



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents

## What a wonderful World Book Day!

Thank you to all of you for helping your child to come to school as a book character for our annual World Book Day. The children (and staff) had a fabulous day. We were particularly impressed with the House Captain presentations and the

opportunities for our younger children to share their books with our older children. Please enjoy the many magical images that we

captured from our special day.





## Junior Leadership

We have been so busy over the past couple of weeks. Our main aims have been:

- Delivering important messages about E-Safety in assemblies and during playtimes
- Delivering house assemblies, with a particular focus on reading
- Developing our student voice notice board so that we are feeding back to all of our children on excellent behaviour and learner attitudes
- We are currently working on our new anti-bullying policy which we all feel is very important from a child's perspective

### **Attendance**

**Attendance is starting to rise again and we are pleased to report:**

**Reception-99.26% - This is the best week ever for Reception—keep it up!**

**Year 1-100% WELL DONE! Year 1 are the attendance trophy winners**

Year 2- 98.62%

Year 3-98.62%

Year 4—98.67%

Year 5-98.39%

Year 6-97.10%

**Our whole school, since September is 97.14% - It is great to see that we are going back up again!**

### 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!

Reception-Aadhi Sundaraii & Ava Perring

Year 1- Maya Garner & Mollie Spencer

Year 2- Luca Hancock & Ethan Rollerson

Year 3- Lloyd McIntosh & Charley Clark-Taylor

Year 4- Devon Wilson & Esme Thompson

Year 5- Alexia Lawrence & Billy Ward

Year 6- Euan Gaskin & Phoebe Lloyd

**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

## Foundation Stage

Please see the [Foundation Stage letter](#).

### Year 1

Year 1 have had another two fantastic and busy weeks finishing our topic, 'What can we learn about our world from stories?'. We have been designing and creating our own aboriginal art and making finger puppets so that we can retell the stories we have learnt. We are looking forward to starting our new topic 'Starry Night' next week!

In Literacy, we have been planning and writing our own traditional stories using the structure and ideas from 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Ivory Wand'. We made sure they had a descriptive beginning, an exciting problem in the middle and a happy ending. We are excited to complete and share them with each other.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers using number squares and number lines. We have also been solving some tricky word problems using our adding and subtracting too! This week, our focus has been our teen number to make sure we can all read, write and say them.

Also, we started our Diamond Dash this week and we are really proud of all of year 1 for practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10s and even starting their times tables!

*Miss Mitchell, Mrs Khan & Mrs Ward*



### Year 2

Another busy two weeks in Year 2 as we have brought an end to our topic; 'What can we learn about our world from stories?'. We have created our own aboriginal art and have # finished researching to write a report all about China. Our next topic is 'Starry Night', using the van Gogh painting as a stimulus.

In Maths, we have finished our unit looking at shapes. We have consolidated the information that we learnt about the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes.

Thank you to all of the parents that attended the SATS parents meetings . Please find the information given on our academy website.

*Mr Palin & Miss Khan*



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 3

Year 3 have had an extremely busy start to this half term and we have already produced some excellent work based on our new topic, 'What happens inside us?' We began by looking at nutrition, including what foods the body needs in order for us to have a balanced diet and lead a healthy lifestyle. We will be moving on to looking at the human skeleton in the coming weeks. We also very much enjoyed our activity morning on Wednesday, thank you to all those who attended and made the event such a success!



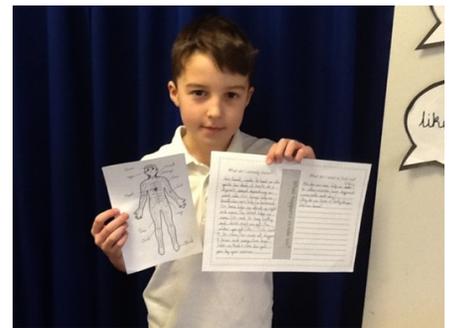
We were also lucky enough to time travel last week! Making our way back to 1928 in order to meet Alexander Fleming and write a diary entry as him. This allowed us to consider how his accidental discovery of the medicinal use of penicillin has helped to save thousands, if not millions of lives! What is more the diary entries we produced were sensational, well done to all!



