



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Issue 10 – Friday 13th January 2017

Dear Parents

This week really has gone so quickly! Time really does fly when you are learning lots! There are a couple of important items we would like to make you all aware of this week:

Individual Photographs & Family Photographs on Wednesday 18th January

As you know, Tempest are in next **Wednesday 18th January**. A reminder has been sent to those families with children who are not yet on roll at school, to bring their children to school for 8.30am on Wednesday morning to have their photograph taken.

Headteacher briefing & Governors Coffee Morning—Tuesday 17th January at 9am

Please do join me on Tuesday at 9am for coffee and an opportunity for me to update you all on developments at the academy. It would be great to see as many parents as possible so that I can also consult you all on new reporting methods. A slip has been placed in your child's bag today. As an indicator of numbers, please complete and return to the academy on Monday.

2017-18 Term Dates

We have now agreed the term dates for 2017-18. We wanted to make sure, as far as possible that we are aligned to Outwood Academy holiday dates, as we know that this does help families with planning holidays, etc. Please find an attachment of these in the email.

Twitter

If you don't already follow us on Twitter, please do! We put lots of information on our Twitter feed, including reminders about dates coming up and photographs of the learning happening in school. Please do follow us on Twitter **@JCAWakefield**

Important dates coming up:

Tuesday 17th January, 9.15am- 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. We will also be having a meeting with parents on this day about e-safety

Thursday 9th February- PTA Disco

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne



Reception Class starters for September

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31 August 2013 and you would like a full-time place in Reception for September, please complete your application by Monday 16th January at <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-children/schools/admissions/reception>

Attendance

Attendance has been quite low this week. We are aiming for at least 97.4% for each class every week.

Reception-89.23%

Year 1-100% - ATTENDANCE WINNERS OF THE WEEK

Year 2-91.03%

Year 3-97.50%

Year 4-97.67%

Year 5-99.03%

Year 6-93.55%

**Whole school percentage from September to now-97.47%-
Keep it up!**

Our target is 97.50%

Special Mentions

Special mentions of the week are awarded to pupils whom teachers felt have really stood out during the week for demonstrating excellent Jerry Clay Learner traits and a fantastic attitude to their learning, consistently being the 'best that they can be' every day. Well done!

Special Mentions for 13th January 2017

Reception- Emily Harris

Year 1- Amelia Vergerson

Year 2- Madison Solomons

Year 3- Daniel Shaw

Year 4- Luka Budimir

Year 5- Lowrie Thompson

Year 6- Reece Miree

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Foundation Stage

Please see the separate letter for Reception class.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a brilliant start to 2017 and have come back to school striving and ready to learn! We have been so excited by our topic 'What Can We Learn About Our World From Stories' by beginning to explore the story of Little Red Riding Hood and the United Kingdom. We can now locate and name the different countries on a blank map! We have been focussing on using adjectives to describe the characters in Little Red Riding Hood and beginning to create our performances to retell the story.

In our focus room, we have been learning about Italy! We have been making pizzas, exploring the countries traditions and listening to Italian music. We have even learnt to speak some Italian too!

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time at o'clock and half past. We have even learnt to draw the hands on a clock to match the time.

Miss Mitchell & Mrs Ward

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to 2017! Our topic is 'What Can We Learn About Our World From Stories?' – and we have already learnt a lot! Our first focus has been on the United Kingdom and we have been looking at the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have looked at using adjectives in our writing and have started to re-write the story. We will be looking at other stories from around the world in the next few weeks.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about multiplication and division. We have learnt about arrays as well as other strategies to answer both sums and word problems.

