



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Issue 3: 29th September 2017

Dear Parents

The weeks really are going so fast, as the children establish themselves into great routines across the whole academy. Everything is really settling into a fantastic routine with high expectations set in every year group. The Junior Leadership Team have now all been appointed and are ready to help improve our school even more. I will be announcing their roles in the next edition of the newsletter.

Reminder about our INSET day on Friday 20th October

Please be reminded that school will finish for the half term on Thursday 19th October. Friday 20th October is an INSET day. This was on the calendar sent out at the end of the last academic year for your fridges. We are also awaiting the handy purse/ wallet calendar cards as a reminder of all of our term dates. I have attached a copy of our term dates again into the email.

Apple Day on Sunday 15th October at Jerry Clay Academy

We are so excited to be hosting our community Apple Day at Jerry Clay Academy this year. The event organised by the Orchard Society and led by our Chair of Governors, Sue Nicols, promises to be even bigger and better than last year. Please see the poster for this within the newsletter.

Phonics Coffee Morning

As you will all know, we will be hosting our first coffee morning of the year on **Wednesday 4th October** at 9.15am. This is an opportunity for parents to learn about our Read Write Inc. Phonics scheme and a chance to talk about our teaching techniques.

Community Awareness Project

On Tuesday, we had a visit from Kevin Dobson who is the Project Manager at the Community Awareness Programme in Wakefield. C.A.P. is a charity that helps and supports vulnerable adults and families in our local area by providing hot meals, food parcels and advice. During the assembly, Kevin told the children all about the number of families and individuals that were helped last year, with over 1000 hampers being given out to Wakefield families over Christmas. One key message Kevin had for the children was 'thank you' as his programme could not survive without the support that Jerry Clay Academy has given previously.

Harvest

This year we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on **Thursday 19th October** and will be continuing to collect food items for the Community Awareness Programme in Wakefield. **Please send donations from Monday 16th October into school. Donations may include; canned food, dried food and toiletries. These items will be collected by C.A.P on the Thursday afternoon and will be used to make hot meals for families and adults in the Wakefield area.** We thank you in advance for your donations in helping to support this very worthy cause.

Mrs Swinburne

Headteacher



Sports & Charity News



Our Year 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country team had a fantastic afternoon at the competition at Rooks Nest on Wednesday 27th September! Our practise each lunchtime with Mr Smith and Mrs Wood paid off as we placed in a number of the races!

Well done to: Oliver M (Y6), Harris, Matthew, Isabel, Daniel, Noah, William, Lleyton, Nicholas, Luka, Teegan, Oliver M (Y4), Isaac and Seb.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

It was great to support 'The Mission' Coffee Morning this morning. We sent some of our student magazine reporters (who came up with the idea), Nicholas & Jacob with Miss Brook to chat with some of the attendees in order to create an article for our new student magazine. An excellent cause to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research.

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MACMILLAN.**
CANCER SUPPORT



Wrenthorpe Apple Day



Apple bobbing!

Games!

Fruit wines!

Children's entertainer -

Mr McWitty,

Raffle

JERRY CLAY ACADEMY OCTOBER 15th 2pm

Learning across the school this week

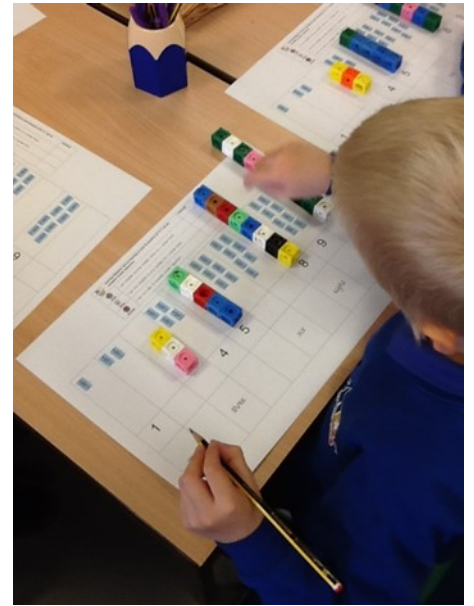
Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy two weeks and are really enjoying our 'Dungeons and Dragons' topic. We have been focussed our learning on the parts of the castle and why each part is important. In Science we have looking at objects from a castle and sorting them on their materials and their properties.

In Literacy, we have continued with our weekly news and we have been striving to use 'and' to join our sentences and time connectives to add more structure into our sentences. We have also been continuing learning about 'Zog' and have been reordering pictures and retelling the story using our time connectives.

