



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As we reach the end of term 1 at JCA, it is a time for us all to reflect on what we have achieved along our journey, this academic year. It has certainly been another busy and productive one! I have asked each class to reflect on their successes and their new year resolutions of what they, as a class need to work on to ensure that they are striving to be the best they can be.



As a whole school, our top 3 successes are:

1. The development of the Maths curriculum. The introduction of a new scaffolded scheme, allowing for even higher challenge.
2. Driving our 'learning without limits' agenda and enabling our children to believe that they can all achieve!
3. Further embedding our learner trait culture, ensuring that we are using our learning traits to help us learn.

Our New Year Resolutions:

1. To gain as many merits as possible through challenging ourselves to strive even higher everyday.
2. To maintain our very high attendance.
3. To ensure that we risk-take more with our work so that we can achieve things we didn't think were possible.

We have finished the term on a real high with an excellent array of Christmas activities. I was particularly pleased with attendance as we finished the term at **97.70%** since the start of term. This is an excellent achievement and something we would like to see maintained (or increased) as we go through next term.

It was lovely to spend time with you all as a community at the Christmas Sing-along. Christmas is a lovely time to enjoy with family and friends. Please do enjoy this magical time. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2017!

Kind regards,

Mrs Swinburne

Christmas at JCA

Our Jerry Clay Christmas countdown.....

1. Wrenthorpe singers



2. The Christmas cake sale



3. Christingle at Wrenthorpe Methodist Church



Christmas at JCA

Our Jerry Clay Christmas countdown.....

4. Reception Class Nativity



5. Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play



6. Whole Community Sing-along



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Foundation Stage

This week children have engaged with our shared reading of 'The Snowman' following on from the magical Christmas evening.

In Maths, children are beginning to solve mathematical problems including sharing the number of buttons on the snowmen and comparing two sets of objects, finding one more than a given number. The children particularly enjoyed completing the two maths challenge activities which were building Santa's sleigh with exactly 20 bricks and a Snowman dice game.

The children have concentrated on writing words and sentences to describe the Snowman story and talk about what they have drawn adding labels to their pictures. Many of the children have enjoyed using the creative area painting and designing Christmas decorations using lots of glitter and sparkles!

Yesterday, the children ventured outside for their PE lesson. They learnt the importance of team work whilst playing a variety of games in the playground such as 'traffic lights' and 'rescue me'.



Achievements:

1. Performing with confidence in the Nativity.
2. Learning the action words.
3. Excellent attitude and collaboration during the trip to the Greengrocers.

New Year Resolutions:

1. To complete all indoor/outdoor learning challenges set.
2. To tidy up each learning area.
3. To ensure we follow the rules – listening to others all of the time.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Achievements

We are really proud of our behaviour and attitude towards our learning. We are really striving to be the best that we can be and are earning lots of merits!

We are starting to really shine in our learning traits by really working as a whole team for our class which has also developing other traits such as caring and thinking.

We were absolute super stars in our nativity! Our confidence has grown massively and we are really proud of ourselves for learning all the songs, actions and lines!



New Year Resolutions

We need to make sure that we are reading our books every day at home and completing our homework and spellings.

We need to focus on our handwriting and presentation in all our books to make sure it is the most beautiful handwriting we can do.

We need to continue to try our best and concentrate in all our learning to make sure we are challenging ourselves and being the best that we can be!

Miss Mitchell & Mrs Ward

Year 2

Achievements

We have learnt lots of new things in Maths, including our times tables for Diamond Dash.

We have developed our writing skills and all of our writing is presented neatly.

We have shown all learner traits in our Christmas Nativity.

New Year Resolutions

We need to make sure that all of us are listening to each other when needed.

We need to always remember to think carefully about our writing in all subjects.

We need to continue to keep our environment tidy (Including the cloakroom)

Mr Palin & Mrs Khan

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

3 achievements

We have enjoyed reading 'The BFG' and 'The Saga of Erik the Viking' and have produced some brilliant work, including a published write.

We have strived in Diamond Dash and have achieved many certificates as a class, including four Sapphire awards and one Bronze.

As a class we have really enjoyed Art, making Viking shields, Viking Amulets and drawing self-portraits. The work that we have completed has been spectacular.

