



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We are well and truly settled into the Summer term, although the last two weeks have gone extremely quickly! We are looking forward to having our first full week next week.

Celebration picnic & Wrenthorpe exhibition

We are excited to be welcoming you to our Wrenthorpe exhibition and picnic on **Friday 12th May** at 2.00pm. Please can you complete the letter in your child's book bag to let us know that you will be coming.

At the event, there will be children's work on display for you to look at, then an opportunity to take a picnic outside (weather pending) for a celebration of our Ofsted report. At the picnic, our children will be singing. It is really important to us that we get a chance to celebrate with you, as you were pivotal to us gaining our accolade. Please do see the Wakefield Express today for an excellent article about our school.

Thank you to Miss Attwood

If you have a child that attends early and after school care, you may already know that Miss Atwood has stepped down from her role as Early and After School Care Manager. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Miss Attwood for her commitment in setting up this wonderful facility that we have. You will all still see Miss Atwood in the academy, as she will continue to work as a 1:1 support assistant in Year 6 until the end of this academic year.



Welcome to Mrs Pickersgill

In replacement of Miss Attwood, I would like to welcome Mrs Pickersgill as our new Early and After School Care Manager. Mrs Pickersgill who comes to us with a wealth of experience, working for social services and particularly children's centres and nurseries for over 30 years. She is now looking forward to further developing our fabulous provision by enhancing the activities we offer and making the provision even better than it already is.



SATS for Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATS assessments next week. I would like to personally wish them lots of luck and know that all they can do is their best. We are proud of each and everyone of them. We are looking forward to welcoming them all in at 8.30am every morning for breakfast so that they are all relaxed and ready to sit the papers.

Curriculum overviews

Please go onto our website at www.jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk and click on 'curriculum', where you will see your child's year group. Here you can view curriculum overviews for the summer term to see what your child will be learning.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne

Learning across the school this week

Year 1

Year 1 have made an excellent start to the summer term and have been busy exploring our new topic 'Why Is Water Precious?'. For this half term, we have become scientists and are conducting lots of experiments about water. We have been observing and monitoring the weather and have made rain collectors so that we can monitor and measure rainfall. Also, we are investigating how important water is for plants, so we have planted some seeds and we are monitoring them in different conditions with our seed diaries! We have also been using different shading techniques to sketch waves in Art.

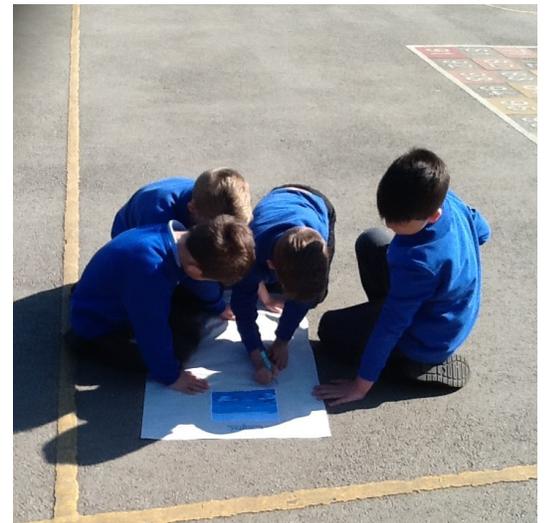


In Literacy, we are beginning to write our own instructions for our experiments to put in our science lab so that other children can conduct them too! We have looked at features of an instruction text and we are looking forward to using imperatives so that we can be bossy!

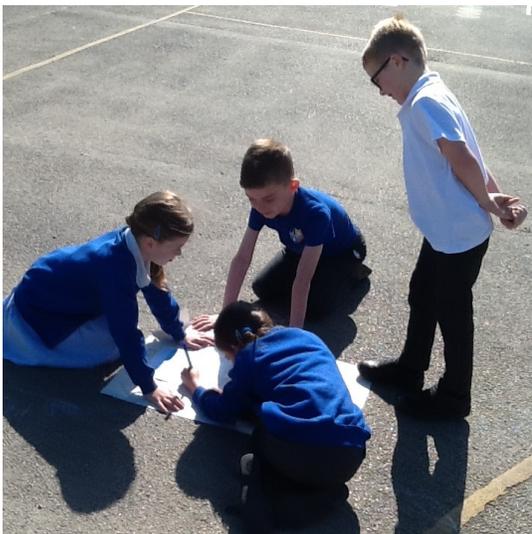
In Maths, we have been working on place value. We worked really hard counting, reading and writing our numbers to 100 in words and numerals, partitioning numbers into tens and ones and have been working on our odd and even numbers. Next week we will move onto the 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the Summer term! We have already been very busy learning about water in our new topic; 'Why Is Water Precious?'. In our first lesson, we received a letter from the council saying that they were going to cut some of our water supply! We need to stop this by telling them how important water really is! In Literacy, we have been writing our own poems about water using some of the features we have learnt about.



