

Accomplishing great things at JCA



Reflections about me



What a magical and awe-inspiring celebration of our children's work we have experienced this week. Thank you for joining us at our annual Art gallery.

Our children and staff were very proud of their work. This whole edition is dedicated to the wonderful work our children produced as part of their dedicate Arts week.

Celebrating our successes

Well done to our Year 4 children who all completed their multiplication check brilliantly last week. Their dedication and hard work has certainly paid off. We are also delighted with our Year 1 children who all completed their Phonics Screening Check this week. A real celebration of their early reading.

Thank you for supporting all our learning in the academy. We really are so lucky to have such a supportive community.

With kind regards,
Mrs. T Swinburne



Creative Arts Gallery



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	97.80%	96.40%
YEAR 1	95.60%	96.30%
YEAR 2	97.00%	95.60%
YEAR 3	98.50%	97.30%
YEAR 4	99.30%	96.80%
YEAR 5	97.40%	96.20%
YEAR 6	97.00%	98.00%

97.40%	WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET
96.70%	ACTUAL

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

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring your child attends school every day. As a result, our attendance remains in the target zone. However, I am receiving quite a few ad-hoc requests for days off and holidays in term time. Please can we ask that this is avoided. Days off disrupt learning more than you can believe. We are still facing the challenge of building back after the COVID pandemic and need your support to ensure every child has good attendance.

