

Accomplishing great things at JCA



Friday 16th June 2023

'Branching out' Creative Arts Gallery 2023



Thank you for joining us to celebrate your children and their achievements. Coming together as a community is so important to us, as it sends the message that hard work is celebrated. Aspiring for great outcomes then becomes the drive.

Our children had the opportunity to learn from each class by going around the whole gallery, both inside and out. The gallery portrayed links to our wellbeing and artist studies allowed our children to explore this in depth. It was wonderful to hear children talking about the work in other classes. Have a look at some of these fantastic images. A proud community!

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Special Mentions

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!

Special Mentions for the week ending 16th June 2023	
RECEPTION	Chester B
YEAR 1	Ivy H
YEAR 2	Buddy W
YEAR 3	Leo HP
YEAR 4	Mohammad
YEAR 5	Ralph W
YEAR 6	Betsymae FD

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	93.44%	95.34%
YEAR 1	97.33%	95.72%
YEAR 2	94.00%	97.01%
YEAR 3	97.33%	96.02%
YEAR 4	96.67%	96.20%
YEAR 5	97.67%	96.19%
YEAR 6	96.90%	96.11%

97% +	AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET
BELOW 95%	CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS
90% & BELOW	PERSISTENT ABSENCE - SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

97.40%	WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET
96.08%	ACTUAL

RECEPTION

Miniature Worlds

Our new starting point for Summer 2 is 'Miniature Worlds'. The children have been thinking of their own questions about minibeasts and their habitats as well as talking about their interests and fascinations. The children have shown a real interest in snails, bees, dragonflies, spiders and ladybirds; particularly with their incredible body features and movements. On Monday, we read 'Mad about Minibeasts' by Giles Andreae. The children have been finding out interesting facts in books, creating minibeast models using a variety of different media such as clay, designing intricate spider webs and bug machines as well as constructing bug hotels.



Maths

In Maths, we are learning to apply our mathematical knowledge to help 'Spinderella the Spider' organise equal football teams for the minibeasts. The children have enjoyed sorting the spider props in the small world area to ensure the teams are fair and playing table football with their friends, accurately keeping score using a simple tally. Wonderful to see such engagement and determination.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

RECEPTION



Literacy

This week, the children have been drawing and writing facts about minibeasts and reading factual books to increase their knowledge and understanding of the different types of animals that live in our miniature world. They cherished playing a game called 'What Am I?' thinking of unique characteristics to describe the minibeast and actions. What fantastic imaginations and beautiful writing! On Thursday, we created an enormous snail trail and story map with chalk in the playground following our shared story 'The Snail and the Whale'.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 20th June
Outdoor Learning Day

Friday 30th June 9.15am
Sports Day

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 1



Over the last fortnight, Year 1 have been striving so high with their published writing! We have been striving to use our very best handwriting to write our beautiful stories inspired by our core text: Leaf. We are so excited to share them with our adults at library time next week! We have even designed the front covers all by ourselves using our printing and embellishing skills – they look superb!

In **Maths**, our current unit is all about fractions and we have been investigating halves and quarters. We have cut up different foods, had a quarter shop and we have been striving with different challenges to show our understanding of halving and quartering quantities.

In **Science**, we have started to learn about the different ways that fruit and vegetables grow - on trees and as plants, some under ground and some over ground! Ask us about our favourite fruit or vegetable!

We were inspired by water in our **art work** following Creative Arts week and we finished our project off by marbling in water in the creative area outside.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 2



Wow! What an incredible start to the final Summer term! Year 2 have had an amazing 2 weeks brimming with exciting learning and the children have been striving higher than ever!

As part of our **weather theme**, we started the week with an excellent visit to Yorkshire Water. It was an amazing opportunity to explore the water works and extend our understanding of the water cycle. The Yorkshire Water team were blown away by Year Two's knowledge and their exceptional behaviour. A huge thank you also to our volunteers for supporting us on our visit! We are so lucky to have a supportive community!

In **Maths**, we have started a new unit on statistics. This week, our focus has been on tally charts and we have loved to explore how we can apply our

learning to real life experiences to record data. From our results, we have been able to interpret the data and make conclusions using incredible mathematical vocabulary!

In **English**, we have created our own stories of 'Grandma Bird' inspired by Benji Davies. With the impact of the reader as our focus, we have reflected on our choice of characters and the structure of our stories so that we can build suspense and excitement. We are so excited to publish our stories and create a patchwork blanket in our Art learning too!

