



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the final 5 weeks of this academic year, I wanted to draw your attention to some very important whole school events coming up at Jerry Clay Academy. I hope that you will all be able to attend these events, as they provide an opportunity to celebrate your child and their learning at Jerry Clay.

Art gallery & Sculpture walk	Wednesday 21st June From 5.30pm for Rec, Y1 & Y2 From 6.00pm for Y3,4,5 & 6	An opportunity to view all of our children's art work and sculptures. See the official invite in the newsletter.
Creative Arts performances 'Kaleidoscope'	Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th June at 6pm	Please see the ticket letter if you would like to reserve 2 tickets for the performance. Please can you return these by Wednesday 21st June
Summer Fair	Saturday 1st July at 12pm until 4pm	Please see a reminder of all of the special events organised for our fair. We look forward to welcoming you all to this fantastic event.
End of year reports out to parents	Friday 14th July	
<u>Celebration week</u>		
Reception class at 9.15am	Monday 17th July	An opportunity to celebrate your child's year at JCA with us. Parents and Grandparents very welcome.
Year 1 & 2 at 2.30pm	Monday 17th July	
Year 3 & 4 at 9.15am	Wednesday 19th July	
Year 5 at 9.15am	Thursday 20th July	
Year 6 at 9.15am	Friday 21st July	
Last day of term	Friday 21st July	
Children return to school	Tuesday 5th September	

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne



FS & Key Stage 1 Teaching team for 2017-18

We are now in a position to share our wonderful team of dedicated professionals for 2017-18 academic year:

Reception team



Mrs. Burrows
Reception Teacher



Mrs. Sellars
Teaching Assistant



Mrs. Ward
Teaching Assistant

Year 1 & 2 team



Miss Mitchell
Year 1 Teacher



Miss Belford
Year 1 TA



Mr. Palin
Year 2 Teacher



Mrs. Fitton
Y2 TA



Mrs. Rex
Y2 TA



Miss Khan
1:1 Support Assistant



Key Stage 2 Teaching team for 2017-18

As promised in the last newsletter, we are now in a position to share our wonderful team of dedicated professionals for 2017-18 academic year:

Year 3 & 4 team

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Mrs. Smith
Year 3 TA



Mrs. Elliott
Year 4 Teacher



Mrs. Hart
Year 4 TA

Miss Firth
Year 3 Teacher

Year 5 & 6 team



Miss Harling
Year 5 Teacher



Mrs. Saynor
Year 5 TA



Miss Brook
Year 6 Teacher



Mrs. Wilkinson
Year 6 TA

Inclusion team & PPA Cover Teachers



Mrs. Longley
SEN Coordinator/
PPA cover teacher



Mrs. Smith
PPA cover/
Reading Leader



Mrs. Wood
Learning Mentor



Mr Morris
Trainee Teacher



Leadership team 2017-18



Mrs. Swinburne
Headteacher



Miss Burrows
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Palin
Senior Leader



Mrs. Wells
Business Manager

We say 'good luck' and thank you to Mr Wilcock

Many of you will already know that Mr Wilcock will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. I know you will all agree that Mr Wilcock has been a great asset to the JCA team and has worked incredibly hard with our children. Originally taken on for a 1 year contract, Mr Wilcock has always had the 'travelling bug' instinct in him and plans to travel the world for a year. He will be carrying out an exciting conservation project in the Seychelles—Wow! We wish him good luck in his travels and to remember to send JCA a postcard from wherever he may go. We will track him on our world map in school and certainly never forget him.



Welcome back to Mrs. Longley

We are very excited to be welcoming back Mrs. Longley after her year long maternity leave. Mrs. Longley will be returning as a part-time teacher, working three days a week. She will also take on the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Mrs. Smith has done an amazing job as SENCO for a year and will ensure a smooth handover to Mrs. Longley. Mrs. Smith will remain in school covering classes and continuing to lead reading across the school.

Welcome to a new member of staff—Miss Firth

Miss Firth joins us having completing significant work experiences with us in the past. She is an incredibly lively, skilled and enthusiastic teacher who cannot wait to join the year 3 team. She will be attending our transition day and will join us for two weeks before the end of term. The year 2 children will have plenty of time to get to know her before the summer holidays. We are looking forward to welcoming her into our team.

Learning across the school this week

Year 1

Year 1 have had two fantastic weeks to start the last half term of the year! We have really been striving to be the best that we can be so that we have outstanding behaviour and learning!

In Literacy, we have started learning about 'Katie Morag' who lives on the 'Isle of Struay'. We have been persevering to use adventurous vocabulary, adjectives and time connectives so that we can write exciting sentences. On Wednesday, we received a very worrying letter from Katie Morag's Mum saying that Katie has disappeared! We used our amazing adjectives to create descriptive missing posters to send to the 'Isle of Struay' to help find Katie Morag.

In Maths, we have been applying all our place value and counting skills to add one and two digit numbers. We have been using ten frames and counters so that we could even solve balanced number sentences! Next week we will move on to subtracting one and two digit numbers so that we can solve word problems.

We have also started our new topic 'Where Could We Go For A Great Day Out?'. We have been researching what we know and what to find out for our topic and started to investigate where our trip could be. We are also really excited about our new focus room which has been transformed into a seaside beach shack!