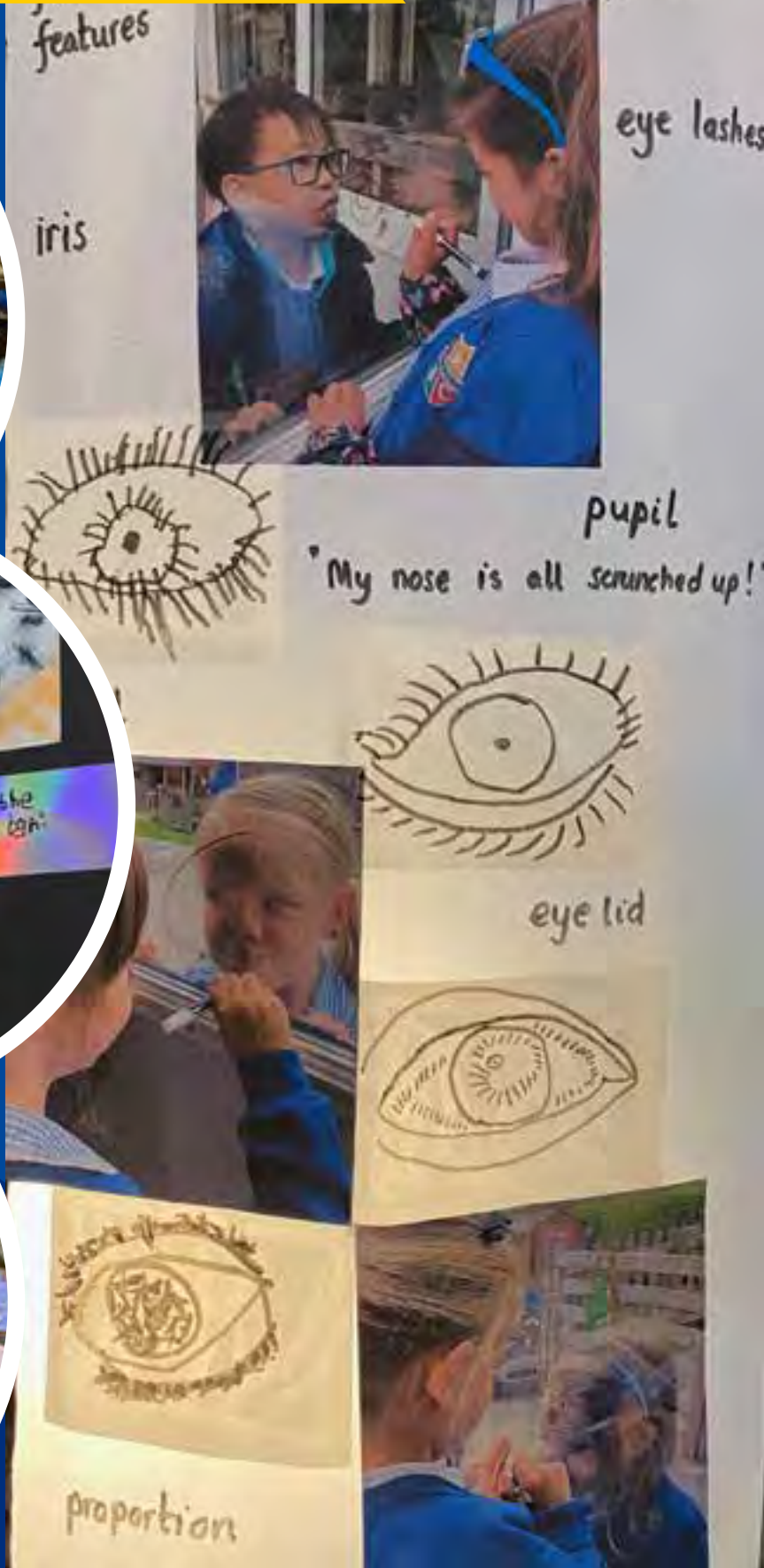
RECEPTION



What an inspirational and exquisite creative arts gallery showcasing the children's portraits and capturing their reflections, character traits and identity – 'This is me!'. It was amazing to see such pride and enjoyment on the children's faces as we displayed their beautiful artwork, playful creative experiences and writing outcomes. Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate our talented artists. "Mirror, mirror on the wall, I can see a sparkly eye, that's my special feature of all"

We started the week by reading a beautiful book 'What Makes me a ME? By Ben Faulks and David Tazzyman and discussing our special features. The children had a wonderful time creating expressions in mirrors and describing what makes them special and why they are unique. Next, we used whiteboard pens to draw facial features through glass doors and windows. We traced over images of eyes and created our own chalky pastel eye artwork before drawing our final portrait. We studied the work of Shantal Miller and Jonathan Yeo to enhance our final designs. The children's reactions were brilliant. "Yuk, it looks like blood, Its scary. If it was blue, it would be like the ocean and I would feel calm".

