



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Issue 14 – Friday 10th February 2017

Dear Parents

The end of another half term has very quickly come upon us! This half-term really has been one of the quickest yet! Please do have a very restful half term. The children are ready for a well-deserved break after such a hard-working half term. See you all on Monday 20th February.

A big thank you to our PTA

We would like to personally thank our dedicated PTA for organising yet another wonderful disco. The children (and staff) had a great time. Please find attached a letter from the PTA.

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](https://twitter.com/JCAWakefield)

Year 6 Netball team success!

A huge congratulation go to our Year 6 Netball Team who played extremely well at Silcoates School on Friday 3rd February. The team gave up play-times, lunchtimes and their time after school to ensure they were the best that they could be. Playing against 8 other teams, the team managed to win 7 out of 8 games and are now through to the West Yorkshire Games in July where they will represent the Wakefield District.

Our team that played were: Emerson, Milly, William, Phoebe, Holly, Bradley and Fiona



Yorkshire Post - 'Top of the class'

Please see the attachment in the email and in the Yorkshire Post about Jerry Clay Academy and our achievements, being recognised as one of the top performing schools in Wakefield and Yorkshire.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne



Attendance

Attendance really needs to improve after the half term holidays. We are aiming for at least 97.4% for each class every week.

Reception-95.67%

Year 1-97.03%

Year 2-97.70%

Year 3-97.82%

Year 4-96.56%

Year 5-97.14%

Year 6-96.81%

**Whole school percentage from September to now-96.98%-
we have never been below 97% this year! We need to work
on getting this back 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 3rd & 10th February 2017

Reception- Kyle Spence & Samual Myatt

Year 1- Harrison Ellis & Ethan Snowden

Year 2- Grace Tibble & Ruby Bentley

Year 3- Melissa Denton & Jessica Asquith

Year 4- Lleyton Vergerson

Year 5- Ben McNally & Noah Martin

Year 6- George Lunnon & Eva McDermott

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

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have had another two very busy, but excellent weeks! We have really been striving to be the best that we can be!

We had a fantastic trip to Wakefield museum for a workshop based on our topic, 'Stories from around the world'. We came away with lots of creative ideas and resources to write our own traditional story. In Literacy, we have continued to use our imaginations and have created our own characters and settings for our traditional stories.



In Maths, we have been practising to count in ones 0-40 and forwards and backwards from any number. We have now moved on to adding 2 digit numbers and can use a number square to help us. We have also started diamond dash and are really striving to achieve our awards. Keep practising your 2's, 5's and 10's!



In topic, we have been looking at art from around the world and are focussing on aboriginal art. We have been exploring different tools and natural materials we can use to create colourful dots for our own aboriginal art. We have also starting to design our own finger puppets to create so that we can retell our favourite stories from around the world.

We would like to thank all our grown-ups who came to our 'Stories from around the world' workshop at school on Monday! We had a brilliant morning working with you and year 2!

Key dates:

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March -

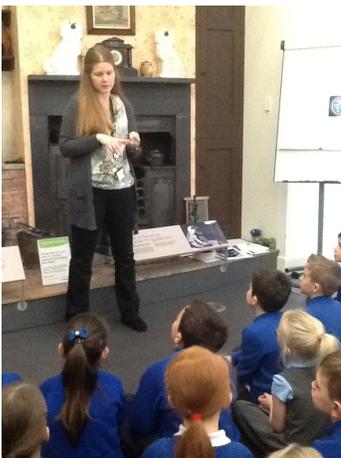
Parents evening

Miss Mitchell & Mrs Ward



Year 2

The past 2 weeks have been extremely busy for year 2! We started with a day in the Outdoor Learning Area with Adam and Jerome, creating a story from another culture and telling it to the rest of the class around the fire!



On Thursday 2nd February, we attended a workshop at Wakefield Museum which gave us some fantastic ideas for writing a story set in China. We looked at different artefacts and created our own Chinese plates and dragons.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 2 continued.....

We also enjoyed the 'Stories From Around The World' workshop in school on Monday 6th February. We loved being creative and enjoyed working together! Thank you to those who attended!

Key Dates:

Tuesday 28th February – Y2/3 Benchball Tournament

Tuesday 28th February - SATS meeting



Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy, but productive end to this half term. On Tuesday 31st January we visited the York Chocolate Story, this was a fantastic day which helped us to consolidate what we have learnt in our topic and allowed us to find out lots of new and interesting facts about the fundamental role the city of York played in chocolate becoming popular in Britain. Massive thanks must go to all the parent



helpers and teaching assistants who accompanied us on the trip and took time out of their schedule to do so.

In Literacy we have produced some outstanding pieces of writing based on a new and undiscovered room in Willy Wonka's factory and by the end of this week we will have created an informational poster about how to lead a healthy lifestyle. We have also had the opportunity to listen to some brilliant fables

written by year 5. This was fantastic for us, as we were able to listen to high quality pieces of writing and all the children thoroughly enjoyed hearing the stories.

In Science we have looked at the benefits of exercise and how this helps us to stay healthy, this week we conducted an investigation into the affect that exercise has on our pulse. In Maths we have now finished looking at time and will be moving on to fractions. Have a great half term!

