such a care and pride when publishing our work and we cannot wait to see this on display in the coming weeks.

In Maths we have been exploring place value counters and place value charts to expand our knowledge of 3-digit numbers. We are slowly becoming more confident using a range of manipulatives and have been able to use the outdoors to consolidate our fantastic learning.

In History we have been using fossil pictures to note down their key features to make links across different animals. We have also carefully used clues in the picture to infer what type of animal we think these fossils may once have been. In PE, we have been continuing to learn the skills needed in tag rugby. We've worked in teams to throw and catch whilst moving with the ball.

Key Dates: Wednesday 16th November - Parent workshop



Year 4

The weeks are getting better and better in Year 4. The children have well and truly settled and are showing great attitudes towards their learning which has been fantastic to see.

In English we have been exploring lots of different Greek myths including Theseus and the Minotaur and Perseus and the gorgon Medusa. The children have loved seeing the adventure they go on and the danger they face in order to succeed. This has helped them to plan their own myth which includes their own magical, mythical creature. We are so excited to write them next week!

In Maths we have nearly completed our topic of place value. The children have done extremely well with ordering and comparing different 4-digit numbers this week and have been able to apply this learning with tricky reasoning and problem-solving questions.



In History the children have focused on what an ancient civilization is through our learning of the Ancient Greeks. They have created timelines to show the first settlers through to the golden age of the Greeks. This has then linked well with their geography where they have researched different Ancient Greek cities and why they were important.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 have been blown me away with their attitude, work ethic, and enthusiasm towards learning.

We have continued reading our core text, 'Letters to the Lighthouse' in English. We are writing descriptive settings of a war scene. We have applied our fantastic knowledge of onomatopoeia, metaphors, similes and personification. Year 5 are brilliant at using these features in their writing. Moving forward, we will start studying the features of a news report and eventually we will create our own.



In Maths, we are coming to the end of our unit of place value. This week, we have been comparing, ordering and rounding numbers up to 1 million. Year 5 enjoyed being outdoors whilst practicing these skills.



In PE, we have been working on building our stamina. Year 5 have managed to run around the grounds of the school twice, all making progress from the week before.

In Art, we have created mood boards to help us identify the colors and atmosphere we would like to use in our clay tiles.



Key Dates

Wednesday 19th October : Trip to Eden Camp



Year 6

Year 6 have worked very hard to learn more about Ancient Egyptians; this week we have mummified an orange to further embed our understanding of the mummification process! In Computing, the we have used a micro:bit to create our own step-o-meters and in Spanish, we have reviewed classroom instructions.

In English, we have written our instructions and in Maths, we have reviewed place value. Next, we will focus on the four operations.

Key Dates:

Monday 10th October: Residential Meeting

w/c 17th October: Bikeability

Tuesday 8th November: Trip to Leeds City Museum





Highlights of the Week from Twitter

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Sep 26
The Year 5 team are excited for another week of watching the children enjoy their learning. #Music #OutdoorLearning

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Sep 26
Year 3 have been using concrete resources to experiment with flexible partitioning @WhiteRoseMaths @JCANumeracy #JCAMaths

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Sep 29
Year 1 have been practising mixing watercolours to try and match the colour palette of our artist @JackieMorrisArt @JCA_Art #expressyourself

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 20h
Reception class are learning all about the number 2. They particularly enjoyed singing 2 snails from Wales and creating a group collage of photos representing 2 on our body #EYFS #JCACurriculum #rhyme #creative #maths #physical

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Sep 29
Year 2 loved learning outside to practically represent multiples of 3 using concrete resources! @WhiteRoseMaths @JCANumeracy #JCAMaths #PrimaryMaths #OutdoorLearning

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3m
Year 5 are grateful for these brilliant iPads, sourced by our PTA. @JCA_Geography

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Dates for Your Diary 2022–23



INSET DAYS

Monday 5th September 2022
Tuesday 6th September 2022
Friday 18th November 2022
Monday 24th July 2023

Parents Evenings

Thursday 8th September 2022 – Meet the teacher 3.45 – 4.05 and 4.10-4.30
Tuesday 29th November and Thursday 1st December 2022– Parents' evenings
Tuesday 21st March and Thursday 23rd March – Parents' evenings

Reports

Friday 25th November 2022 - Progress check out to parents
Friday 17th March 2023 – Progress check out to parents
14th July 2023 – End of year reports to parents

Theme Days/Weeks

Wc 17/10/22 – Theme Week
Thursday 2nd March 2023- World Book Day
wc 27/3/23 – Theme Week
wc22/05/23- Creative Arts week

Performances

2/12/22 – Reception Activity Morning
6/12/22 (9.30am) and 7/12/23 9.30am – Reception nativity
12/12/22 – Christmas carols around the tree
13/12/22 (9.30am) and 14/12/22 (2pm) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
15/12/22 Christingle at St. Annes (AM)
14/06/23- Art gallery evening
04/07/23 (Evening) & 5/07/23 (Afternoon)– Creative Arts performances
w/c 17/7/23 – Celebration week

Sports Day

30/6/23 7/7/22 Reserve Sports Day

Summer Fair

1/7/23 (TBC)



Jerry Clay Academy

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated **Child Protection Officers** for this academy are:

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