



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Issue 14: Friday 16th February 2018

Dear Parents

A really productive half term! Like all terms, this one seems to be going very quickly! The academy has continued to thrive with a buzz of learning. We look forward to welcoming you into the academy next half term for parents evenings and parent workshops.

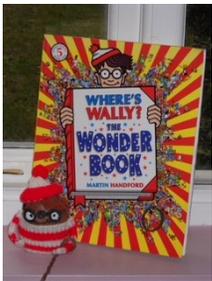
Parent consultations

As you will have seen from our calendar, parent consultations will be taking place on **Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th March. Due to the Year 5 trip to London, Parents' evenings will be on Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th March.** A letter will be going out straight after the holidays for you to arrange an appointment for these. In Year 6, the children will be leading their meeting. As a result of the extended time needed for Year 6, appointments will begin from 1.30pm until 7pm on these days.

World Book Day

As you all know, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 1st March.** Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day. We will be filling the day with inspiring reading activities to help ignite our passion for reading.

World Book Day Challenge- Make a potato book character



We are inviting all of our children to enter our whole school competition of creating a potato book character. See the photos below for examples of these. The more creative the better! We can't wait to see your children's designs. There will be special book prizes given out across the school on World Book Day. Please bring your entries into school on Thursday 1st March.



Read Write Inc., Coffee Morning- Wednesday 28th February at 9.15am

This is an opportunity for parents, predominantly in Reception and Year 1 to watch our Read Write Inc. lessons in action. You will get an opportunity to see how we teach Phonics and reading in our early years and Year 1. We look forward to welcoming lots of you to this.

Kind regards,

Mrs Swinburne

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Safety on JCA Lane

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The safety of our children is absolutely paramount and recently I have been very dismayed to see and hear of dangerous driving on Jerry Clay Lane. As you all know, I regularly send text messages out and letters regarding this; however, some people are not thinking about the safety of all and are persistently breaking road safety rules.

Since arriving at JCA, I have regularly contacted the council to look at ways in which we can remind everyone of adhering to speed limits, to not mount the curb and drive along the pavement and not park in unrestricted zones. I have now heightened my concern and am meeting with the council again to see what can be done. However, the safety of our children starts first and foremost with all of you.

As you will have seen in the past, Police Officers have patrolled the road, ensuring that everyone is adhering to these rules. The community police have now assured me that they are now going to patrol a lot more often, both at the beginning of the day and at the end.

Can we all please work together to ensure that all our children are safe.

Mrs. T Swinburne

Sports news



Our Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team performed brilliantly at the tournament at Stanley Grove on Thursday 15th February. We finished 3rd after winning 5 of our 7 games, losing to the winners and runners up. Our team scored at least 3 tries every game and were amongst the top try scorers!

Well done to: Noah M, Sam, Grace, Noah T, Joe, Nicholas, Evie and Salina.



JCA Sports News

Y5 and 6 Cross Country



Our Year 5 and 6 Cross Country team attended the Wakefield Cross Country Tournament on Tuesday 6th February at Outwood Grange Academy. After qualifying in the last event, the Year 5 boys team ran together and we also had a wildcard entry; Matthew in Year 6. All children braved the snowy conditions and ran superbly. As a team, the Year 5 boys finished in 5th place. Matthew finished in a very impressive 3rd place! Matthew will now go through to the West Yorkshire final.

Well done to: Matthew (Year 6), Noah, Spencer, Luka, Nicholas and William (Year 5)

Y5 and 6 Netball



Year 5 and 6 Netball team came 2nd in the Outwood Together tournament on Monday 12th February. We were very pleased with their performance but also their attitude.

Well done to: Sam, Noah, Hannah, Daniel, Alexia, Grace and Evie.



Special mentions



Special mentions of the term were awarded to pupils whom teachers felt have really stood out during the week, demonstrating excellent perseverance and effort. Well done!

Week beginning : 9th & 16th February 2018

Reception - Sophia Weeks & Harper Benson

Year 1– Lara Kinnear & Samuel Myatt

Year 2– Mollie Spencer & Charlotte Sykes

Year 3– Ruby Bentley & Adam Bentley

Year 4– Maisie Dexter & Max McNally

Year 5– Alfie Lunnon & Benita Agaba

Year 6– Isabel Bates & Alexia Lawrence

Attendance winners for the week

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, this week:

Reception—89%

Year 1– 96.77%

Year 2–97.33%

Year 3–96.67%

Year 4–98%– Year 4 are doing amazingly well with attendance well done!