In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction; next week we are moving on to learn about time!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy start to the new term. In Numeracy, we have been learning about fractions, including ordering fractions where the numerator is the same. In the coming weeks we will

look at adding and subtracting fractions and finding equivalent fractions. In Literacy we have been rehearsing and performing poems, we have focussed primarily on Robert Louis Stevenson's, 'From a Railway Carriage,' which also happens to be the name of our new topic! In History, we have looked at the important role Richard Trevithick played in the creation of early trains and written a persuasive argument deciding whether he is the most important man in the history of train travel or not.



'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 4

Year 4 have made a great start to the summer term and our topic based on the poem 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson. We have enjoyed working in teams to plan performances of poems, keeping in rhythm with our group and using different tones of voice, expression and actions. After writing about an exciting journey in a fast machine of our choice we then made up our own poems about 'A short ride in a fast machine'.

In Science we have continued to learn about the body, focussing on teeth and we modelling different types of teeth using plastecine to learn about their different functions. In maths, we have been learning about measure and to convert between different metric units of measure such as kg and g, ml and l, cm and mm etc.



Year 5

We have had a hard-working fortnight back after the Easter break.

The children have really enjoyed learning about angles in Maths; we have been spotting angles everywhere and learning about the relationships between them. We also persevered with the protractors to measure and draw angles ourselves!

In Literacy, we are striving to write a discussion text entitled 'Should people stay in the UK for a holiday?' which links also to our new topic 'Great Britain?'

We have been developing our atlas reading skills in Geography, particularly looking at the borders between the different countries of the UK and the location of major cities in the UK.



Special mentions of the week



Special mentions of the week were awarded to pupils whom teachers felt have really stood out during the week for demonstrating excellent learner traits, fantastic attitudes to their learning and consistently being the 'best that they can be' every day. Well **done!**

Week beginning: 7th April, 28th April & 5th May

Reception- Scarlett Black, Rai-L'eyah Saddique & Cody Harlock

Year 1– Matilda McCraw, Joella Comer & Jack Asquith

Year 2– Grace Tibble, Logan Cooling & Thomas France

Year 3– Daniel Shaw, Finlay Perring & Hadley Bruce

Year 4– Harriet Burrows, Oliver Smart & Joshua Bennett

Year 5– Lewis Wingfield, Grace Sellars & Jacob Dexter

Year 6– Connie-Mae Hellard, Daniel Scott & Fiona Blenkin



Important dates for your diary

Events soon.....

Dates for your diary

2016-17

Current Year 6 residential meeting for parents-Thursday 11th May at 6pm

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

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





Attendance winners

As you know as a school we are really focusing on excellent attendance. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**. The class with the highest attendance are rewarded with an attendance trophy for the week. We have been so pleased with our attendance over the few weeks as it is rising week on week.

This week was an excellent week as you can see below. Well done to Year 2, fantastic!

Reception—99.11%

Year 1— 92.74% - This is worrying and needs to improve!

Year 2— 100% Well done!

Year 3— 97.18%

Year 4— 94.40%

Year 5— 97.58%

Year 6— 99.19%

WHOLE SCHOOL, SINCE SEPTEMBER— 97.30%- FANTASTIC!

IMPORTANT— Uniform reminder

We are seeing a number of slippages with the school uniform across the whole school. We are so proud of our school and want to make sure we all uphold our values.

As a reminder of our uniform, it consists of:

Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with an embroidered school logo.

White/blue polo shirt – polo shirts with the school logo are available from our suppliers. However, a plain white or blue polo shirt is acceptable.

For girls, navy/grey skirt or pinafore or trousers .

For boys, dark grey trousers.

In the summer children can wear grey shorts or a pale blue gingham dress.

Your child will need a pair of sensible black school shoes, not coloured trainers.

Hair accessories must be a simple hair bobbles or plain clips. No colourful big bobbles please.

For PE the children must wear their house colour t-shirt and black shorts or black jogging bottoms for outside.