



# Owl Observer

*Striving to be the best that we can be!*

*Jerry Clay News*

## Life down a Mine

### Year 2 become mining experts!

On a mild autumn morning, Year 2 went to the National Mining Museum to find out more information about their topic. The children had an amazing time and all returned with a huge smile on their faces. Mr Palin commented, "It was inspiring for the children because they got to see what life was like down a mine. The best bit was the underground tour because real miners showed them around and we got to see all the artefacts down a mine."



Many children reported that the workshop were really good because they got to see each job the family members did down a mine and it helped the children understand how young miners could be.

Did you know the children started mining at the age of 6?

Welcome to our very first issue of Owl Observer! We have been working exceptionally hard over the past 8 weeks to develop, write and research a range of stories and events that have happened in our local area and at Jerry Clay Academy.

We would like to thank the teachers and staff of JCA for helping us complete this and also to our amazing Newspaper Club: Jacob Dexter, Freya Cooke, Abby Ibbetson, Jack Bentley, Liam Hall, Nicholas Polli, Joshua Bennett, Erin Gormanly, Esme Thompson.

### Goodbye Mr Orrell

Jerry Clay Academy wish a fond farewell to Mr Keith Orrell as he steps down from his position as Governor. A position he has held for the last 25years.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Jacob and Nicholas (two of our trusty reporters) went with Miss Brook to the local Macmillan Coffee Morning being held at the Mission Church in Wrenthorpe. Our two reporters spoke with local residents who were supporting the cause and discussed why the issue was so important. Of course, both boys wanted some cake and even had two pieces! Thank you to everybody at Wrenthorpe Mission church for making us feel so welcome!



Macmillan Cancer support make sure that they provide the support and help to people and families that have been affected by cancer. Macmillan coffee morning is the world's largest coffee mornings in the UK.

---

## Year 5's trip to London

On Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 Year 5 will be going on a spectacular trip to London to look at lots amazing features and they are staying overnight! The coach will give them a tour round London so they can see some magnificent sights. They are also attending Cambridge Theatre to watch Matilda and they are going to be sleeping on the HMS Belfast on the River Thames! They will board a River Cruise from Tower Pier down to the London Eye Pier (approximately 10am.) Also they will be treated to a 30 minute rotation on the London Eye. They will visit the Tower of London, where they will eat lunch in the Royal Armouries restaurant. We all hope that they will have an excellent time.



---

## Residential Excitement!

Coming up, Year 6 are having an exiting residential to Edale in June. Kyran Jarrett, a year 6 pupil, stated, "I'm really excited about the trip I'm really looking forward to it!" There are many activities that children are nervous but excited about. Jacob from year 6 commented, "I'm really looking forward to experience lots of things I've never done before." Year 6 are going for five days and four nights. A few children are worried about being away from there parents for so long. Miss Brook, the Year 6 teacher, said that there were lots of homesick people last year. Hopefully there won't be any this year. Can you as parents reassure them. Miss Harling really enjoyed last year's residential and expressed delightfully that the leap of faith was exhilarating. Can this years be any better?



## Cross Country Competition

On a mild Wednesday in October, Y4/5 and 6 went to Rooks Nest School to compete in a competition. 15 people did this from Year 4: Oliver Mcdermott, Tegan Gray, Isaac Sellars and Sebastian Elliot-Cook. From Year 5 was Nicholas Polli, Luka Budimir, Lleyton Vergerson, Noah Trei and William Hurdus.

Runners from Y6 were; Matthew Smailes, Oliver McCraw, Daniel Bjelk, Isabel Bates and Harris Nazir. All of these people contributed to this tournament. If JCA get through we will represent Outwood and we would run at Nostel Priory. The results about who has reached the next stage are yet to be announced. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Wood for their support on the day.