During Maths, we have been counting forwards to 10 focusing on our perfect number formation and writing our number words. We have been demonstrating excellent striving skills to count accurately and have been using brilliant thinking skills to solve missing number tracks and check our work.

Finally, in Art we have been using different sketching and shading techniques to begin our Dragon's eye project. We persevered learn the different art vocabulary and apply our and shading skills into our first sketch.



Year 2

Our mining topic has really taken off over the last couple of weeks. We have continued to consider what life was like down a mine and we experienced this during our trip to the National Coal Mining Museum. Whilst we had a workshop to discover some of the tools that were used by miners as well as who did each job, we learnt a lot from actually being down the mine!! We were able to discuss what the conditions were like and also experienced some of the sounds that miners had to work with! On the trip, we were really pleased to hear comments from the staff at the museum to say how good our behaviour was as well as how well we listened to what we were told!



'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 3

Year 3 are continuing to enjoy 'The Lost World' topic, particularly through focusing their learning around the Great Barrier Reef and what sea creatures live there. We have been following the story of Finding



Nemo, where the children have produced some fantastic stories of being a fish that is lost at sea. These are going to be published and illustrated before being displayed on the classroom walls.

During Maths, we have been comparing numbers in different ways, the whole class has persevered and demonstrated some excellent thinking skills to understand their work. They will continue to use these skills when we progress onto addition and subtraction.

Finally, year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their music lessons with the music specialist. Here they have begun to understand pitch through using a variety of different percussion instruments, including chime bars from the xylophone



Year 4

Year 4 have been continuing with our topic 'The Hero's Journey' by looking in more depth at Ancient Greek myths and finding out about Ancient Greece. We completed maps showing significant places in Ancient Greece and took on the role of a family member from Athens. In Literacy, we have taken on the challenge of creating 'The Lost Myth' based on clues left on stone tablets from thousands of years ago. We chose a hero, a beast and quest before using a lot of our imagination to write our own myth. These are coming on really well.

We are continuing on our artistic journey to create Greek theatre masks and, having experimented with tones of black, white and grey using paint and charcoal to create depth, we have now begun using light relief to build 3D masks from card. They are going to look amazing!

In Maths, we have been really challenging ourselves to use concrete and pictorial resources to explain the place value of four digit numbers, comparing, ordering, rounding and adding 10s, 100s and 1000s.

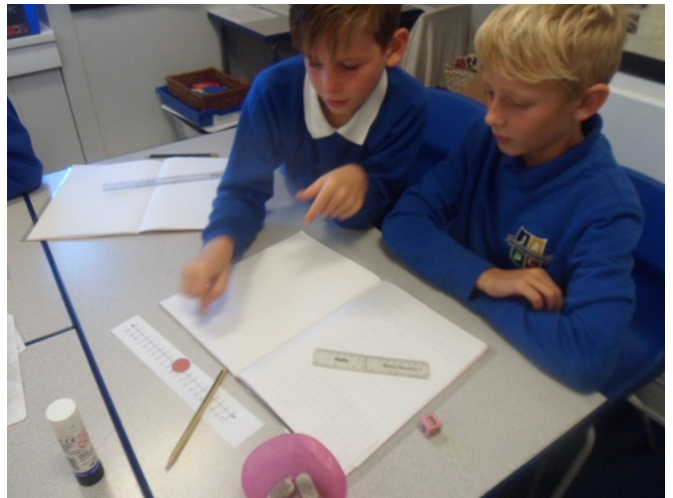


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Year 5

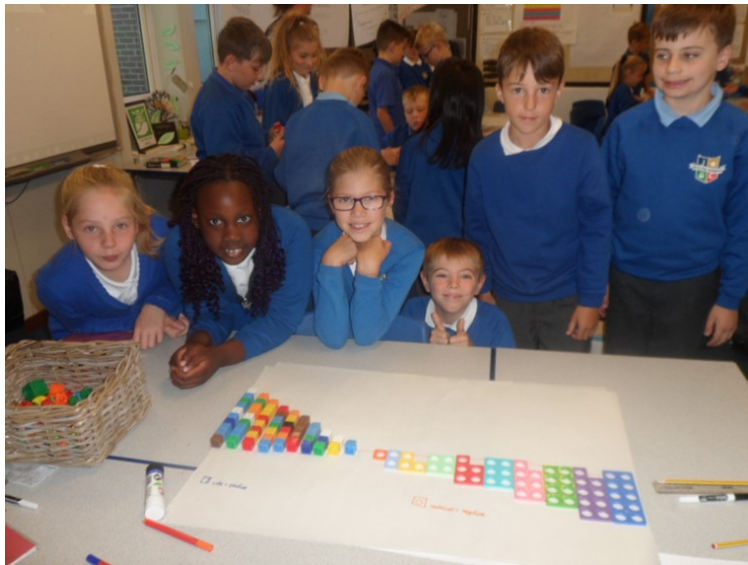
Year 5 are continuing to enjoy our topic 'The Great Divide' where we are focusing on World War II. We have been enjoying our class novel 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and the children have been creating some fantastic writing in Topic that links to this, empathising with the evacuees in the story.

