

Accomplishing great things at JCA



Friday 26th May 2023

Branching out - Creative Arts Week at JCA



Wow, what a week we have all had! The sun has shone, which has added to the absolute joy of the week. Our children have explored a variety of artists who connect to their five ways to wellbeing through their painting. Children have explored nature, music, movement and dance through art. They have also created artistic structures in the outdoors, which can be used as wellbeing spaces for all. Creative Arts are such an important aspect of our curriculum and this week it has demonstrated why. Seeing all children immersed in creative expression and producing work to such a high standard, really does demonstrate the importance of creativity in every curriculum. A week of so many magical moments.



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 26th May 2023

RECEPTION	Harry M
YEAR 1	Oscar L
YEAR 2	Ayaanah Y
YEAR 3	Cole M
YEAR 4	Thomas P
YEAR 5	Charlie O
YEAR 6	Prya A

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	95.41%	95.42%
YEAR 1	97.33%	95.69%
YEAR 2	100.00%	97.17%
YEAR 3	96.67%	95.95%
YEAR 4	99.00%	96.06%
YEAR 5	98.00%	96.25%
YEAR 6	98.97%	96.04%

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
97.90%	ACTUAL

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

RECEPTION

Creative Arts Week – Snails and Spirals

On Monday, we read Matisse's magical trail by Tim Hopgood and Sam Boughton and discussed how we would all become artists for creative arts week. The children have been busy creating patterns such as swirls, wavy and straight lines using broom handled paint brushes dipped in water and expressing themselves as they moved to the dynamic music.

Throughout the week, we have created transient art pieces using material, loose parts and natural objects including pine cones, sticky buds and leaves. We also used ribbon sticks to develop dance motifs with swirling movements.



RECEPTION

The children created a shape themed painting based on the work of Kandinsky, carefully mixing powder paints to create different shades of primary and secondary colours. We also developed stylish art work in a 'pen disco' where the children responded to the music listening to the pitch, rhythms and dynamics of the classical music with felt tip pens.

During the week, we have also been learning how to use hammers with precision to create nail spirals in log slices as part of our outdoor project. On Thursday, we were so excited to finally meet our inspiration and focus artist 'James Brunt' to create a whole School art piece. What an amazing experience!



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YEAR 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic fortnight, culminating in **Creative Arts week** this week. They have worked hard in groups and teams to start our class outdoor willow project, and we have discussed the ways in which we each feel inspired by water. We have especially enjoyed working in groups and as a whole class team with visual artists James Brunt and Emma Bairstow, in our beautiful school grounds. This has proved to us how much art we can take from nature!!!

In **English**, we discovered lots of ways to describe how water might make us feel in our 'Feeling Pool' and we used these to create a feeling wave! We also added to these with our own ideas too, suggesting water made us feel "energetic" "powerful" and "thoughtful". We used these adjectives to write a short piece of writing to consider how water makes us feel.

We have been inspired by the Japanese artist Hokusai: we can tell you all sorts of facts about his life and work! His art work "The Great Wave" has been our main sources of inspiration, and we have enjoyed designing our own paintings after considering the different elements we can see in this. In our paintings, we have included special things to us that make us feel good and improve our wellbeing!



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YEAR 2

An incredible end to the half term celebrating **Creative Arts week** in Year 2!

Reconnecting with our 5 ways to wellbeing has been so important and we reflected on the strategies we use. As a class, shared our love of nature, animals and the ocean. We explored our focus artist 'Laura Blue-Palmer', an American artist who creates abstract painting to convey her mood, feelings and memories. We interpreted her style and we were intrigued by her colour palette.

From our artist inspiration, we combined her colours, style and our love of animals to create our paintings of jellyfish. We explored how jellyfish move and the shapes they create to interpret their mood and feelings. Using sketching pencils, we experimented with shapes and patterns of the tentacles, we loved using abstract art to express our thoughts and feelings.

For our outdoor project, we have been combining our Art and DT skills to recycle a pallet into an art easel and photo frame so that we can pause and take notice of the beautiful scenery and nature around us.

We used different tools and woodwork skills to remove slats from the pallet and create the frame.



