



Jerry Clay Academy



CELEBRATING THE YEAR!

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another enriching and fulfilling year at JCA, we wanted to share some of the many achievements. We have made some fantastic achievements in 2015/2016.

You will be pleased to know that children across our school achieved excellent results in all phases of the academy and continue to perform above national expectations. Some headlines for you are:

- 86% of our Foundation Stage children achieved the 'Good Level of Development'. This is another increase from last year and a significant increase from all previous years. This is our highest achievement of Jerry Clay history.
- 100% of our Y1 children passed the phonics screen check. Again, the highest achievement ever for us.
- Y2 children achieved incredibly high with their SATS with 97% achieving the expected in Reading, 93% working at expected in Maths and 83% at expected in Writing. We cannot compare these results to previous years as they are incomparable because of the new challenging standard. We are awaiting national averages for this age group. We are very pleased with this achievement.
- Y6 children exceeded national expectations in writing and reading and achieved national expectations in Maths with the very challenging tests. More will be released on this, including percentages when all marks are completely finalized and progress measures are released in September. We are very proud of our children. We achieved very pleasing percentages for children working at greater depth in all subjects.
- The children who receive the Pupil Premium allocation achieved at least as well or better than other pupil groups

In addition to this, learning in books and attitudes to learning displayed by our children continue to improve. Evidence from our pupil survey highlights that children enjoy coming to school and feel proud of Jerry Clay Academy. Our outstanding learning displays and classroom learning environments are evidence of this.

Please take some time to review each class's top 3 memories from the year. A school is so much more than achievement in individual subjects, it is about achievement holistically.

On a final note, I would like to give my special thanks to Mrs. Smith who will be stepping down from Deputy Headteacher this week. As she goes in semi-retirement, I am sure you will all join me in thanking her for the excellent work she has carried out for the academy. Mrs. Smith will continue to teach in Year 6 on a Thursday and Year 2 & 3 on a Friday.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs. Tanuku who is relocating to Blackburn. Mrs. Tanuku will be missed by the JCA team; however, I know that she will come back from time-to-time to see us.

Good luck goes to Mrs. Longley who is going on maternity leave this week and will have her baby any day soon! We know that Mrs. Longley will be coming to visit over the course of the year with her new little addition to her family.

Finally I would like to say a special thank you and goodbye to our Year 6 children who will be leaving us to go to secondary school. Our Year 6s have been an absolute delight. I will miss them all dearly; however, look forward to hearing all about their achievements as they progress.

I wish you all a safe and exciting holiday and hope that you get to spend some quality time as a family. We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 6th September.**

On behalf of all of the leadership team, governors, staff and children we would like to thank you for your continued support of our academy. We very much believe our successes are achieved in partnership with families and look forward to us achieving even greater things during the next academic year.

Mrs Swinburne (Headteacher)

New website

Please go to www.jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk to see our new website. We are very pleased with this and know that it now truly reflects who we are and the ethos which we represent.

Top 3 Sports Achievements this Year



1. Achieving Sports Mark silver award for all of the successes we have experienced in sport this year. Next year we are going for Gold.
2. 74% of our children have attended extra-curricular sports clubs this year
3. We have offered over 14 different sports as an extra-curricular club this year

Phonics is becoming a significant area of strength for the academy

Our Read Write Inc. programme has strengthened significantly over 2 years. We are pleased to report that:

- 100% of our children in Year 1 achieved the Phonics Screening test with an average score of 38 out of 40
- 100% in Year 2 achieved their retake of the Phonics Screening (3 children from last year)
- We are currently being reviewed to have Model School Status
- Miss Ashton has been selected as a Model Teacher. There are only 4 Model Teachers in the country!
- We have been recommended to the DFE to lead Phonics with a group of schools to help them develop their early reading. This will help to further strengthen our practice.

Writing has strengthened across the whole academy

1 of our main priority points this year has been to develop writing. We have succeeded in this and can report that progress measures and standards are exceptionally high.

