



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents

A hard working week!

Our children are working hard! Summer term is a busy one and our children are certainly rising to the challenge. We are very proud of our school!

Key dates

Please see each individual class within the newsletter for some key dates for this term. Also see the key dates section at the back of the newsletter. This term we have creative arts week, our gallery, a Year 6 performance of 'The Lion King', sports day, the summer fair and celebration week. So many events to look forward to as a whole community! Please note presentation sessions for the Year 5 trip to London & residential for Year 6.

Rai-Leyah's birthday & fund raising

On Wednesday 10th May it will be Rai-Leyah's birthday. To remember her and raise money for the just giving page, we ask that children wear a hint of purple. This could be a purple headband, a purple sock, a purple bracelet, a purple heart. This will be with their school uniform. If you can donate £1 or more which we will add to our fundraising efforts for the just giving collection, that will be much appreciated.



Holidays during term time & attendance

I am still receiving a number of requests for holidays during term time. The summer term is about celebrating outcomes and we certainly don't want our children to miss out on these memory making experiences.

Twitter

Please do follow us on twitter, where each class does share their highlights of learning throughout the week. This is a great source of conversation for your child to tell you about their learning in school.

With warm wishes,

Mrs. T Swinburne

Executive Headteacher & Trust Lead

Reminder of drop off & pick up times



A classes – Y1,3,5, 6
8.30-8.45
3.00-3.15

B classes – R, Y2, Y4
8.45-9.00
3.15-3.25



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Special mentions of the week were awarded to pupils whom teachers felt have 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: 17th & 24th April 2023

Reception class—Bonnie Brear & Edie Birkinshaw

Year 1— Sam Bolton & Mustfah Ayoub

Year 2— Harley Brown & Danial Aksar

Year 3— Roman Ellis & Isabel Hurdus

Year 4— Molly Ryan & Michelle Green

Year 5— Matthew Coulton & Hadley Olbison

Year 6— Riley Wright & Florence Lancaster

Attendance winners

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance (where appropriate). 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	100%	95.59%
Year 1	97.33%	95.45%
Year 2	98.67%	97.16%
Year 3	94.00%	95.73%
Year 4	96.67%	95.93%
Year 5	100%	96.35%
Year 6	96.90%	95.75%

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

Currently our whole school percentage is 96%



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Reception Class Learning

The Circle of Life

On Monday we read 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and discussed the life cycle of a flower. The children were interested in observing the growth and changes that occur under the ground so we became scientists and planted bean seeds in a plastic bag. The children are eagerly waiting to observe the seeds germinate! We have been predicting how long this will take, recording our observations in booklets and diaries. During the week, we have also continued to look after the sunflower, radish and carrot seeds we planted last week and enjoyed becoming horticultural experts in our new indoor role-play provision area which the children have

Caterpillars

This week, the children were so excited to discover a package containing real live caterpillars. They have been busy discovering and recording their observations and discussion points creating booklets /



Mathematics

In Maths, we are learning about odd and even numbers to 10 so that we can help 'Albert the Tortoise'. The children have been practising counting even and odd numbers and building pair wise patterns to 10 using ten frames and numicon. On Tuesday, we used



Physical Development

In PE, the children practised their fundamental throwing and catching skills with ACE Sports. The children will be developing these skills throughout the term and learning how to play rounders/cricket as well as athletics events leading up to their first sports day. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing a caterpillar jogging game with their colour team by connecting together.



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Year 1

We've had a busy and exciting couple of weeks in Year 1 as we have started our new theme "Incredible Creatures" focusing on the core text: Leaf. We have enjoyed learning new vocabulary and creating story maps about our core text, focusing on the behaviour and feelings of different characters alongside exploring the settings.

In Geography, we have investigated the polar regions, as well as the Equator and we have discovered how where a country is in the world affects its temperature. We learnt that the United Kingdom is a temperate country.

During Maths, we have completed our learning on place value and have been busy consolidating our understanding of counting in 10s, spotting patterns and problem solving by applying this knowledge. The children are all very motivated to work hard towards their next Diamond dash times table targets; it has been fantastic to see so many children achieving their next level since we returned from the Easter holiday!

Key dates:

Tuesday 2nd May – visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Tuesday 18th July—Celebration assembly for parents at 9.15am





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Year 2

A fantastic start to the Summer term in Year Two! We have been enthralled in our new theme 'What's the weather' and we have loved exploring our new core texts.

