



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Issue 1: Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents

We have had a very productive two weeks at JCA. Please do read within this newsletter about the work that your child has been doing. With only 2 weeks until the half term holidays, we still have lots to achieve! We are proud of the curriculum that we are constantly developing at JCA. We believe that children should have the opportunity to learn in a range of learning environments. Classrooms, shared spaces, outdoor learning areas and the local area are all equally important to enthuse, motivate and accelerate our children's learning. Within the next week our year 3 & 4 children will be going to York to learn about chocolate and how it is made. Our year 1 & 2 children will be visiting Wakefield Museum. All these trips enrich our curriculum to make it as real and purposeful as possible.

## **Punctuality**

Please can I remind you all about the importance of punctuality. We are finding that some children are arriving after the gate has been locked at 9am. It is so important that all of our children are in the academy prompt to complete their early morning task and are ready for the day ahead. Please support us in our quest.

## **E-Safety**

As you all know, we are constantly educating our children about safety and how they need to be safe online. More and more we are hearing about the ways in which our children are using technology at home. We would like to work with you to ensure you are guided towards potential dangers and how to keep your child safe. For more help and advice on this very important area please do follow [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/) to gain more advice about keeping your child safe online. We will be hosting a parents workshop on this very soon.

## **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**

## **Tempest Photos**

All the revised Tempest photos which were given out yesterday need to be returned by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**.

Kind regards,

Mrs Swinburne

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## Well done to our Year 6 Netball Team

We are really proud of our Year 6 Netball team who, despite the cold and miserable weather, attended a Netball competition at Alverthorpe St Paul's school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. In really hard conditions, the team showed determination and perseverance which paid off as we won every game. The team will now go on to play many other Wakefield teams at Silcoates School next Friday. We are very proud of them.



Well done to our team:  
Emerson, Bradley, William, Holly, Fiona, Phoebe and Milly.

### 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. This month we have all been working on the value of **perseverance, effort and responsibility**. Well done!

#### Special Mentions for Friday 20th & 27th January 2017

Reception- Taylor Anderson & Joshua Toth

Year 1- Charlotte Sykes & Scarlett Hurdus

Year 2- Richard O'Keefe & Harris Hussain

Year 3- Isabel Harris & Owen Horner

Year 4- Isla Pudsey & Benita Agaba

Year 5- Max Slater & Ruby Edwards

Year 6- Emerson Jackson & Connie Hellard

**Well done to all of our Special Mentions for consistently 'striving to be the best they can be'.**



## Junior Leadership Team

### Information Section

We as a Junior Leadership Team have been working incredibly hard this term to make a difference to academy life. So far this term we have:

- Held whole school awareness assemblies on bullying
- Led House assemblies
- Developed our leadership notice boards where we can communicate with all the pupils across the whole school
- Planned to have a global market in the academy to raise money for Unicef
- Met with Mr Carpenter, our Challenge Partner, to discuss the impact that we are having as a team on our academy
- Found examples of excellent work in all subjects and shared the work as great examples of learning to our colour teams
- We have now created surveys to find out the information that our children would like sharing/discussed in house colour assemblies. It is so important to us that we are giving all of our children a voice.

## Governors

As you all know Governors regularly come into our academy to validate the work we are doing and checking the quality of everything we do. Over the last two weeks:

- Mrs Nicol, our Chair of Governors has been on a learning walk, assessing the quality of our challenge teaching in all classes
- Mrs Dexter has been finding out about our progress towards raising attainment and progress in Mathematics
- Governors met with parents at the Headteacher update

For a further update on the work of our Governors, please do go to our school website and click on our 'Governors' link.

## Attendance

After a week of illness across the academy, we are pleased to report that attendance is improving once again. However we are still not quite where we need to be. Lets keep it up so that we can climb high again.

Reception—93.70%

Year 1-94.67%

Year 2-96.21%

Year 3-98.62%

Year 4-90.33%

Year 5-95.16%

Year 6- 100%

**Year 6 are the winners of the attendance trophy this week.**

# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 1

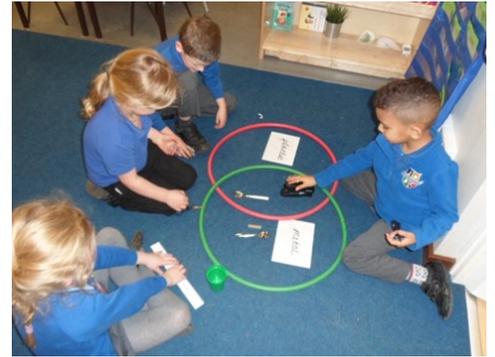
Year 1 have had two fantastic busy weeks focussing on our topic of Stories from around the world. We have been locating the countries of the United Kingdom and locating the continents of the world on a world map using atlases. In our focus room, we have been exploring china and have made some amazing Chinese drums. We have also been using Little Red Riding hood as a focus in our Literacy. We have been learning to use adventurous adjectives and time connectives to rewrite and put on a fabulous performance of retelling the Little Red Riding Hood story.