- 83% of Year 2 children achieved the expected standard for Writing
- 87% of Year 6 children achieved the expected standard for Writing, well above the national average

Our PTA have worked so hard and provided our children with some brilliant memories



Well, what a wonderful PTA fundraising year we've had! We have enjoyed every minute of working

with the school, parents and most of all the children! There have been many highlights for us this year. The most recent is the Summer Fair, which was just spectacular. It took a lot of planning and commitment but it was worth every second to watch the children and their families have a fun filled day. We have also enjoyed the school discos. It's brilliant to watch the children (and staff) let down their hair and dance the night away! We were also extremely proud of the Tea Towel project. We wanted everyone to have a keepsake, a reminder of their time at JCA and something to look back on with their families which I think we have achieved.

It was our absolute pleasure to hand over a cheque for £4,000 to go towards the outdoor learning zone. I think you will agree that all the children will benefit from this superb facility. On top of this we were delighted to contribute £250 to the Year 6 leavers do at Gravity which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We are so lucky to have a great PTA team and are always looking for new members. We have had so much fun along the way and are extremely excited for future events for the next school year, so watch this space.

Enjoy the summer holidays and we'll see you in September.

Becky & the PTA team

Reception top 3 memories this year

Reception have voted for their top 3 memories. These are:

- Our Autumn walk
- Canon Hall Farm
- Aadam's dad coming in to talk about being a Muslim

Year 1 top 3 memories this year:

We have had such a fantastic year and really enjoyed celebrating our learning in assembly. Here are our favourite memories from this year:

1. Creative Arts Week was an obvious first choice for the children and were so enthusiastic about creating a master piece using inspiration from the outdoors. They were all so proud of their paintings and enjoyed sharing them during the Art Gallery.
2. Yorkshire Wildlife Park was another memory that children in Year 1 cherished the most. They loved seeing all the animals at the park, especially the polar bears and leopards and learned facts about their habitats.
3. Our final memory was Multicultural Week where the children learned about different countries and cultures, particularly enjoying using Google Earth to find where Australia was on a map and research interesting facts. We used sticks found in our outdoor environment to build a fire and read our Aboriginal folk tale 'Rainbow bird'.



Year 2 top memories this year

What a fantastic assembly celebrating our learning this year! We have many memories and Year 2 voted on their three favourites. In first place was Creative Arts Week and the children described this as "inspiring us to create our own paintings" and were so proud of their paintings when viewed in the Art Gallery.



In second place was Multicultural Week where we learned about different countries and cultures, particularly enjoying researching different aspects using books and computing.

In third place was the Queen's birthday where we learnt about her life and enjoyed a picnic with our families to celebrate. "It was magical when we all sang together and the balloons floated up into the sky". Our memories were most definitely enhanced by exciting experiences that gave purpose to our learning.

Year 3 top memories this year:

- 1. Making volcanoes** – During our topic; 'Let's Go on an Adventure', we were challenged to make a volcano which represented the many volcanos in Guatemala. The challenge was to build the volcano around a cola bottle with soil, then create a village at the bottom of the volcano to be destroyed by the lava. To set off the 'volcano', we used mints.



- 2. Sports Day** – We all enjoyed Sports Day in Year 3! After practising for two weeks, we all persevered through our races and enjoyed working as a team, despite the weather.



3.Helping in the Outdoor Learning Area – With Adam and Jerome, we really enjoyed helping to develop the Outdoor Learning Area. In the opportunities we had to work with them, we were able to show all of the learner traits and were extremely productive.

Year 4 top memories of the year

1. Pond area

Some of Year 4's favourite times this year have been helping to develop the pond area where they impressed Jerome and Adam with their enthusiasm and team work skills. It was tough chopping the ends off the willow and sticking them through the membrane to plant them and they really had to persevere. It's amazing to see that they have already taken root and are growing so well! They have loved being in that outdoor environment and have had many happy stories to tell. Daniel and Kyran worked so hard recently to dig a hole to plant the Queen's oak tree. When their spade hit something hard they were sure it was a time capsule! It turned out must to be a big stone. Isabel and Jack found their true vocations when excavating a hole in one area. Isabel announced she wanted to be archaeologist when she grows up and Jack produced enough fragments of pottery to make a mosaic!