Mr Wilcock & Mrs Wilkinson

Key Dates:

Tuesday 28th February – Y2/3 Benchball Tournament

Wednesday 1st March- Parent activity morning

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 4

Year 4 also enjoyed the trip to the Chocolate Story in York last week – a big thank you to the parents and governors who gave up their time to come with us. It was a chance for us to learn more about the Mayans and to make their ancient chocolate drink. After exploring the interactive displays, we felt like chocolate experts and wrote detailed recounts of the trip. Now we are coming to the end of our topic 'Should we stop eating chocolate?', we have discovered more about Fair Trade and how it helps lift people who farm cocoa out of poverty.

In Literacy, our work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has culminated in us writing our own extra chapter featuring our own horrid child. We have described the room, introduced our character using speech and actions before telling of the child's sticky end.



In Science, we had an exciting afternoon exploring how different materials changed state when cooked or heated. We observed carefully different foods and other materials before and after heating. Of course we couldn't pass off the chance to make chocolate buns to see how the mixture changed from a thick creamy liquid into a soft spongy solid that kept its shape. Finally in maths, we have begun to extend our learning about fractions into decimals which we will continue after the holidays and are also practising telling the time using analogue, digital, 12 and 24 hour clock.

Key dates:

Wednesday 1st March – Y3/4 Parent Workshop 'What's inside us?'

Mrs Elliott & Mrs Hart

Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy couple of weeks; we have really enjoyed writing and publishing our Just-So Stories, in the style of Rudyard Kipling. On Wednesday, we read these aloud to Year 3. We were really impressed with their questioning skills and their understanding of the morals. In PE, we have been continuing to develop our football skills with Ben, and we have now all completed our Swimming lessons at Sun Lane Swimming baths, with 100% of our class able to swim 25m – a fantastic achievement! During Topic, we have pieced together a world map to show how the continents were once joined together and how this might link to fossils and animals found around the world. The children are continuing to develop their Art ideas in preparation for our exhibition to parents on 28th February.

Key dates – 22nd February – The Sound of Music at WGHS

28th February – Exhibition to parents 3pm.

Miss Harling & Mrs Saynor



Year 6

Year 6 have continued to strive high in all aspects of their work over the last two weeks. We have recently had some assessments in Year 6 and we are incredibly proud of the results and progress the class have made. In Literacy and Topic we have continued to look at our 'Extinct or Alive?' focus and have completed some excellent work on Charles Darwin producing some very interesting biographies. In PE, we have continued to work on our levels of fitness and have incorporated some work on the trampette. The children really enjoyed this and Miss Brook even had a go!

We will be holding a SATs Parents information meeting on Tuesday 28th February at 6pm. We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday!



Miss Brook & Mrs Smith



Celebrating sporting achievements at JCA Well done to our Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Team

Our Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby team had a great time at the tournament at Stanley Grove on Monday 6th February. Well done to our team who played brilliantly throughout.

Our team that played was: Noah, Nicholas, Harry, Evie, Salina, Oliver M, Lloyd, Daniel and Tegan.





Diary Dates 2017

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

Tuesday 28th February—Year 2 & 3 Benchball

Tuesday 28th February, 6pm—SATS information evening for Year 2 & Year 6 parents

Wednesday 1st March—Year 3 & 4 Parent Worrkshop at 9.15am

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

3/04/17—Wrenthorpe week

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

FA Coach at Jerry Clay Academy

FA Skills Programme have been coaching in our school

This term FA Skills coach Ben Hardaker has been delivering football skills coaching to Years 1, 2, 4 & 5 in PE. The children have really enjoyed Ben taking PE lessons, and learning through games and challenges.

The FA Skills programme started in 2007 and its unique child-centred philosophy has established it as the leading youth football programme in England. Its foundations are The FA's '4-corner' coaching model, developing children socially, technically, physically and psychologically, giving them more than just football skills but life skills such as confidence, teamwork, decision-making and problem-solving. The coaching is also based on The FA's Future Game strategy, with the aim of developing young players who are comfortable on the ball, creative and have good game understanding.

This commitment to deliver high-quality, child-centred football coaching is delivered by expert, full-time FA Youth-qualified coaches. All lessons are delivered in line with the National Curriculum for PE, ensuring that all sessions are planned and delivered to the highest standards. Beyond school, boys and girls of any ability and experience are encouraged to join The FA Skills programme, to experience expert football coaching with free sessions during the school holidays (except Christmas) and at after-school Skills Centres throughout the academic year.

If your child would like to join an FA Skills Centre, the nearest one to your school is held at Wakefield City Academy, WF1 4SF on a Friday evening as a cost of £3 per session at the following times:

- Ages 5-8 Mixed – 4.30-5.30pm
- Ages 5-11 Girls Only – 5.30-6.30pm
- Ages 8-11 – 6.30-7.30pm

If you would like to find out more about the Skills programme and register your child for a session please visit www.TheFA.com/Skills or contact Ben.Hardaker@TheFA.com or 07943 550599.