We have, of course, also been striving to create our wonderful **Art Gallery** as part of our whole school celebration of 'Branching Out'. It has been key to reconnect with our well-being through Art and we were so proud to be able to share it with you at our Art Gallery!



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been continuing to work extremely hard as we head towards the end of the year! Although the weather has been hot, we have persevered and finished some of our final outcomes for the Creative Arts Gallery which we were so excited to share with you!

In **Maths**, we have begun our second unit on fractions where we can now confidently add and subtract a range of fractions. We have also been finding unit and non-unit fractions of amounts, using our steps to success and knowledge of times tables to help answer questions. A challenging aspect of fractions has been problem solving, which we have worked on in-depth using bar models to support our understanding.

In **English**, we have started our new writing unit of a newspaper report. We explored the different features that should be included and unpicked tier 2 vocabulary from our text of Charlotte's Web to use within our newspaper report. We are looking forward to building our writing skills to create a clear and accurate report.

We also loved our time at the outdoor library this week! There was a variety of books we could choose from and read before selecting the one we wanted to take home.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 4



What a brilliant two weeks we have had in the sunshine! The children have worked extremely hard despite the heat and I am so proud of all their effort!

In **English**, a crime has been committed on the playground and the children have been inspired by our core text 'Sherlock Holmes' to become investigators to solve the mystery. The children were so enthusiastic and cannot wait to write their own newspaper reports about the crime.

In **Maths**, the children have challenged themselves with time. They have calculated analogue, digital and 24-hour times and converted between them. We have also worked hard on calculating how long journeys can take, working out the start time and the end time.

This week the children have taken part in the Multiplication Tables Check. The children have worked so hard on their times tables all year and it was brilliant to celebrate their success.



In **History**, the children have loved discussing the different transport that was used during the industrial revolution. They have learnt all about the introduction of the canals and then had a heated debate in character, about who had been impacted the most by the canals and if they were positive or negative.

In **PE**, we have loved starting our new sport of rounders. The children have enjoyed learning all the rules and working as a team to try and score.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 5



It has been a brilliant fortnight in Year 5! The children have returned to school with a fantastic attitude and eagerness to learn!

In English, we have been studying the features of an informative text. We have used these, along with our in-depth research, to create an informative text about Space. Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying their learning of Space and have impressed us with their fantastic knowledge and application of this.

In Maths, we have completed our learning of 'shape' and have begun learning about 'position and direction'. Year 5 understand how coordinates can be used to identify different positions and can apply this to answer worded problems. Moving forward, we will be learning about translation, symmetry and reflection.

Year 5 have been bursting with pride as they have shown off their brilliant work from creative arts week. They have enjoyed looking at other classes' wonderful art pieces, as well as using their outdoor projects to practice mindfulness.

It is not long until our London trip! Thank you to all of you that have contributed towards our drinks and food supplements. This is greatly appreciated.



KEY DATES

27th - 28th June 2023

2-day tour of London

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been working very hard on their production of *The Lion King*! We cannot wait to show you all in a few weeks!

As well as this, we have been continuing our learning about effective narrative **writing** using features from our core text; *The Tempest*. We have been using similar language to Shakespeare and have been thinking carefully about how to present the moral of the story.

In **Maths**, we have been using our skills learnt throughout the year to plan our 'dream job'. We have been able to use hourly rates to work out weekly and annual wages (and even tax!)



Jerry Clay Academy 2023-24

I am pleased to report that there will be minimal changes to classes next year.

Our experienced team are excited about the new year ahead. We look forward to welcoming Miss Karlsson back to JCA on Monday 10th July after her maternity leave.

You will notice that Year 6 will be led by Miss Karlsson with the support of Mr Palin at the end of the week. Two very experienced Teachers working together for the best for our children.

Your children will be taking part in a transition afternoon on Friday 14th July, where they will get a chance to spend time with their class teacher.

For your information, below is a list of Class Teacher's and their class designation for next year.

Reception **Mrs Burrows**

Year 1 **Miss Harling**

Year 2 **Mrs Johnson**

Year 3 **Miss Morley**

Year 4 **Miss Farrer**

Year 5 **Miss Hazell**

Year 6- **Miss Karlsson**
Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday
Mr Palin
Thursday and Friday

Summer fair- Donations and raffle tickets

Thank you so much for all your donations to our summer fair. We continue to collect donations next week, so please do keep contributing if you can. The collection boxes are at the school gate.

