



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Term 3 has started brilliantly well. The children really are striving in all areas and we know that term 3 will be the best term yet!

Phonics in action coffee morning for parents

It was wonderful to welcome Reception and Year 1 parents to our 'Phonics in action' coffee morning. Parents had the opportunity to see the teaching of Phonics. We are very proud of the way in which we teach Phonics through Read Write Inc. and how this develops our children's confidence and belief that they can learn how to read in a supportive environment.

Reading

We are passionate at JCA about every child becoming a confident, fluent reader. Please support us by encouraging your child to read every night at home. Please sign your child's reading diary to acknowledge and let us know that your child is reading every night. Those children that read little and often become competent readers and excellent writers. Developing a love of books is the biggest gift we can give to every child.

Pearson Headteacher of the Year- Finalist

I was extremely humbled last week to not only be told that I had been nominated by a pupil, parent and staff for the National Pearson Headteacher of the year award but to receive a phone call to tell us that we have been shortlisted as a finalist. The judges will be visiting Jerry Clay Academy on Thursday 10th May. They are attending for 3 hours and during this time they have asked us to prepare as many experiences that demonstrate the work that we do. Even if this goes no further, I would like to personally thank you all for the amazing support I and the school get from you as a community day in and day out. Jerry Clay is such an amazing place to be because of the team work that exists here. We have asked the judges to go out onto the playground at the end of the school day to chat with you. We are proud of our community and we want the judges to see this too.

PTA Summer Fair

We are all very much looking forward to our annual Summer Fair which is going to be even bigger and better than last year! The PTA met on Tuesday and we will be issuing a newsletter next week of items that we will be collecting in preparation for this exciting event on **Saturday 30th June**.

Raffle prizes needed—If any of you work for businesses that can donate a raffle prize we would be extremely grateful. Please let us know on the gate or contact the office if you can help with this in anyway.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne

Learning across the school this week

Year 1

What a fantastic start to the final term Year 1 have had! We have come back striving high and bursting with enthusiasm and motivation to learn. We have got stuck in to our new top 'Incredible Creatures' and we have become explorers in our own jungle!

In Literacy, our core text is 'The Jungle Book'. We have been using a range of techniques to learn the story and explore the main characters. In our first week, we have been using our critique skills to build on our vocabulary and adjectives to create an amazing description of Mowgli.

In Maths this week, we have been learning about place value to 50 and have been focussing on

tens and ones. So far, we have been using a wide range of resources to consolidate our understanding of tens and ones, such as 100 squares, cubes, ten frames, base ten and part-whole models! We are going to be comparing numbers to 50 and finding 1 more and 1 less.

In P.E, we have become dancers and have worked as a team to create a fantastic dance to 'I wanna be like you!' from 'The Jungle Book'. We have been using our knowledge on the characters to help us think of dance movements and perform with their characteristics. It made us feel fabulous being able to give you a sneak preview at our Library yesterday!

Miss Mitchell & Miss Belford



Year 2

Year 2 have started their new topic 'What's The Weather?' since returning from the Easter holidays. Already, we have discussed what different types of weather we have seen in the UK and have started to consider ideas for our weather art collage. You will have also seen on twitter, and outside the classroom that we have started to restore the Weather Mill. When we have done this, we will use it to collect data about the weather.



In Literacy, we have been learning about the water cycle and have produced an explanation text which really considers the reader and fully explains the process to them.

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions and now fully understand halves and quarters.

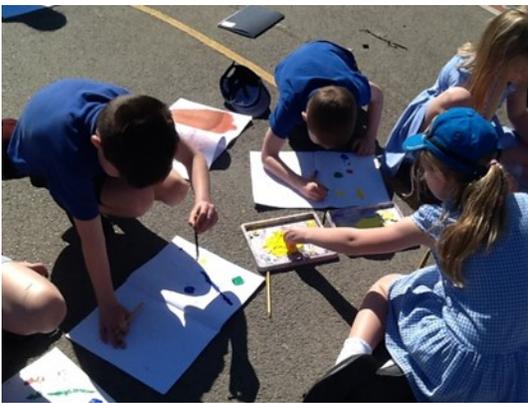


'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 3



Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the Summer term. We have begun thinking about our new topic 'The great outdoors' where all children have demonstrated excitement towards this. As part of Geography and Science, we have taken on gardening and started to prepare the allotment to plant and look after our seeds and plants in the upcoming weeks. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this and are looking forward to planting next week. We have also started to explore where a mysterious key will lead us to in literacy in order to produce an adventure story, this possibly leading to a secret garden. In Maths we have just started looking at measurement, in particular measuring and comparing length. Finally, we have practiced printing with different natural and man-made objects in art to consider how we can produce a secret garden using repeated printing patterns.