In Literacy, we have published our setting descriptions of



Budmouth Point, including some amazing illustrations and we have now started our next text type, which is Newspaper reports.

During Maths, we have been doing lots of focal work on negative numbers including in sequences. We found this quite tricky but have been persevering. We are now ready to move onto developing our addition and subtraction skills in a variety of contexts.



Year 6

What a busy few weeks Year 6 have had! Not only have we been working extremely hard in class, we have also been thinking (a lot!) about the Junior Leadership Team interviews that took part last week. As Year 6 staff, we could not be more proud of the way the children approached this and also the way that they wished each other 'Good Luck' and 'Congratulations' when the results were announced – really demonstrating the JCA team

spirit! Over the last week, Year

6 have been rapidly increasing their confidence with the calculation methods and have learnt how to divide using the method of long division this week. While this is still in the very early stages, we have been impressed by how quickly the children have grasped this new method. Our RE topic this half term looks at marriage and love and the children this week have produced some fantastic pieces of work based on the title of, "Love is...". They are so good that some members of staff think that they should be sent to the Bishop of Wakefield!





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: 22nd September & 25th September

Reception - Rory Marritt & William Lodge

Year 1– Ryder Bruce & Mia Oxley

Year 2– Lottie Bullers & Emily Price

Year 3– Charlotte Brook & Luca Hancock

Year 4– Isaac Sellars & Jacob Garner

Year 5– Isla Pudsey & Luka Budimir

Year 6– Kyran Jarrett & Abby Ibbetson

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%**.

Please see overall percentages for each class, since September:

Reception—97.71%

Year 1– 99.66%

Year 2– 97.89%

Year 3– 98.07%

Year 4– 99.15%

Year 5– 96.58%

Year 6– 98.81%

WHOLE SCHOOL, SINCE SEPTEMBER– 98.28%



Important dates for your diary

Events soon.....

Dates for your diary



Open morning

Saturday 11th November – Open Morning for new children

Parents Consultations

7th September 2017– Meet the teacher – 3:45-4:00 and 4:05-4:20

21/11/17 and 23/11/17 – Parents Consultations

13/3/18 and 15/3/18 – Parents Consultations

Reports

01/12/17- Progress checks sent home—Y1-6

9/3/18 – Progress checks sent home-Y1 –6

13/7/18– End of year reports sent home

Theme Weeks

16/10/17 – Cultural week

w/c 26/03/18– Whole school Outdoor Learning

Adventure

w/c 21/05/18- Creative Arts week

Performances

13/12/17 and 14/12/17 – Reception nativity

18/12/17 – Christmas carols with KS2

19/12/17 and 21/12/17 – Year 1 and 2 performance

13/06/18 - Art gallery evening for all

4/07/18 & 5th July 2018 – Creative Arts evenings

w/c 16/7/18 – Celebration week for all

Parent Workshops & Assemblies

04/10/17 – Phonics Coffee morning for parents. 9.15

8/12/17 – Reception Activity Morning at 9.15am

29/03/18 - Reception assembly – Under the sea

21/03/18 - Year 1 & 2 assembly- Appreciation

Year 1 - 20/06/18 – Year 1 Creatures workshop

Year 2 – 8th 11/ 18 – Mining workshop

Year 3 & 4 – 06/12/17 – History Assembly

Year 4 -7/03/18 – Environmental issues

Year 5 & Year 6- 30/11/17- Historical workshop

Year 5 & 6 - 01/03/18 - Explorer gallery

Sports Day

15/6/18

29/6/18 (Back-up date in case of poor weather)

School trips

These will be communicated via your Class Teacher

Please see your classes 'Welcome PowerPoint' for all key dates on our website.



Jerry Clay Academy

Halloween Disco

Thursday 2nd November

KS1 and EYFS 6.15pm—7.15pm

KS2 7.25pm—8.30pm

Fancy dress welcome!

Tickets will be available at the door on the night for £2
which includes unlimited drinks.

Sweets and tattoos are available for a small fee.



If you are able to help out on the night please contact
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