2. Bug Hotels

When learning about the best habitats for invertebrates Year 4 had a great time gathering grass, sticks and leaf litter to make Bug hotels – or in one case a bug apartment block! There were spaces for smaller bugs to shelter as well as other areas for tunneling and a plentiful supply of food for the bugs that eat living or rotten leaves.

3. Joseph and His Technicoloured Dreamcoat

After 10 weeks of hard work to learn the whole show, Year 4 were finally ready to perform. We were already immensely proud of all the children for their hard work and in particular our very own 'Joseph' Oliver Sinclair who did brilliantly. Isabel Bates writes...

"A couple of months ago we did Joseph with two other schools, Stanley Grove ad Alvethorpe. We had so much fun. As soon as the music started all my nerves went away. I loved doing Joseph and I would love to do it all over again.

Year 5 top memories of the year

Our first favourite memory is of our first experience of Young Voices. We loved every minute-it was such fun practising, a great atmosphere and a fantastic experience singing to a huge crowd!

Our second memory is of Creative Arts week because we loved having the chance to be creative and explore our own ideas-and of course producing a masterpiece of Art work for the Art gallery!!

Our third memory is of Gangsta Granny-firstly when Miss Harling dressed as her for World Book day and also of the visit to Bradford Alhambra recently where we enjoyed watching the performance of it!



Year 6 top memories of the year

Kingswood

Children enjoyed the variety of activities that they could do and some were new experiences. It helped to build confidence and perseverance to complete all activities. They felt team work was essential and had to help each other to succeed.

Creative Arts Week

Children had the opportunity to showcase their passions for art in different ways. The children go to present their unique skills and work together to create special pieces of music. It was really fun and loved the feeling of everyone coming together.

Alhambra

For some children it was their first visit to the theatre and they enjoyed spending time with their friends and the whole live acting. The show was really entertaining and they thought it was a great way to spend their last trip together as a class.

Looking ahead/ some changes to make our academy even better

- **School meals:** we have listened to your feedback about our meals service and are pleased to announce that from September we will be implementing the ISS 'Cypad' system which many ISS schools already use. This means that children will make their meal choice on the classroom whiteboard each day and these orders go straight through to the kitchen. The children won't need to wear the coloured bands, which are sometimes lost, and we shouldn't experience situations where your child doesn't get their meal of choice. The existing menu will continue until October half term and then the new winter menu will be introduced. We use pupil feedback & work closely with our cook, Martin, to tailor the menu to suit the JCA pupils preferences. With the Cypad system payments for meals are made directly to ISS, details of how to log into their online payment system will be issued at the start of term. If you have a remaining balance, please ensure that this is paid by the end of July. Please don't pay any extras onto your accounts.
- **Email communications:** from September we will be moving to email communications instead of paper wherever possible; we hope that this will make communications with school more straightforward, there will no longer be letters buried in school bags! And as school budgets are squeezed, reducing paper and photocopying costs means that budget can be directed to other key areas. If you haven't already provided your email address then please let the office have this as soon as possible.
- **Arts Mark Gold:** We are aiming to achieve the Arts Mark Gold for all of the work which we carry out in the academy on the arts. This will hopefully be a recognition of all of this work.

Our Jerry Clay Priorities



2016/2017 Academic Year

- ☀ **Attainment and Progress** –Develop & accelerate attainment & progress in Mathematics across the whole academy.



- ☀ **Behaviour and Safety**- Continue to embed Learner Traits by deepening them to a greater level using Growth Mindset.



- ☀ **Leadership and Management** – Continue to develop leaders at all levels through their understanding of IMPACT on children & raised accountability.



- ☀ **Teaching & Learning**- Ensure teaching & learning encapsulates a mastery approach where high expectations are the norm. Ensure the inside & outside learning environment reflects high standards and consistency.