## Remember, Remember these Safety Tips

Always keep a good distance from the fire and stay behind the rope.  
Never throw a firework  
People under the age of 18 cannot light or use a firework.  
Always keep pets indoors and close all doors and windows so that the pets cannot hear the fireworks.  
Make sure you are warm enough because it can get very cold in the dark.  
Use one sparkler at a time.  
If using a sparkler make sure you are supervised and make sure it is at arm length.  
Make sure there is a bucket of water close by in case something catches fire and extinguish your sparklers.  
Most importantly enjoy yourself!!



## Interview with Miss Firth – the new Y3 teacher.

**Q1 Are you enjoying this school year?**

Yes! I am absolutely loving it!

**Q2 Do you think you will carry on teaching in this school after this exceptional year?**

Yes 100% it's a fantastic school to teach!

**Q3 What were your favourite lessons as a kid?**

PE and maths because I enjoyed the practical aspects of learning and the extra curriculum activities you can get involved in.

**Q4 What is your favourite lesson to teach ?**

English because I like the creativity of it .

**Q5 Do you think the secret teacher idea is a good idea ?**

Yes I do because it provides you responsibility .

**Q6 Why did you become a teacher?**

Because I wanted to embrace children in their learning and boost their future.





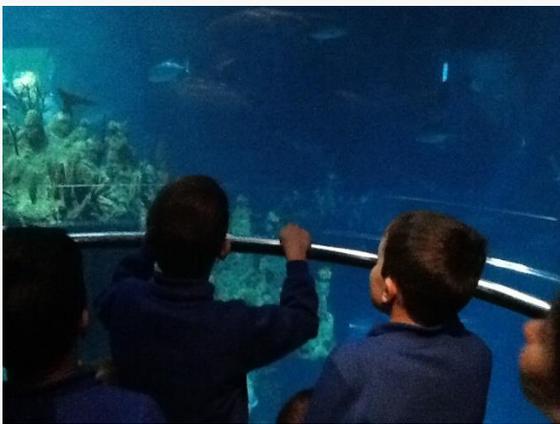
## Apple Picking on Wrenthorpe Lane



On the 11 of October Y6 went on a legendary apple picking adventure! Mr Dixon, a considerate local resident, who is actually a Methodist preacher, kindly let us into his garden to pick his delicious apples. He had a lovely garden and lots of apple trees. Y6 were given the responsibility of picking apples for the whole school to use as the apples that they juiced the very next day. They used apple pickers to get the amazing amount of apples that they collected. Mathew in Y6 got a hat trick of apples (well he got a lot of help with it) Jack commented that the garden was huge and he had never seen so many apples at once in his life!

---

## Under the Sea!



Year 3 went on a fabulous school trip to the Deep on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and set off around 8:30am. Luckily, we were able to talk to Miss Firth a few days before they went on their trip. She said that she was feeling quite excited but nervous at the same time and she also explained that she had been there before. Miss Firth told us that it would take about an hour for them to get there on the coach. The trip supports their topic on The Great Barrier Reef. Thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs Rex, all parents who helped make this trip a success. After the trip Miss Firth mention some superstars that she was impressed by: Molly Routledge and Jamie Ward because they were inquiring and wanting to know more.

The class learnt how coral reefs are formed and they looked at some coral skeletons and also some food chains. She reported that their favourite animal was a swordfish in the main tank. The Y3 class would rate the trip 8/10 and would definitely recommend to other classes who are learning about the sea.

---

## JCA's resident Art Teacher – Miss Bairstow

**Q1 How do you find the schools artistic skills?**

A1 I think your creative skills are really good.

**Q2 What do you think about our creative arts week?**

A2 I think it's fantastic, I thought the children really embraced it.

**Q3 What is your opinion on our sculptures and contributions to art?**

A3 I think you've pushed the boundaries and I'm excited to see next years artwork.

**Q4 Who inspired you the most?**

A4 David Hockney inspired me the most.

**Q5 Where did you go to school? How did you become a teacher?**

A5 I went to school in Saltaire. I followed my parents footsteps to work with children.

**Q6 Why did you choose art for your G,C,S,E's?**

A6 I think it was something I got more than other subjects.

**Q7 How did you become good at art?**

A7 I practised and I'm still practising.