Your children will be bringing home raffle tickets in their book bags. We have some amazing prizes including a signed Wakefield Trinity ball, Alton Towers tickets, Odeon tickets and a £50 JD voucher. Please see the attached poster for all of the amazing prizes people have kindly donated to help us fundraise so far! If you require more books of tickets for family and friends please let the school office know, and if you are unlikely to purchase them please do give them back in to the school office. Please bring tickets you'd like to purchase in with your details filled out in a clearly marked envelope for the PTA with the cash.

Phonics Screening & Timestable Check

A huge congratulations to our Year 1 & Year 4 pupils who took part in their statutory checks this week.

We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. A huge thank you to our wonderful staff and all of you for your support with this at home.



RAFFLE

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

- FAMILY TICKET - DONATED BY WAKEFIELD TRINITY
- WAKEFIELD TRINITY SIGNED BALL - DONATED BY WAKEFIELD TRINITY
- 4 X ALTON TOWERS TICKETS - DONATED BY COCA COLA
- 4 X ODEON CINEMA TICKETS - DONATED BY COCA COLA
- FAMILY TICKET - DONATED BY THE WATERING HOLE
- VOUCHER FOR BOUNCE WAKEFIELD- DONATED BY BOUNCE
- £20 VOUCHER - KNOWLES HOUSE PARTIES
- TRAY OF BROWNIES - GRAFTIN' BAKES
- TEPEE PARTY VOUCHER - CLOUD 9
- PLAY VOUCHER - CLOUD 9
- 3 X VOUCHERS - LITTLESNIPPERZ
- PLAY VOUCHER - PLAY STATION
- £15 VOUCHER - THE ENTERTAINER
- £50 JD SPORTS VOUCHER - DONATED BY EASY READ
- ANNUAL PASS FOR UP TO 5 - EUREKA
- WAX BURNER AND MELT SELECTION - PHOEBES WAX MELTS





Summer Countdown



Week commencing Monday 22nd May	Creative Arts Week
Wednesday 7th June	School Class Photos
Wednesday 7th June at 5.30pm	Year 5 London Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 14th June from 5.30pm	Creative Arts Gallery
Tuesday 27th June	Year 5 London Trip
Friday 30th June at 9.15am	Sports Day- EYFS & Year 1
Friday 30th June from 1.15pm	Sports Day - Y2,3,4,5 & 6
Saturday 1st July	PTA Summer Fair
Friday 14th July	End of Year Reports to Parents
Monday 17th July at 9:15am	Reception Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 18th July at 9:15am	Year 1 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 19th July at 9:15am	Year 2 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 19th July at 2:00pm	Year 3 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 20th July at 9:15am	Year 5 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 20th July at 2:00pm	Year 4 Celebration Assembly



Year 6 Countdown



Thursday 25th May

VIP Leavers' Disco

Wednesday 7th June

Leavers' Photos

Monday 19th June

Residential Parents' Meeting

Tuesday 4th July
at 6pm

Performance

Wednesday 5th July
at 2pm

Performance

Monday 10th July to
Thursday 13th July

Residential

Wednesday 19th July

Celebration Day (For children)

Friday 21st July
at 9:15am

Leavers Service



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 17h
 Some of our new places to learn & use our 5 ways to well-being. Created for our children by our children @JCA__Art @JCA__PSHCE



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2d
 What a great #ClimateRelay Our children chanted loud & proud to 'Save our World'. Thank you @OPA_KHG for passing the baton on to us & thank you @StPaulsWF2 for the fantastic welcome & taking the baton @MyWakefield @LetsGo_Zero #ClimateWakey #WakefieldSchoolsClimateRelay 🌍



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 19h
 Year 5 rocketed through their learning of the Space Race 🚀 They used teamwork to create group presentations and then they showcased these to the class. 🌟🌟



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d
 Thank you so much to everyone that came to our Art gallery. What a celebration of our children's art processes & outcomes both inside and out #BranchingOut #TheMagicofChildhood Our chn will be celebrating their outcomes again in the morning too #AccomplishingGreatThings @JCA__Art



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 19h
 Our children loved looking around the gallery today! Celebrating the process and outcomes of our @JCA__Art week which linked to all the work we have been doing on the 5 ways to wellbeing @JCA__PSHCE #AccomplishingGreatThingsTogether 🌟



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)

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated Child Protection Officers for this academy are:

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Designated Safeguarding Lead
and Executive Headteacher.

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Mr T Palin

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Mr A Loftus

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