RECEPTION

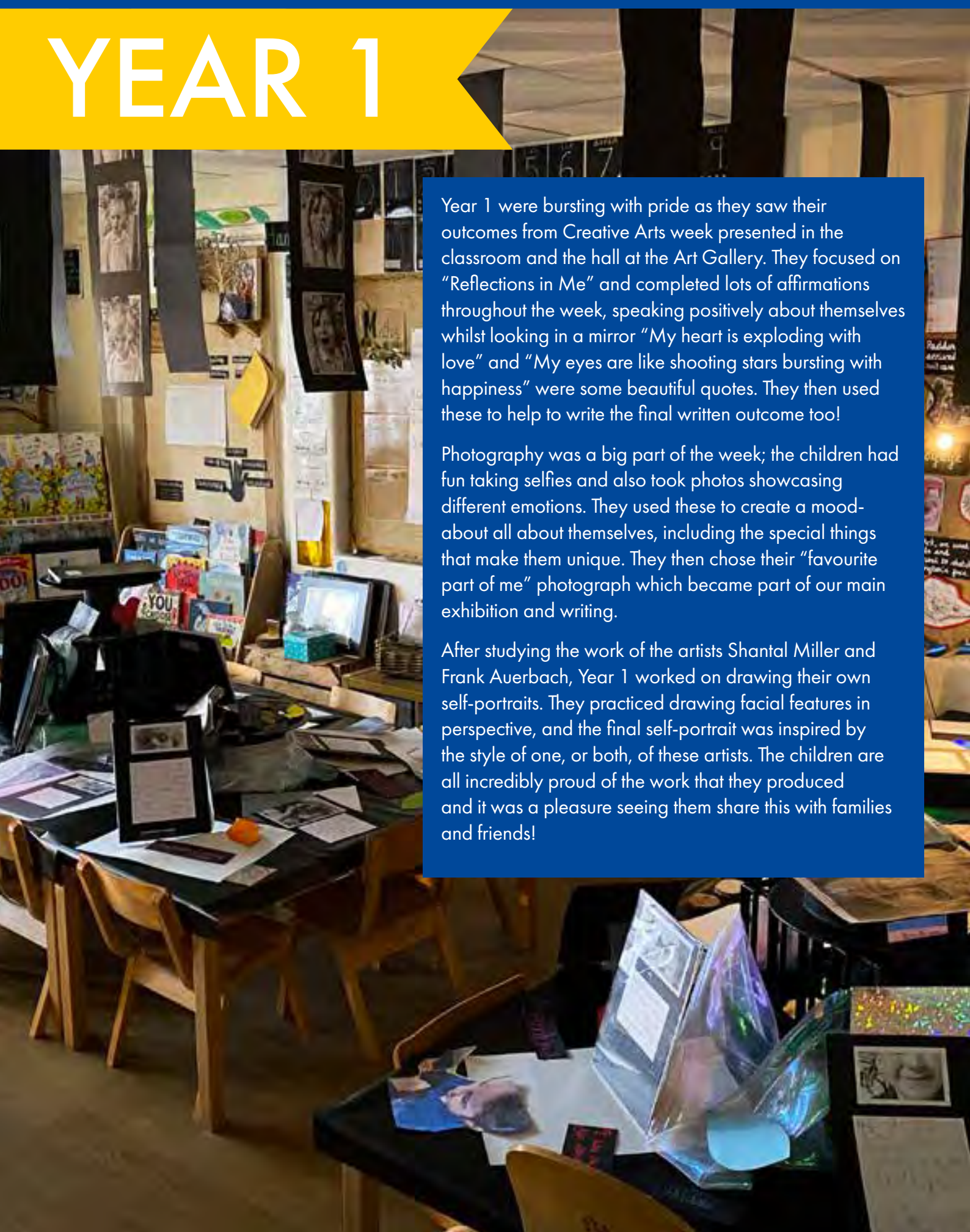


YEAR 1

Year 1 were bursting with pride as they saw their outcomes from Creative Arts week presented in the classroom and the hall at the Art Gallery. They focused on "Reflections in Me" and completed lots of affirmations throughout the week, speaking positively about themselves whilst looking in a mirror "My heart is exploding with love" and "My eyes are like shooting stars bursting with happiness" were some beautiful quotes. They then used these to help to write the final written outcome too!

Photography was a big part of the week; the children had fun taking selfies and also took photos showcasing different emotions. They used these to create a mood-board about all about themselves, including the special things that make them unique. They then chose their "favourite part of me" photograph which became part of our main exhibition and writing.

After studying the work of the artists Shantal Miller and Frank Auerbach, Year 1 worked on drawing their own self-portraits. They practiced drawing facial features in perspective, and the final self-portrait was inspired by the style of one, or both, of these artists. The children are all incredibly proud of the work that they produced and it was a pleasure seeing them share this with families and friends!



YEAR 1



YEAR 2

What magical evening it was to be able to share our wonderful art projects with you at our Art Gallery on Wednesday. Year 2 loved celebrating their unique individuality and expressing themselves through their portraits. We were inspired by three artists: Johnathon Yeo, Pablo Picasso and Vincent Van Gogh and combined their styles to create our own unique style.

To represent 'What makes a me', Year 2 created illusion portraits to show how the world sees them in comparison to their true reflection from their inner selves.

'I love Creative Arts week! It's just makes me feel calm and relaxed being able to show my learning in Art all day!'

'Our portraits are so special because they show how we are all unique and that's what makes us all so special. But together we make the best team.'

KEY DATES

Tuesday 16th @2:30pm
Celebration assembly

YEAR 2



YEAR 3

What a magical evening to celebrate Year 3's final art outcomes! A huge thank you to those who were able to attend and see the brilliant hard work in the children's writing and self-portraits.

