



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

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What a fantastic week we have had!

Wrenthorpe week

This week has truly been brilliant! The sun has shone and the whole of Jerry Clay Academy have been exploring Wrenthorpe, learning about the past and predicting the future. The week began with a very exciting assembly! A time machine landed into the office and took Miss Brook into the future. However, the future was not great—Miss Brook set the challenge of changing the future by making sure all of the children could learn all about Wrenthorpe, its interesting heritage and what it has to offer now and how we can all help as a community to make it even better.

Welcome to Mr Morris

Some of you may already have had the pleasure of meeting Mr Morris. Mr Morris has joined JCA on the 'Troops to Teacher' course where he will be training to be a teacher with us for 18 months. Mr Morris has had a successful and long career in the Royal Air Force and having retired from this, he is now excited about training to become a teacher. What a wonderful career to join! Mr Morris will be working throughout the academy and gaining valuable experience in every class.



Welcome to Timmy JCA!

I am pleased to announce that we will have a new starter after the holidays. Timmy the rabbit will be joining us as our academy rabbit. At weekends and in the holidays, he will be living with me, as it is really important that we protect his emotional well-being as much as possible. Timmy is such a calm and caring lop rabbit. He will be getting the opportunity to listen to readers and certainly loves being stroked. I have sent home an allergy letter today, please do complete only if your child has any allergies to rabbits so that we are aware. We have obviously carried out all necessary risk assessments to ensure everyone's safety is paramount. A big thank you needs to go to the PTA who have purchased a wonderful hutch for Timmy. In the interim, as he settles into school life, he will be living in an indoor hutch in my office.



Have a fantastic holiday

This term really has been a very busy one with so much achieved. We are still awaiting our published Ofsted report and we will be sharing this as soon as we know the publication date. Thank you once again for your support this term in all of the events we have ran. We look forward to a very exciting summer term. Please do see the calendar dates on the final page of the newsletter. There is an extensive array of events happening over the course of the term.

Please remember that we will be returning to school on [Tuesday 25th April](#). Please have a lovely rest and enjoy yourselves wherever you may be.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Foundation Stage

Please see the Foundation Stage letter.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic week exploring and investigating Wrenthorpe! We went on a beautiful and exciting walk to the orchard with Mrs Nicols to look at how Wrenthorpe are working as a team to keep Wrenthorpe amazing. During

our walk, we took lots of photographs of the things we could see around Wrenthorpe and compared them to photos from the past to see how Wrenthorpe has changed.

When we got, we wrote a detailed recount of our visit.

Also, we have been lucky enough to visit Wrenthorpe park to do some brilliant sketching the scenery in the park and predicting what we think it would look like in the future. Finally, we finished off a busy week by creating a leaflet all about Wrenthorpe from what we have learnt.



Miss Mitchell, Mrs Khan & Mrs Ward

Year 2

We have really enjoyed Wrenthorpe Week in Year 2. After travelling through time to see what Wrenthorpe used to be like, we have looked at how Wrenthorpe has changed to be what it is now. We have studied old pictures to find information and have drawn some of these pictures ourselves. We had a fantastic visit to the Village Hall where we found out about the history of how it was made as well as some information about pottery! From the visit, we wrote a fantastic recount.

As part of the challenge set at the beginning of the week, we have also created a leaflet, celebrating all that is good about Wrenthorpe!



Mr Palin & Mrs Rex



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Year 3

Year 3 have had a really enjoyable Wrenthorpe week and produced lots of fantastic work. As you may have seen on our vlogs, we have had a different theme every day, including wildlife found in Wrenthorpe Park and Wrenthorpe in the past and in the future. On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to walk around Wrenthorpe with Mr. Orrell, who told us all about how Wrenthorpe has developed and what it used to be like. Thank you to all the volunteers who came on walk and to Mr. Orrell for taking the time to share his expertise with us! The final aim for the week has been to produce a guide to Wrenthorpe explaining the best places to go and encouraging people to visit; these guides are both engaging and informative and show how much the children have learnt this week!

Have an enjoyable and relaxing holidays and we will see you in two weeks ready for the final term of the year!

Mr Wilcock & Mrs Wilkinson



Year 4

In Wrenthorpe Week we started by writing about why Wrenthorpe is a great place to live as well as what we know about Wrenthorpe's past and our hopes for its future. We have studied a map of Wrenthorpe and located some of our favourite places and some places from its past.



On Wednesday, we went for a walk to Wrenthorpe Park to explore its facilities and the wildlife there. We wrote a newspaper article all about what we found including the nature areas and historic Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe meadows. We have gone on to investigate the habitats in the park and make food chains using the living things we found there.



Mrs Elliott & Mrs Hart

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Wrenthorpe week has really been enjoyed by Year 5.

We have been out on walks appreciating the many buildings and facilities that Wrenthorpe has to offer. We focussed on taking photos of parts of buildings for a quiz 'How well do you know Wrenthorpe?' on Monday. Tuesday's group focussed on taking photos of amazing scenery and views to really persuade a visitor to come to our wonderful village.



village.

We have asked the rest of the school about their opinions on Wrenthorpe now and their hopes for the future. We then transformed this data into statistics represented on a pie chart.

All of this information helped us to produce fantastic leaflets for the 'Visit Wrenthorpe!' campaign so that Wrenthorpe continues to be amazing!

Miss Harling & Mrs Saynor

Year 6

We have had a very busy few weeks in Year 6 and I



think we

are definitely all ready for the Easter break. Our SATs preparation has continued to challenge all children in their learning but we are proud of the determination and perseverance the class have shown. Year 6 have really enjoyed the Wrenthorpe Week activities creating fantastic adverts for Wrenthorpe, persuasive leaflets and we have really enjoyed creating the daily VLOGs.



Miss Brook & Mrs Smith

Peace Child—Year 4



Year 4 have really had a busy week! On Tuesday we took part in a performance of the Peace Child with Year 4 children from Stanley Grove and Alverthorpe St Paul's School. We loved practising during the day and put on a

great performance. Mrs Elliott and Mrs Hart were very proud!

Esme wrote that her favourite part was, "growing in confidence in front of people I don't even know and



singing a whole song on my own. At first, I was a bit nervous but when I got started I was fine. But I loved all of it and my favourite song was Come to the River".

Matthew wrote, "I loved when the bears did their song and dabbed!" and Evie remarked, "My favourite part of the day was meeting new friends and performing to our parents and teachers."





*Some more images from
Wrenthorpe Week*



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and Wrenthorpe week updates**



Dates for your diary

2016-17

Reports

14/7/17 – End of year reports out to parents

Theme Weeks

22/05/16-Creative Arts week

21/06/16 – Art gallery

27th & 29th June – Creative Arts performances

Wb 17th July –Celebration week

School closes for the summer holidays Friday 21st July

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

Trips

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