**Q8 When did you decide to do art ?**

A8 I decided to do it when I was 16 so I got a job as a scenery painter in a theatre.



## JCA Fun Time!

E	L	U	S	P	A	C	Z	R	I	L	E	H	Q	D	
W	E	R	W	S	U	R	V	K	L	T	C	P	T	E	
V	R	O	O	U	T	S	T	A	N	D	I	N	G	T	
L	K	E	V	F	Y	W	H	M	S	D	D	M	U	S	
P	I	F	N	R	U	E	O	I	N	Y	H	E	E	F	
N	P	O	R	T	G	R	L	F	G	W	E	T	R	O	
A	Z	E	T	A	H	C	N	F	Z	A	J	O	S	A	
Z	J	U	L	O	O	O	V	J	Z	K	Q	Z	B	Q	
C	S	L	Y	A	P	D	R	J	V	E	R	Q	S	L	
M	I	U	T	E	R	D	A	P	D	F	Z	P	O	U	
V	P	E	P	M	C	L	A	Y	E	I	R	E	I	A	
Z	S	V	X	C	R	G	M	F	Z	E	F	Z	P	H	
H	C	J	Z	U	H	D	V	W	G	L	Z	N	E	K	
L	J	I	D	U	G	D	M	R	C	D	O	X	X	E	
E	R	Q	Y	D	Z	N	F	V	V	L	C	F	Q	I	

CAPSULE  
CLAY  
JERRY  
OFSTED  
OUTSTANDING  
POTOIL  
SILCOATES  
TIME  
VILLAGEHALL  
WAKEFIELD  
WRENTHORPE

## JCA hosts Apple Day!

Apple day is a tradition that started in London. It is always celebrated every year across the country. There was lots of different activities to do there including pressing apples to make apple juice, a children's entertainer Mr McWitty, and even more. This is very important to the whole of the country. In this celebration there is apple bobbing and everyone always enjoys it. There is always work from children at Jerry Clay Academy. Most of the apples used at the event are picked from trees at The Wrenthorpe Community Orchard which is located on The Orchard just off Trough Well Lane. The orchard was founded in 2014. On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October everyone got a chance to use the apple juicer Mrs Nicol uses in the orchard. Most people said *the apple juice was exceptional*. All of the apples used were washed and cut by pupils at this school. Everyone got to wash, cut, scrub, and juice the apple. The orchard grows many different varieties of apples.



All of the classes were making apple day products and were working as teams to do so. On Apple Day lots of people were baking apple pies, apple strudels and lots of other apple-y things together as a team. The majority of the children liked their apple-y bakes although some children hated them. Year 1 baked apple pizzas, Year 2 apple crumble, Year 3 Made oat & milk cookies, Year 4 Apple & Raspberry Muffins Year 5 made toffee apple flapjack, Year 6 made apple strudel Reception Made Apple cake.

# Goodbye Mr Orrell, and thank you!



Mr Keith Orrell has been a committed and loyal Governor of our school for the last 25 years. During this time he has seen many Headteachers, teachers, staff and children come and go but this time it was time for us to say goodbye to him as he retires from the JCA Governing Body.

The whole school joined Mr Orrell for a celebratory assembly to discuss all of the elements he is so passionate about: education, the environment, a breadth of curriculum and of course, Wrenthorpe.

Throughout his life Mr Orrell has been a valuable asset to many different companies and groups. He worked endlessly earlier in his life as part of the Department for Education – writing the Geography GCSE syllabus. After completing this phase of his life he has moved on to being an active and vital member of the Wrenthorpe community working continually to improve our local area for the children and adults that live in it.

One key part of Jerry Clay will always be dedicated to Mr Orrell and the work that he has put into our school to really make it 'the best that it can be'. The newly named 'Keith Orrell Outdoor Classroom' will now be signposted by a beautiful, oak sign that has been bought from the school and the rest of the governing body.

Mr Orrell we will miss you. We do hope that you will come and visit us and you really have been an inspiration. In simple terms, Mr Orrell – we love you!