Year 5–92%

Year 6– 96.77%

WHOLE SCHOOL, SINCE SEPTEMBER– 96.95%

IMPORTANT: This attendance is the lowest we have ever been for over 2 years. We understand that illness cannot be helped, although there are now a number of children who are becoming persistent absentees. If your child's percentage falls below 90%, we will issue a letter to inform you that your child has become a persistent absentee and has fallen below what is expected nationally as a minimum requirement. If this continues we will be inviting individual parents in to plan for next steps to improving your child's attendance.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Another busy 2 weeks have flown by in Year 1! We have really enjoyed exploring our topic 'What does it mean to belong?'. We have been thinking about people who help us and keep us safe every day just by doing their everyday job. We are beginning to think of ways we can show that we appreciate them and how we could give back to our community.

In Literacy, we have begun using 'Cuddly Dudley' to inspire us to write our own stories. We really enjoyed creating our own character and using exciting vocabulary and adjectives to describe them. We had to use our imaginations and think creatively to think of a problem that would happen to our character and how he would end up saving the day. We cannot wait to publish them so you can all see!

In Maths, we have been exploring fact families so that we can find all the possibilities to make a number. We have also been learning our number bonds to 10 and completing ten frames to help us.

In Art, we have created a beautiful community of houses! We finished adding 'Hundertwasser' inspired detailed patterns to our individual houses using oil pastels before attaching them all together to create our Year 1 community.

Miss Mitchell & Miss Belford



Year 2

Year 2 have continued to learn about Africa recently, in particular, South Africa. We have looked at comparing where we live with different towns in South Africa and were very surprised at the differences! We also researched to find out information about South Africa to include in our report. In Art, we have continued to look at African patterns and have created our own prints.



In Maths, we have learnt about statistics and have been able to interpret and represent data in tally charts, pictograms and bar charts.



*Mr Palin &
Mrs Fitton,
Mrs Rex &
Mrs Khan*

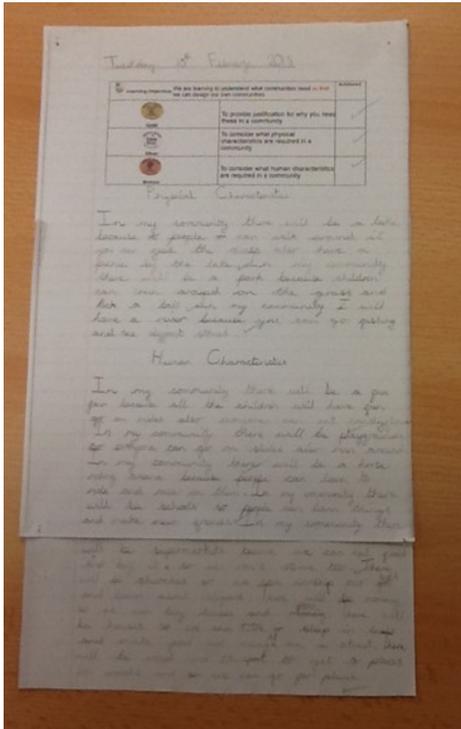


Curriculum over the last 2

Year 3

Over the last few weeks, year 3 have continued to develop their understanding about community, particularly linked to Wakefield. They have also considered what human and physical characteristics they would need in their new community, the importance of these and then designed the layout of their community, which they will build next. The children have been working really hard with getting into the role of an ant, in order to think about the positive and negatives aspects of their colony so that they can write an informal letter to their friend inviting them

to the colony. In maths, we have begun to think about the values of money and how we can add and subtract different amounts. Finally, we have been looking at different colours of butterflies and developing our skills using pastels to complete the backgrounds of our butterflies.



Miss Firth & Mrs Smith

Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy few weeks exploring our topic 'How can small actions eventually change the world?' in more depth. We had a fascinating afternoon finding out about household products that contain Palm oil, a substance that is grown in the same areas as the rainforests. We investigated how the environment changes when rainforest is cleared to grow palm oil and

how this can pose a danger to the living things living there. The children had fascinating insights to share when they fed back to the class.