*Mr Wilcock & Mrs Wilkinson*

## Year 4

Year 4 have made a fabulous start to our topic 'What happens inside us?' We began by showing what we already know and thinking about what we will need to learn to understand how champion athletes use their bodies to become the best in their sport. We started the term with fitness tests and we are keeping an exercise diary so that we can further improve our fitness. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who attended our workshop this week and helped us to begin learning about our skeleton, organs and digestive system. There were some impressive performances in the Speed Bounce challenge!



Spencer with his excellent body work.

In Maths, we have continued learning about time including 12 and 24 hour clock and about converting between different units of time such as hours and minutes, days and months and now are beginning to improve our understanding of decimals.

*Mrs Elliott & Mrs Hart*

# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 5

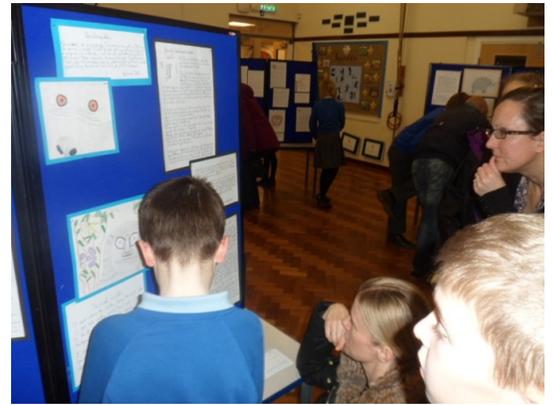
Year 5 have had a very productive end to our topic 'Extinct or Alive?', including our final celebration - our exhibition which took place on Tuesday. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to show off their learning throughout the topic, which also included some high-quality Literacy work as well. Thank you very much to everyone that attended!

We have been developing our use of poetic language in Literacy so that

we are ready to write poems that make a reader feel a particular way about an animal – using specific, powerful vocabulary choices. In Maths, we have been developing our knowledge of decimals in different contexts.

We had an excellent World Book Day. As well as the whole school activities in the morning, we enjoyed reading in different places (indoor and outdoor) and creating a fantasy or adventure story based on a mesmerising image.

*Miss Harling & Mrs Saynor*



## Year 6

Year 6 have continued to live by the JCA moto of 'Striving to be the best that we can be'. We have had a busy start to this half term focusing on our reading skills. This has not always been easy but their hard work is really starting to pay off! In Maths we have focussed on areas of Geometry that we do not always find easy such as translating shapes.

We have completed some work outside and have really engaged in the learning taking place. Of course, we have been

also spending time preparing our amazing Art pieces ready for the exhibition we held on Tuesday. Thank you again to all of the parents that attended this and also the SATs meeting that was held on Tuesday evening. The SATs information is now on our academy website.



*Miss Brook & Mrs Smith*

# Sporting achievements



## Y2/3 Benchball



Our Year 2 and 3 Benchball team represented our school extremely well at the tournament held at St. John's Primary School on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Our team played on despite the freezing cold conditions and improved in each game as the tournament went on.

Our team that played was: Adam B, Jamie, Oliver, Isaac, Darcie and Isabel.

## Events coming very soon.....

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6.15pm– Maths developments and how you can help further at home

This is a chance for you to hear about Diamond Dash, the way in which we are teaching Mathematics and how you can use Manga High to support your child at home. There will be some practical equipment out as Mrs Elliott & Miss Brook will be demonstrating how this is used. A meeting not to be missed!

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March– Interim progress to parents –Year 1 to 6—These are in a new format this year to correspond much more appropriately with our ongoing assessments. We will be sending out information about these alongside the reports

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March-Parents evenings - This is an opportunity for the Teachers to discuss with you in the more detail the content of the progress check.

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> April– Wrenthorpe Week—This is going to be a fabulous topic-rich week, learning all about Wrenthorpe. We are going to be finishing the week with a Wrenthorpe exhibition, so keep 3pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April free in your diaries.



Some more images from World Book Day





# **Dates for your diary**

## **2016-17**

### **Parents Evenings**

29/3/17 and 30/3/17 – Parents Evening

### **Reports**

17/3/17 – Interim Progress reports to parents

14/7/17 – Reports out to parents

### **Theme Weeks**

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**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6.15pm– Maths

developments and how you can help further at home

### **Sports Day**

16/06/17– Sports day

23/06/17-Reserve sports day

### **Summer Fair**

1/07/17

### **Trips**

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