Well done also needs to go to all out Y1 children who completed their Phonics Screening brilliantly. We are very proud of them!



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed their learning over the past 2 weeks. We have started our topic; 'Where Could We Go For A Great Day Out?' and have already started to look at great days out, including London! In Literacy, we have been reading the story of Borka and are planning on re-writing that next week.



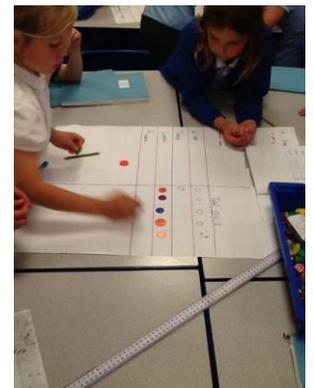
We have continued to learn about multiplication and division in Maths and have done that through bar modelling. In Science, we have been learning about the different body parts.

Year 3

Year 3 have had an unbelievably busy start to this half term! In Maths, we have been looking at interpreting data from bar charts and pictograms and have worked in groups both inside and out to produce charts and tables based on data that we have collected from other classes. In English, we have been reading a retelling of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin,' by Michael Morpurgo and written a letter to the Mayor of Hamelin, encouraging him to clean up the town and make it a better place to live.



To begin our new topic about Germany, we took part in a football tournament with Year 4 on Monday afternoon. Everybody from both classes tried exceptionally hard and the winning team was Werder Bremen, captained by Max from our class, well done to them!



'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 4

What a great start to our final half term in Year 4! In maths we have been exploring the properties of polygons including different regular and irregular shapes, quadrilaterals and triangles. We've enjoyed hands on 'concrete' learning making polygons with art straws and string. At this point in the year we have to remember all the different areas of maths covered and we are having regular morning tasks solving maths problems using a range of skills. In literacy we have been reading a re-telling of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. We have been absolutely gripped by this and are currently writing to the mayor of Hamelin town to persuade him to tidy up the town so that we can get the children back. Some great persuasive writing.

Year 4 enjoyed taking part in a football tournament on Monday afternoon to launch our 'Germany' topic. It was an enjoyable afternoon with some great team play. We represented eight different German teams and also started to find out about the city our team came from on Google Earth.



Year 5

Year 5 have continued to be as hard working as ever in their start to the final half term of this year! We are in the final stages of our mystery story now – which we will be writing next week. The children have been working on techniques to engage the reader – such as show-not-tell and super short dramatic sentences to create suspense. In Maths, we are now geometry experts and have completed our unit on shapes and angles. We are working on our pronunciation of member of the family in Spanish and in Topic this week we investigated lines of longitude and latitude all over the world!!



We have been incredibly lucky and were invited to a special Science day at QEGS on Tuesday, where we all learnt something new and had lots of fun! The following day, we were also visited by Warburton's bakery where we kneaded and shaped our own bread rolls into all sorts including X-box controllers, hedgehogs and even Pac-man! many aspects including fractions, percentages and algebra. We have spent a lot of time outside completing many 'treasure hunt' style tasks and we have enjoyed being out in the sunshine.



Art Gallery & Sculpture Walk



It is with great pleasure that we invite you to our art gallery evening on Wednesday 21st June at **5.30pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

6.00pm for year 3 to year 6

-Refreshments available

-The opportunity to buy some amazing art work produced by our children. Our children are so proud of what they have created and cannot wait to show it off in our gallery.

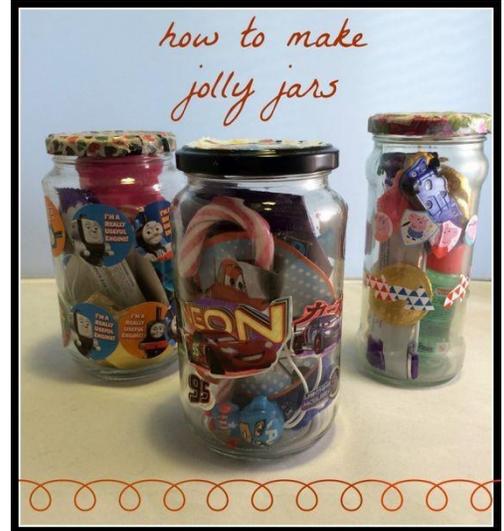


Jar Bar Tombola

We wanted to get all the children involved in the summer fair and contribute in some way, so we have decided to have a Jar Bar Tombola. This is something the children can make at home.

What do you need to do?

You need a clean empty jar with a lid. You can use coffee jars, sauce jars and jam jars. The children then decorate the jars however they like using stickers, glitter, paper, feathers, sequins. Basically anything! They then need to fill them with sweets and/or small toys. Please ensure the lids are put back on and bring them into school by **Friday 23rd June** to allow us time to prepare them for the raffle.



This stall has proved very popular with the children at other fairs and events so please encourage your children to take part, they will love it!

We can't wait for our Summer Fair. Please come along and join in with the fun on Saturday 1st July, 12pm—4pm.

JERRY CLAY Summer Fair
SATURDAY 1ST JULY 12PM - 4PM
EVERYONE WELCOME

Join us for some summer fun...

Pony Rides	Face Painting
Inflatables	Stalls
BBQ	Games
Ice Cream	Dance Groups