



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

What a quick 4 day week it has been! Year 5 have been on a fabulous trip to the Bradford Science & Media Museum, outdoor learning has been fantastic this week, particularly in light of the excellent weather we have had recently and we had a celebratory visit yesterday from the Pearson Teaching award judges. An exciting week!

Good luck to all of our Year 6 children

Next week our Year 6 children will undertake their SATs assessments. We could not be any more proud of our Year 6 children who lead by example, set themselves very high standards and have an innate drive to succeed.

Parking on Jerry Clay Lane

Please can I remind you all about considerate parking on Jerry Clay Lane. Please do not block our residents' driveways and please responsibly park your vehicle. As you all know we do have the village hall car park at the top of the lane too.

The Royal Wedding

We are getting very excited in school about the forthcoming Royal wedding. In recognition of this national event, we have organised for a special royal lunch on Friday 18th May. There will be no pre selection needed; however, we felt it important to mark this very special occasion.

Green fingers week

ISS- our catering company will be running a special 'Green Fingers' week from Monday to Thursday in the dining hall. Your children will get a chance to have tasters of freshly grown produce, chances to win planting seeds and to vote for their favourite food each day.

Creative Arts week – 21st May

Creative Arts week is coming upon us so quickly! During week beginning 21st May, all our children will be taking part in an immersive arts week. We absolutely love this week in our school. The whole school embrace a theme and work on developing whole school, class and individual art projects. Our theme this year is 'The world'. We will be continuing to add to our outdoor sculpture park and of course will be creating art pieces for our annual art gallery. Watch this space for the excellent work that will be produced during this week.

Residential meeting for y6 parents

Please don't forget that we will be hosting an organisational meeting for current Year 6 parents on Thursday 17th May at 6pm to go through all the logistics of their up and coming residential.

Kind regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne

Learning across the school this week

Year 1

Over the past two weeks, Year 1 have been inspired by our core text 'The Jungle Book' and they have loved using it to explore and investigate our topic, 'Incredible creatures'. In Literacy, we have been exploring the characters in the jungle book and developing our exciting vocabulary to describe them. We have also been creating a storyboard to help us retell the story.

In Maths, we have finished working on our place value skills and counting to 100! We are now exploring counting in 2's and 5's and practising our times tables. Year 1 have been working extremely hard on their Diamond Dash!



In Topic, we have been using maps and atlases to locate rainforests and jungles across the world. In P.E we have created an amazing dance to 'The Jungle Book' and loved sharing it to our grown-ups in our library time! In Art, we have been using our outdoor area and resources to create a jungle canopy by tracing and outlining leaves and creating leaf rubbings to create different layers of the jungle. We have also designed and created our own animal camouflage costumes in our provision

Miss Mitchell & Miss Belford

Year 2

In our topic, Year 2 have been finding out about extreme weather. We discussed different types of extreme weather and talked about the effect it can have on people and their lives. Following on from this, we watched videos based on different types of weather and saw more of the impact before acting them out! Our mission to develop the weather mill has continued – we have continued to sand down the sides and have given it a very good clean. The next step will be to paint it!

In Maths, we have finished learning about fractions and have moved onto learning about different measurements. This will involve time, weight, length and capacity.



'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 3

Year 3 have just finished our topic length and perimeter in Maths. The children have worked both practically and mentally to convert between measurement lengths and find the perimeter of different shapes. We are now moving on to develop our knowledge of fractions through identifying equivalent fractions. In Literacy, we have also just completed our learning journey for writing an adventure story about a



hidden key, the children will be writing these fantastic stories in the upcoming week. In topic and Science, year 3 have

continued to look into how land is used for a variety of reasons, particularly in rural areas, where we have identified what plants need to survive before



planting our vegetables, herbs and flowers in the garden. Finally, in Music, year 3 created their own rhythms and raps about something they loved at school before performing them to the rest of the class.