YEAR 3



Year 3 have been so inspired by **Creative Arts Week**! We began our week recapping on the 'five ways to wellbeing' and what methods and strategies we find useful to support our wellbeing. We agreed that connection was so important to our wellbeing and focused upon the artist of Manami Lingerfelt - a Japanese artist whose work reflects on the mystical details of fantasy and reality. We chose one of her paintings and used observational drawing to help us practice some of the more intricate elements. Continuing, we used acrylic paint to create a gradient background and add the details to our foreground.

For our outdoor project, we decided to restore and rejuvenate the art work displayed on wooden poles on the way to our outdoor classroom. We were inspired by the 'five ways to wellbeing' so created new designs that reflected each of these to be painted onto the wooden poles. Working fantastically as a team, we painted our backgrounds and new designs onto the poles ready to share these with you at our gallery!



In **English**, we have explored our key artist and their paintings in more depth. We collated key information to write and explain who our artist is and what their inspirations are when creating art work. We also reflected on how their art work helped us to feel mindful and appreciate the world around us.

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YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a magical couple of weeks; they have been fully engrossed in their learning and it has been brilliant to see.

In **Maths**, the children have been learning all about money and how to give change. The children have found this challenging but have risen to this challenge and shown great perseverance with this unit.

In **English** we have focused on non-fiction writing, writing a report on the first railways. The children have loved learning all about life before the railways as well as key individuals such as George Stephenson and the impact he had on the railway.

We have had a fabulous **creative arts week**. The children have focused on our artist 'Stacey Zimmerman' and used her art piece called 'Motherhood' as they believed family is what makes us calm and happy. They have been inspired by this to create their own art piece featuring their own families. The children have also drilled, sanded and painted outdoors to create a brilliant outdoor area for music. This was something they believed as a class, makes them happy. They have worked extremely hard and should be proud of all their efforts.

We have also enjoyed the sunshine this week taking time out to be calm, reading outside as 'being in the now' by taking part in a yoga session which they all loved.



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YEAR 5



Year 5 are having a blast throughout **Creative Arts Week**. We began the week by exploring Laura Blue Palmer's abstract art collection, focusing on waves. We thought about how the colours and the depths of the waves could represent different stages of being physically active and our emotions at each stage. We have experimented with mixing paints to decide what shades of colour we would like to use in our final piece.

We have been enjoying the sun outside as we prepare, build and decorate our outdoor project. Year 5 have been taking time to notice their surroundings and the environment we live in. The children have demonstrated an abundance of teamwork, kindness and maturity through creating this project.

We are excited to show you our finished projects!



KEY DATES

27th – 28th June 2023

2-day tour of London

YEAR 6



Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed **Creative Arts Week**. We started the week by looking at the work of Andrew Ostrovsky – a Ukrainian artist who works with colours to show his feelings. We commented on his work before experimenting working in his style then designing our final pieces to display at the Creative Arts Gallery.

As well as this, for our outdoor project, we have worked in the pond area to re-develop some of the different environments. Working (brilliantly) as a team, we designed and carried out work on maintenance, the willow classroom, 'birds nest' area and even created a new 'den-building' area!

We look forward to sharing our work with you all after half term!



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d ...
Thank you to [@JANEHINDMARCH](#) for launching, alongside our Head Chef our new additional street food menu for Year 5 & 6 [#EatTheStreet](#) Lunch times are such an important time & we want to ensure our children have the best choice!



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 17h ...
Our whole school worked with artist James Brunt today to take notice of nature and create a beautiful piece of land art! Thank you so much [@RFJamesUK](#) [#branchingout](#) [#teamwork](#) [@JCA__Art](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3d ...
Year 1 have enjoyed their first day of Creative Arts week, reflecting on how water makes them feel and starting to study the work of the artist Hokusai. [#JCAArts](#) [#branchingout](#) [@JCA__Art](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d ...
Year 4 took some time to 'be in the now' during our creative arts week. The children focussed on their balance and breathing [#creativeartsweek](#) [#yoga](#) [@Schoolofyoga2](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3d ...
Wonderful whole school project in our outdoor pond area with [@artworksedu](#) [#BranchingOut](#) [@JCA__Art](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d ...
Year 5 have loved designing and preparing our outdoor project. They demonstrated teamwork in abundance as they sanded our pallets. Their designs were creative and unique which included annotations and a step-by-step guide. [#BranchingOut](#) [#CreativeArtsWeek](#)





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

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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