In maths, we have been learning to tell the time! We can all now read a clock to o'clock and half past the hour and have been drawing the hands on a clock to match the times. Some of us have enjoyed it so much that we made our own clocks at home!

In science we have been learning about different materials and have begun sorting them and looking at their properties!

*Miss Mitchell, Mrs Ward  
& Mrs Khan*



## Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy over the past two weeks! We have continued our topic by looking at a range of stories from around the world and have located where they are from using an atlas and a world map. We have used some of the stories as inspiration for our own writing using the different settings from different countries.

In Maths, we have learnt about money. We have learnt to add coins to make different totals and have looked at adding and subtracting money.



*Mr Palin & Mrs Rex*



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 3

Year 3 have continued their excellent start to this half term and are striving in every subject! In Topic we have looked at the places where cocoa beans are grown, highlighting these places on a map. This week we have focussed on Ghana in West Africa, to understand the importance of the cocoa trade to people and families there and the differences between their homes and ours. In Maths we are continuing to learn about time, including telling and writing the time on analogue clocks and recording the times it takes us to do things in the playground. In Literacy we are halfway through 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and are building towards writing an extra chapter about an undiscovered room in the factory.



*Mr Wilcock & Mrs Wilkinson*

## Year 4

We have been finding out about how chocolate is made from cocoa beans and that has led us to find out about the lives of the people who farm cocoa pods in the rainforests near the equator. Year 4 wrote some thoughtful diary entries from the perspective of a farmer whose crops had failed. In literacy, we are enjoying reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We created our own horrid gold ticket winner and wrote a character description as well as describing the setting of different inventing rooms in Willy Wonka's Chocolate factory.



In maths we have been learning about equivalent



fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and finding fractions of amounts by dividing. Year 4 have also enjoyed improving our tactical and dribbling skills with Ben our football coach from the FA and we have begun to learn the songs for a joint production of The Peace Child with two other Year 4 classes from Outwood Together schools in April.

*Mrs Elliott & Mrs Hart*

# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 5

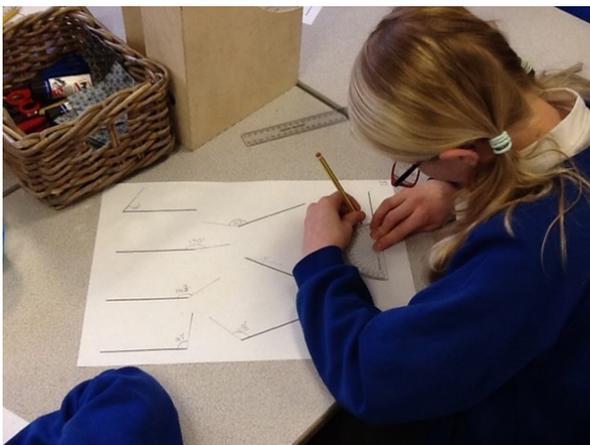
Year 5 are really enjoying our topic 'Extinct or Alive?' we have been researching different animals in the Hominid family and developing their sketches and ideas in sketch books. In Literacy, we have completed our Darwin biographies and we are now using Rudyard Kipling as our focus. We found his Just so stories comical and are aiming to publish something similar ourselves! In Maths, we continue on our fraction journey-we are so impressed with the way in which the children are applying themselves in Maths at the moment. Lots of children are really striving to be the best that they can be!

*Miss Harling & Mrs Saynor*

## Year 6

Year 6 are continuing to work extremely hard in all aspects of learning and we are especially proud of the children who are really striving to pass their next Diamond Dash challenge. In Maths we have been focussing on using a protractor accurately to draw and measure angles. We have also looked at Algebra and how different letters and shapes can be used to represent numbers. The class did not find this easy but the children really persevered and have a

much better understanding. We have completed our work on Mourning Dove in Literacy and many children excelled themselves in this. We are now moving onto looking at the work of Charles Darwin and will be writing a biography over the next few weeks. Thank you for sending in the pictures we requested. We will be using these to look at different features we have inherited from our parents linking into our 'Extinct or Alive?' topic.



*Miss Brook & Mrs Smith*





## **Dates for your diary**

**2017**

**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

### **Parents Evenings**

29/3/17 and 30/3/17 – Parents Evening

### **Reports**

17/3/17 – Interim reports to parents

14/7/17 – Reports out to parents

### **Theme Weeks**

7/02/16-E-safety

2/03/16-World Book Day

03/04/16- Wrenthorpe Week

22/05/16-Creative Arts week

21/06/16 – Art gallery

27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June – Creative Arts performances

Wb 17<sup>th</sup> July –Celebration week

### **SATS Week**

Y6 SATS – wc 8/5/17

### **Workshops**

### **Sports Day**

16/06/17– Sports day

23/06/17-Reserve sports day

### **Summer Fair**

1/07/17

### **Open morning**

12/11/17 – Academy open morning

### **Residential trip**

05/06/17 – Carlton residential for Year 6 pupils