In Literacy, we have begun writing adventure stories set in the rainforest and the children have really impressed me with how they can use descriptive language features including ambitious adjectives, verbs, adverbs and similes to describe the setting. In maths we have started learning about fractions; asking what a fraction is and showing the equal parts in a range of representations including

shapes, bar models, groups and objects and number lines. A great start!



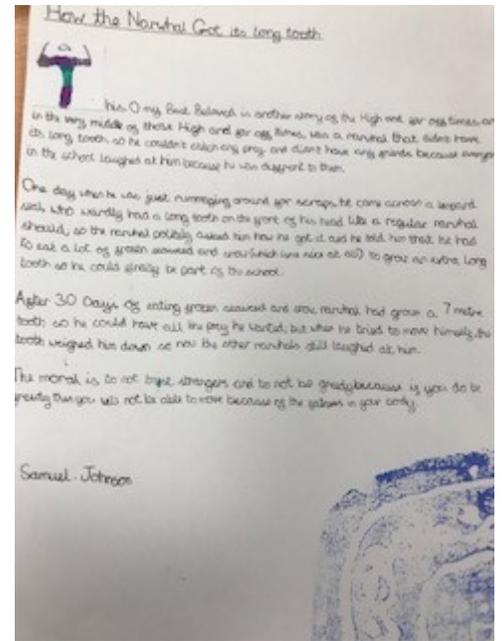
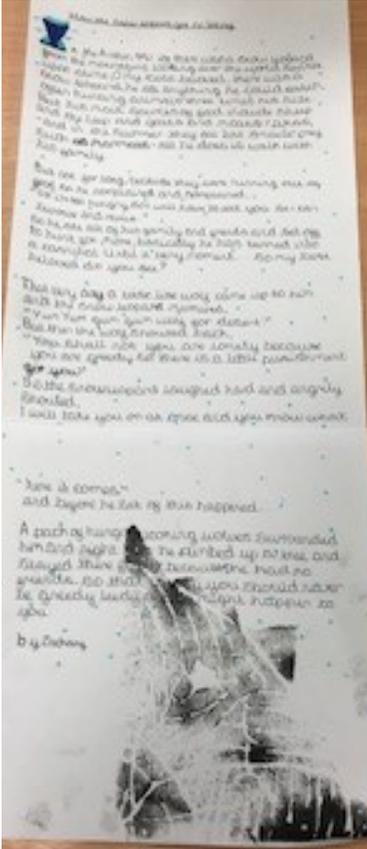
Mrs Elliott & Mrs Hart



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 have finished this half term with some excellent writing in Literacy, in the style of Rudyard Kipling, our author. We thought carefully about how to produce detailed, descriptive sentences and use language using him as inspiration. In Maths, we have made some excellent first steps into fractions and the children have particularly impressed me when utilising visual methods and drawings to help develop their own understanding. In Science, we have investigated different mixtures and how saltwater separates over time to form crystals.



Miss Harling & Mrs Saynor

Year 6



Literacy, Year 6 have been con-

centrating on sentence structure and choosing vocabulary for impact. We have been focussing on drafting and re-drafting our work to improve our writing and the work that the children are now producing is some of the best we have ever read!

In Maths, we have been looking at angles and have been successfully measuring and drawing angles accurately using a protractor.

In Topic, we have continued to look at the question of 'Does adversity make us stronger?' and have looked at many people who face difficulties in their lives including people with disabilities.

Have a fantastic half term Year 6. We look forward to seeing what you can achieve in the next half term!

Miss Brook & Mrs Wilkinson



Diamond Dash at Jerry Clay Academy



We know that children who do their times tables at home are more likely to be more successful in all of their mathematical learning. We have been heightening our Diamond Dash initiative in school and we are pleased to report that the following children have achieved a Diamond Dash Certificate this week:.