Year 4

It has been a busy time in Year 4 as we are striving in all our learning. In Literacy, we have written our own magic Chalk stories, creating atmosphere with description and a variety of sentence openers. We have now begun reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and are learning to write descriptive sentences including noun phrases, similes and



subordinate clauses to inform our readers.

In Maths we have been learning about money, converting pence to pounds and using decimal notation. We have learned to estimate prices to the nearest pound when shopping so that we can make an approximate total.

We have enjoyed performing on different instruments as a class orchestra and putting together a 'Circus' performance. We especially liked playing and singing in The Greatest Showman song.



'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 5

Year 5 have continued to thrive during our 'Life through a lens topic'. In Literacy, the children have written some amazing adventure stories!! I was blown away by the quality of language used. During Maths, we have been calculating equivalent

decimals, fractions

and percentages

using our existing

knowledge. During Art, we have been continuing to

develop our final pieces based on the moon art of Max Ernst, using different textures and techniques to make our work come to life. On Wednesday we had an

absolutely

fantastic visit

to the National

Science and

Media Museum

in Bradford,

where we



watched an IMAX 3D film about the International Space Station, explored the galleries and the science experiments in the Wonderlab. It taught us even more about Earth and Space!!_



Year 6

Year 6 have been trying extremely hard in all aspects of learning over the last two weeks and have really been showing their potential as leaders for the future. Over the past two weeks we have been looking at many different concepts including Pie Charts, Algebra and Angles. Some aspects have been especially tricky but we have really demonstrated perseverance with all of the learning that has taken place. In Literacy, we have been continuing to work on our comprehension skills and have been especially looking at inference and questions that involve information that has needed to be directly retrieved from the text.



Over the last two weeks, Year 6 have really showed their maturity towards all of the events happening in school. The teamwork and support every member of the class has shown each other has been outstanding. Well done Year 6 – you continue to make us so very proud of you!

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: 4th & 11th May 2018

Reception – Amelia Bagshaw & Emily Shaw

Year 1– Taylor Anderson & Emily Harris

Year 2– Ethan Snowden & Harry Ramsden

Year 3–Morgan Duro & Dylan Rollerson

Year 4–Henry Hayes & Raine Finan

Year 5– Joshua Bennett & Nicholas Polli

Year 6–Jack Bentley & Billy Ward

DIAMOND DASH AWARD WINNERS



Well done to these children who have been working so hard on their times tables in order to achieve an award.



Topaz

Prja Aree Scarlett Black Alex Boja Ryder Bruce Jack Firth Gabrielle Groves
Cody Harlock Emily Harris Lara Kinnear Florence Lanacaster Samuel Myatt
Mia Oxley Riley Richardson Ethan Royston Rai-L'eyah Saddique Mohammed Shah
Kyle Spence Riley Wright

Emerald

Taylor Anderson Prja Aree Scarlett Black Alex Boja Isabel Bolton Ryder Bruce
George Clark-Taylor Thomas Cooney Theo Elliott-Cook Cody Harlock
Amira Hussain Jana Kamal Lara Kinnear Riley Wright Samuel Myatt
Mia Oxley Ava Perring Nataniel Potasinki Riley Richardson Lucas Stephenson
Claudia Stringer Aadhi Sundaram Joshua Toth

Ruby

Melissa Denton

Bronze

Tegan Gray

Henry Hayes

Sapphire

Oliver Brocklesby

Lucy Rhodes





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 3! Super achievement!

Reception -98.71%

Year 1– 97.27%

Year 2– 91.67%

Year 3– 99.58%

Year 4– 97.50%

Year 5– 92.92%

Year 6– 99.19%

Whole school—96.75% - we are still on the quest to get our attendance beyond 97%. Please help us with this.

May Calendar Dates

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	8	9		11
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY				
	15	16		18
8.30am breakfast starts for Year 6 pupils this week only	SATs WEEK			
		Year 6	6pm - Y6 Parents (current Year 6) Residential meet- ing	
	22	23		25
CREATIVE ARTS WEEK			Football Tournament at JCA at 3.30pm	School closes for half term

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-