Year 4

Year 4 have made a great start to the new term and are enjoying finding out about our new topic Grand Designs in which we are discovering how important the role of the designer is in creating new products and inventions that influence how we live our lives. This week we explored how daily life changed during the twentieth and twenty first centuries due to the rapid progress in technology. We will soon be discovering how designers need to be great thinkers and show perseverance when we begin designing and building our own products. If any parents

do have any experience of any type of design or design process, we would love to hear from you so that we can get an insight into these worlds of engineering, science and art.

In Literacy we have been writing the story Chalk by Bill Thomson. This wordless picture book has allowed us to create our own imaginative interpretation and we have been using high quality vocabulary and sentence openers to entertain our readers. In maths we have been consolidating our learning about decimals, including divid-



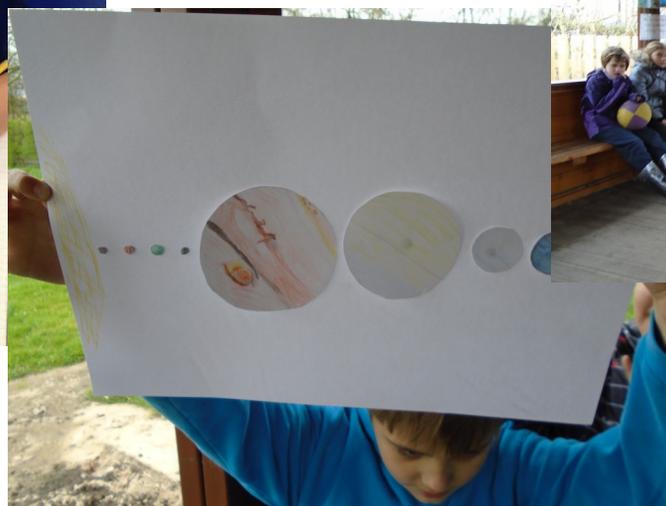
ing by 10 and 100, comparing and ordering decimals and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number.



'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 5

Year 5 have been enthralled by our new topic: Life Through A Lens. We have immersed ourselves in everything to do with Earth and Space. Our first mission was to map out the planets in the solar system to a scale and draw them to a relative size; it was eye-opening to realise how insignificant Earth seems compared to everything else. In Literacy, we have been planning and building up to writing a space adventure story. During Maths, decimals have been our focus and we have used them to look at rotation and revolution times of each planet. A really great start to our final term!



Year 6

Wow! Two weeks has simply flown by in Year 6! We have been gearing up momentum towards the upcoming SAT tests but this has not stopped the fun or the learning. On Tuesday we solved a 'Who did it?' Murder Mystery in the school grounds using all our mathematical skills including BODMAS and algebra. We found out the murderer had used scissors by decoding a message left. In Literacy, we have been having great fun listening to The Greatest Showman soundtrack and have completed some reading tasks based on the famous songs including 'This is Me'. It is really interesting to hear how the children interpret different lyrics and the messages that are portrayed in songs.





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: 20th & 27th April 2018

Reception - Piotr Ziolkowski & Tinus Esterhuizen

Year 1– Joshua Toth & Ethan Royston

Year 2– Isaac Weeks & Harrison Ellis

Year 3– Florence Olbison & Jonah Martin

Year 4– Lucas Dadd & Melissa Denton

Year 5– Oliver Smart & Yumna Ilyas

Year 6– Jay Sarwar & Daniel Bjelk



Molly's Miles

A group from Yorkshire and Humber Police Procurement team, with Molly and her family will be walking 30 miles from their Wakefield office to South Yorkshire HQ to raise money for BTRS– Brain Tumour Research & Support. This is amazing and we fully support Molly, her family and the whole team on this brilliant venture. If you would like to support go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/btrswalk





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.

Well done to Year 6! Super achievement!

Reception - 97%

Year 1– 98.73%

Year 2– 95.33%

Year 3– 94.33%

Year 4– 99.67%

Year 5– 99%

Year 6– 100%

Whole school—96.69% - This is not high enough and we are really heightening attendance to increase this percentage to beyond 97%

May Calendar Dates

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7	8	9	10	11
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY				
14	15	16	17	18
8.30am breakfast starts for Year 6 pupils this week only	SATs WEEK			
		Year 6	6pm - Y6 Parents (current Year 6) Residential meeting	
21	22	23	24	25
			Football Tournament at JCA at 3.30pm	School closes for half term
28	29	30	31	

Jerry Clay Academy Disco!

Thursday 24th May 2018



KS1 and EYFS 6.15pm – 7.15pm

KS2 7.25pm – 8.30pm

VIP area for year 6 leavers!

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

Sweets and tattoos will also be available for a small fee.

If you would like to help out on the night, please contact Kate on 07786 072608 or email jer-