Mr Palin & Miss Khan



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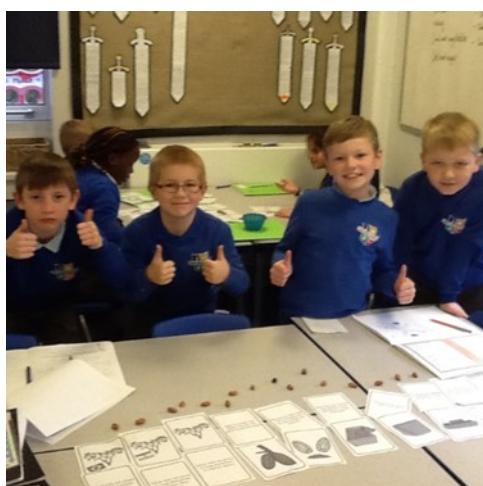
Year 3

Year 3 have made an excellent start to the new year and have settled back into school well after Christmas. We have started working on our new topic, 'Should we stop eating Chocolate?' So far we have researched chocolate to see where it comes from and looked at the process of turning cocoa beans into chocolate. In Literacy this half term we will be focussing on 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and have written letters to Willy Wonka about various things, including asking him to give our Mum or Dad a job in his factory. We will also be writing an extra chapter of the story, using our imagination to create a room in the factory, not mentioned in the book. In Maths we will be learning about time over the next few weeks, including estimating the time and telling the time on clocks with Roman Numerals.

Mr Wilcock & Mrs Wilkinson

Year 4

When asked initially about our new topic 'Should we Stop eating Chocolate?', there was a resounding, 'No!' from year 4! We have begun by finding out about our favourite chocolate bars, presenting our statistics using bar charts, and writing deliciously divine 'Mmm Chocolate' poems in literacy. In Science we have begun exploring the energy contained in different chocolate products as well as how to have both a healthy diet and a healthy lifestyle. In PE we have made up a 'Chocco chocco latte' dance and exercised our heart, lungs and muscles in a chocolate circuit. We know now that we should only eat a little chocolate as part of a healthy diet. It was interesting to start exploring where chocolate comes from and how it is made. The bravest amongst us tasted a super healthy cocoa bean.



In Maths we have also continued to practise our bus stop method for division and started to learn about fractions including equivalent fractions. (We even managed to put a chocolate cake and rocky road twist on our fractions learning!) We are certainly enjoying this yummy topic.

Mrs Elliott & Mrs Hart

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 have made an enthusiastic start to the Spring term. We have been intrigued by the question 'What came first the chicken or the egg?' during our first Topic lessons and we have also started to look at the evolution theory of Charles Darwin. In Literacy, we are currently working towards writing a biography of Charles Darwin. In Maths we are starting to develop our fraction skills so that we can easily identify equivalents in a variety of circumstances including pictorially and on a number line as well as numbers. We had an amazing time at Young Voices on Tuesday! Some magical memories were definitely made at Sheffield arena!



Year 6

Year 6 have had an amazing start to 2017! We have been very impressed by the work many children have been producing over the last two weeks and some children have really come back to school with a 'can do' attitude - giving 100% to every lesson! In Literacy, we are working hard to develop our writing especially when using emotive language and different ways to punctuate. Our current focus is 'Mourning Dove', which is a short animation. The children really have empathised with the character and have been really thinking about using different sentence types to help develop their writing. In Maths, we have been focusing on division and decimals. One of our targets, as a class, is to become better at answering worded problems as we find this very tricky. This has been a focus during the last two weeks and all of the children have been really trying hard with this.

Of course, our last two weeks has been very musical, gearing up for the fantastic day we spent at Young Voices on Tuesday. The children worked so hard to learn the dance moves and words to the songs and we all had a great day dancing along with the professional singers. All of our children were a credit to our school.

Miss Brook & Mrs Smith



A visit from the Mayor of the City of Wakefield Metropolitan District

Tuesday 10th January 2017

Jerry Clay had a fantastic visit from 'The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Wakefield Metropolitan District and Mayoress'. They were accompanied by a Macebearer. It was an excellent opportunity for the children to understand the role of the Mayor.



Oliver Brocklesby was dressed as a 'Mini Mayor'. After the wonderful morning, Oliver commented that it "has now confirmed that I would like to be the Prime minister". The visit obviously had a huge impact!





Diary Dates 2017

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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

22/05/17-Creative Arts week

21/06/17 – 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