In English, we have been immersed in our focus text 'Grandma Bird', where Noi is trapped in a cave when a thunder storm is brewing. We created detailed story maps and our small world to help us orally rehearse the story develop our vocabulary. Using our understanding of the story, we have written a detailed character description of Grandma Bird!

In Maths, we have started our new unit of time! This week, we have developed our understanding of the different hands on the clock to be able to read and draw the time at o'clock and half past. Our knowledge of fractions have helped us with this too!



Key dates

Tuesday 9th May—Outdoor learning day

Thursday 8th June – Year 2 visit to Yorkshire

Wednesday 19th July at 9.15am—Year 2 Celebration Assembly



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Year 3

Year 3 have had a great first two weeks back settling into the Summer Term! We started our learning off with a fantastic RE trip to the Sinai Synagogue in Leeds to develop our knowledge and understanding of Judaism. We enjoyed observing and sharing our previous learning on precious objects and important aspects around the Synagogue as well as gaining a wealth

In English, we have been enthralled by our new core text of 'Charlotte's Web!' We used the front cover to make informed predictions about the text and have used inspiration from the text to explore writing a persuasive letter. We began by exploring the features of a persuasive letter and have created three main arguments which were developed through role

In Maths, we completed our current learning on fractions and have started mass and capacity. We have been learning to interpret and use scales to help us measure in grams and kilograms.

As part of our new theme of 'The Great Outdoors' we have been exploring how farming has changed and adapted over the years in History. We compared pictures of different farming methods and explained the reasons why these methods have

Key dates:

Tuesday 20th June @ 9:30am - The Big Strum (Wakefield Cathedral)

Wednesday 19th July at 2pm - Year 3 Celebration assembly at 9.15am





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Year 4

In English we have just began our diary writing unit with a focus on our core text 'The Railway Children' by Edith Nesbitt. The children were eager to learn about the family and the elements of history threaded throughout the story. We are excited to finish our diaries which have fantastic vocabulary and description in them.

In Maths, the children have really challenged themselves with decimals. The children have understood the concepts well and have worked extremely hard to complete all the challenges including rounding decimals, ordering decimals and even

We have kickstarted our theme of 'Grand Designs' this week concentrating on the Industrial Revolution. The children were lucky enough to go to Calderdale Industrial Museum.....

In PE the children have thoroughly enjoyed having a yoga session. The children focused so well in this really trying to clear their thoughts and repeating positive affirmations such as 'I am clever' 'I am confident' which left them feeling very happy and positive after the session, excited for their next session.

Key dates

Year 4 celebration assembly - Thursday 20th July at 2pm





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Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant fortnight back at school! The children have settled back into school fantastically and have demonstrated their eagerness to learn.

We have begun exploring our new theme, 'life through a lens', focusing on space. Year 5 were very excited and couldn't wait to start learning. Our core text for this term is 'The Jamie Drake Equation'.

In English, we are learning about the features of adventure stories so that we can create our own gripping adventure story set in space. This week we have focused on applying action and adventure in a story whilst using short sentences to impact

In Maths, the children strived to challenge themselves with perimeter and area. They applied their knowledge to more complex reasoning questions to develop their understanding of this unit. This week, we have moved on to learning about statistics. We have explored why and how line graphs are used.

Year 5 have shown a great interest in computing over the past 2 weeks. This half term, we are learning how to create an adventure game. We have learnt how to use different tools on PowerPoint such as, creating hyperlinks, copying and pasting images and how to change the style of the text.

Key dates:

Year 5 information presentation about the London trip—Wednesday 7th June at 5.30pm

2-day tour of London: 27th – 28th June 2023

Year 5 Celebration assembly— 20th July at 9.15am



Year 6



Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in the build up to their SATs!

We have been working on revising key concepts such as fractions and percentages in Maths and have looked at applying some knowledge in a number of reasoning contexts. In English, we have continued to write narratives, using speech to help to progress a story forward (and remembering all of the associated punctuation!)

In Computing, we have started to create our own blogs, ensuring that we have enough detail and credibility in our blog posts. In History, we have started to learn about the Tudors.

Key Dates:

Wc 9.5.23 – SATs week

19.6.23 – Parents' Residential Meeting

10.7.23-13.7.23 – Residential





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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
	Monday 28th November and Wednesday 30th November 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)



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Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated Child Protection Officers for this academy are:

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