3 New Year's Resolutions

We need to improve our listening skills, as this will enable us to produce our best work 100% of the time.

We will strive for gold on the success criteria in all lessons.

We need to use our learning ladders in Literacy, so that we know what our targets are and can strive to achieve these targets in every piece of writing that we do.

Mr Wilcock & Mrs Wilkinson

Year 4

3 Achievements

We are proud of our achievements in maths including learning the compact column methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and bus stop method for division.

We are striving with the presentation of our writing and to make our writing even more creative.

We have made super progress with our reading and are enjoying reading at school and at home.

3 New Year Resolutions

We need to make sure that all of us are ready to learn on a quick 3,2,1 prompt.

We need to always remember to use our learner traits, caring and team work, in class and on the playground.

We would like to continue to improve our reading area including thinking of ways for us to share our favourite books with others.

Mrs Elliott & Mrs Hart

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 achievements:

- We are really proud of our learning in Maths - we are enjoying diamond dash and learning new methods to calculate.
- We are extremely proud of our presentation and think this is improving constantly.
- We are really working hard to develop our work in Art and enjoying developing our skills in different areas.

Year 5 New Year Resolutions:

- We think we need to become even better at organising our tables including keeping our equipment tidier in baskets
- We think that we could improve how we use Miss Harling's wishes to improve our own work, especially when writing.
- We think that we could still develop our speaking and listening skills so that we really appreciate what everyone is saying, all of the time.

Miss Harling & Mrs Saynor

Year 6

Year 6's achievements

We have maintained a positive attitude to learning even during some difficult tests.

The Junior Leadership Team have really been working hard in their roles.

We have 13 people who have achieved their 'Gold' Diamond Dash award. We have worked very hard to learn our times table facts.

Year 6's New Year Resolutions

We will continue to develop our maturity by always striving to best the best that we can be.

We will make sure that we always think carefully about our behaviour, ensuring it is always exemplary to the rest of school.

We will strive even higher with our spellings by making sure we learn them every week and use them in our writing.

Miss Brook & Mrs Smith



Sports news



Y5/6 Football Tournament



We are really proud of our Year 5 and 6 football team who attended a football tournament at Barnsley FC on Monday 5th December. In really hard conditions, the team's perseverance shone through; we lost our first game but won the other with a brilliant performance. Unfortunately this was not enough to get through to the next round.

Well done to our team: Kayden ©, Bradley, Joshua, Adil, Oliver, Charlie, Matthew and Lewis.

Special Mentions of the term

These very special awards are given to children who have consistently put effort into everything they do, week in and week out. They have been recognised for demonstrating excellent learner traits, with a determination and drive to be the best that they can be.

Reception—Amelia Solomons

Year 1— Saleem Carter

Year 2— Jamie Ward

Year 3— Lucy Rhodes

Year 4— Erin Gormanly

Year 5— Isabel Bates

Year 6— Holly Lockwood

Dates for your diary

Term 2

Tuesday 3rd January—Children back at school for term 2

Tuesday 10th January—Year 5 & 6 at Young Voices

Tuesday 10th January, 6.30pm—PTA meeting at Wrenthorpe Social Club

Tuesday 17th January— Headteacher briefing to parents and Governors coffee morning

Wednesday 18th January— Individual Photographs

Monday 6th February— Year 1 & 2 Parents workshop at 9.15am

Wednesday 8th February— E-Safety day

Thursday 9th February— PTA Disco

Thursday 23rd February, 9.15am— Supporting reading further at home –Parent workshop

Tuesday 28th February— Year 5 & 6 Parents and children workshop at 3.00pm

Thursday 2nd March-World Book Day— Dress as a book character

Monday 6th March at 6.15pm— Maths developments and how you can help further at home

Friday 17th March— Interim reports to parents

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March-Parents evenings

Week beginning 3rd April— Wrenthorpe Week

Other important dates for the remainder of the year:

Theme Weeks

22/05/16-Creative Arts week

21/06/16 – Art gallery

27th & 29th June – Creative Arts performances

Wb 17th July –Celebration week

SATS Week

Y6 SATS – wc 8/5/17

Sports Day

16/06/17– Sports day

23/06/17-Reserve sports day

Summer Fair

1/07/17