The children's published writing 'The pieces of me', presented as jigsaw pieces, was a wonderful way for the children to positively celebrate who they are inside and out.

Additionally, the process of their self-portraits focussing either on the artists Shantal Miller or Erik Olson was fantastic to see within sketch books and even better to bring this to light within the hall! Year 3 should be so proud of their perseverance and dedication towards this year's creative arts gallery.



KEY DATES

Tuesday 2nd July

The Big Sing @ Wakefield Cathedral

YEAR 3



YEAR 4



YEAR 5

Thank you to all of you who joined us for the Creative Arts Gallery this week. It was truly magical to see the school transformed by the children's artwork; the atmosphere was filled with such pride and joy. We are immensely impressed with all of the self-portraits – the pupils captured their personalities so vividly! It's clear they had a wonderful week exploring their own identities through art and writing a letter to their future selves.



KEY DATES

20th June – 21st June – London Trip

YEAR 5



YEAR 6



Year 6 started Creative Arts Week by discussing the things most important to us. We used our oracy and debating skills to decide how to rank these in order of importance.

We also explored song lyrics that we felt we could best identify with or were special to us. We combined these to create lyrical handprints and word maps.

After this, we studied the art work of 3 artists (Shantel Miller, Liz Y Ahmet and Jessica Russo Sher). We explored our likes, opinions and took inspiration to create mood boards to present these. We used some of this time to practise drawing facial features and looked back at previous units of work to build upon these skills.

We then took inspiration from everything we had explored in the week to plan and create our own self-portraits using a choice of media. Each Year 6 child carefully thought about how they wanted to represent themselves - with some children choosing to represent themselves not only in the present but also their future selves.

Finally, Year 6 spoke with confidence to reflect and evaluate their artwork. We created art gallery blurbs to explain our artistic thought processes. We are so proud of their individuality and hard work that went into drafting, re-drafting and designing their final portraits.

YEAR 6



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 21h
 What a fabulous Careers Fair we have had today 🌟 Y6 sharing their Junior Leadership roles with Y5 in readiness for them to decide on what they apply for.

"JLT has given me confidence to be organised & confidently speak in large groups"

"Be authentic, the best leaders are" #JLT



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3d
 What a lovely evening welcoming new families to JCA. We can't wait for you to join us on a magical learning adventure
[#AccomplishingGreatThingsTogether](#) 🌟🌟



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 19h
 We are so proud of Year 4 and their hard work with their times-tables. They have made us so proud completing their Multiplication tables check and had a treat this afternoon at the park! [#makingmemories](#) [#MTC](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3d
 Year 6 have enjoyed an excellent morning exploring different crafts with YPO. We have created wooden tic tac toe games and captured texture rubbings of the natural area. Thank you for our craft morning!



Dates for Your Diary 2023-24

INSET DAYS	Monday 4 September 2023
	Friday 24 November 2023
	Monday 8 January 2024
	Monday 8 April 2024
	Monday 22 July 2024
Parents Evenings	Wednesday 6th September 2023 – Meet the teacher 3:45 – 4.05 and 4.10-4.30
	Monday 4th December and Wednesday 6th December 2023 – Parents' evenings
	Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th March – Parents' evenings
Reports	01/12/23- Progress check out to parents
	15/3/24 – Progress check out to parents
	12/7/24 – End of year reports to parents
Theme Days/ Weeks	Thursday 7th March 2024- World Book Day
	wc 18/3/24 – Theme Week – Speaking and listening – Ted Talks
	wc20/05/24- Creative Arts week
Performances	1/12/23 – Reception Activity Morning
	12/12/23 (9.30am) and 13/12/23 9.30am – Reception nativity
	18/12/23 – Christmas carols around the tree
	19/12/23 (2pm) and 20/12/23 (9.30 am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
	21/12/23 Christingle at St. Annes (AM) at 10am
	14/06/24- Art gallery evening
	Wc 8th July 2024 – Performance
	w/c 15/7/24 – Celebration week
Residential	London- TBC
Sports Day	14/6/24 (21//6/24 Reserve Sports Day)
Summer Fair	(TBC)

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