Year 2

Emily Price– Topaz
Caleb Peters-Emerald
Kai Saddique– Emerald
Mollie Spencer-Emerald
Allen Chen—Pearl
Henry Stringer-Pearl
Alex Oleksiak-Pearl
Tyler Asquith-Pearl

Year 3

Tilly Clancy-Pearl
Ethan Rollerson-Ruby
Morgan Duro– Ruby
Ruby Bentley-Sapphire
Grace Tibble-Bronze
Florence Olbison– Bronze
Luke Ibbetson-Silver
Oliver Gorbutt-Silver
Adam Bentley-Silver

Year 4

Maisie Dexter– Sapphire
Charlotte Bland– Gold
Oliver McDermott-Gold
Jessica Asquith-Silver

Year 5

Sammy Allen– Sapphire
Esme Thompson– Silver
Alfie Lunnon—Silver
Matthew Lowell-Silver

It takes perseverance, determination & dedication to reach the next levels. Well done to all of these children that have been striving very high this week.





Dates for your diary

2017 –18

Parents Consultations

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

Reports

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

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

Theme Weeks

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

Adventure

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

Performances

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

Wed 28th –February Supporting reading at home coffee morning – Watching RWI in action – CS

Thursday 29th – Outdoor Learning adventure – whole school assembly-2.30pm

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

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

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

Year 4 -7/03/18 – Environmental issues

Year 5 & 6 - 08/03/18 - Explorer gallery

Sports Day

15/6/18

29/6/18 (Reserve 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.



February Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
19	20	21	22	23
HALF TERM				
26	27	28		
12-12.30 Recorder	3.30-4.30 KS2 Tag Rugby	9.15 Supporting Reading at home coffee morning for parents		
3.30-4.30 KS1 Dance	3.30-4.30 Y3/4 Food Tech	12-12.30 Ukulele		
3.30-4.30 Choir		3.30-4.30 KS1 MultiSports		



Twitter is our constant online newsletter. Everyday we update it with pictures, videos and information about what our children have been learning and different things we, as a school, are excited about! It is FREE to join and is available on all phones, tablets and computers. We already have many parents who 'follow us' on Twitter but we really would like you all to see everything that we do. We have created this handy hints guide to help you understand Twitter, and, as you will see, it is very easy navigate!

**Follow us today!
Our username is
@JCAWakefield**

NEW!

Please see our new weekly news round. We will be putting this on our twitter feed every Friday. It is created by our Head of Communications, Orlaith and members of the school community.



March Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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			WORLD BOOK DAY – dress up as your favourite book character	
			Enter our potato book character competition	
			3.30-4.30 KS1 Fitness Club	3.30-4.30 KS2 Dance
5	6	7	8	9
12-12.30 Recorder	3.30-4.30 KS2 Tag Rugby	9.15am-Y4 - Environmental issues workshop for Parents	3.30-4.30 Y5/6 Benchball	3.30-4.30 KS2 Dance
3.30-4.30 KS1 Dance		Y1-Visit to a Mosque	9.15am- Y5/6 Explorer Gallery	3.30-4.30 Y5/6 Football
3.30-4.30 Choir		12-12.30 Ukulele		Progress checks to be sent home
6pm- Year 5 London trip presentation to parents		3.30-4.30 KS1 MultiSports		
12	13	14	15	16
12-12.30 Recorder	3.30-4.30 KS2 Tag Rugby	12-12.30 Ukulele	3.30-4.30 Y5/6 Benchball	3.30-4.30 KS2 Dance
3.30-4.30 KS1 Dance	Y4 visit to Shanks recycling centre	3.30-4.30 KS1 MultiSports	Parent Consultations	3.30-4.30 Y5/6 Football
3.30-4.30 Choir	Parent Consultations	Year 5 trip to London	Year 5 trip to London	
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12-12.30 Recorder	Reception trip-The Deep	9.15am-Y1/2 Assembly - Appreciation	3.30-4.30 Y5/6 Benchball	3.30-4.30 KS2 Dance
3.30-4.30 KS1 Dance	3.30-4.30 KS2 Tag Rugby	12-12.30 Ukulele		3.30-4.30 Y5/6 Football
3.30-4.30 Choir		3.30-4.30 KS1 MultiSports		
26	27	28	29	30
Whole School Outdoor Learning Adventure				
12-12.30 Recorder	3.30-4.30 KS2 Tag Rugby	12-12.30 Ukulele	9.15 Reception Assembly	
3.30-4.30 KS1 Dance		3.30-4.30 KS1 MultiSports	3.30-4.30 Y5/6 Benchball	
3.30-4.30 Choir			SCHOOL CLOSSES FPR EASTER	