

Jerry Clay Academy



CELEBRATING THE YEAR!



Dear Parents and Carers



As we move towards the end of another fantastic year at JCA, we wanted to share some of the many achievements. Just when we thought that it couldn't get any better, we have made some fantastic achievements in 2017/2018.

You will be pleased to know that children across our school achieved excellent results in all phases of the academy and continue to perform above national expectations and as one of the top performing schools in Wakefield. Some headlines for you are:

- 93% of our Foundation Stage children achieved the 'Good Level of Development'. This is another increase from last year and a significant increase from all previous years. This is our highest achievement of Jerry Clay.
- 100% of our Y1 children passed the phonics screen check. Again, this is wonderful and a brilliant accolade to all our staff who work so hard at ensuring our children learn to read as soon as possible
- Y2 children achieved incredibly high with their SATS with 86% achieving the expected in Reading, 86% working at expected in Maths and 83% at expected in Writing. This is another great achievement for KS1.
- Y6 children exceeded national expectations in writing at 90%, reading at 97% and Maths at 97%. We are very proud of our children. We achieved very pleasing percentages for children working at greater depth in all subjects.

In addition to this, learning in books and attitudes to learning displayed by our children continues to improve. Our outstanding learning displays and classroom learning environments are evidence of this.

Reports

Today you will receive your child's end of year report. Please ensure that you return the acknowledgement sheet with any comments that you would like to make.

Top 3 Sports Achievements this Year

1. Achieving Sports Mark gold award for the second year running for all of the successes we have experienced in sport this year. We need to achieve one more year of Gold and we will then be applying for Platinum, as we strengthen our sports with the community
2. 70% of our children have attended extra-curricular sports clubs this year
3. We have offered over 14 different sports as an extra-curricular club this year

Phonics & early reading continue to be a significant area of strength for the academy

Our Read Write Inc. programme has strengthened significantly over 4 years. We are pleased to report that:

- 100% of our children in Year 1 achieved the Phonics Screening test with an average score of 37 out of 40
- 100% in Year 2 achieved their retake of the Phonics Screening (1 child from last year)
- We will be a model school again for Phonics next year.
- Through our work as a National Support School, we have helped many children across Wakefield and beyond to become readers

Maths has strengthened across the whole academy

1 of our main priority points this year has been to develop Maths even more. We have succeeded in this and can report that progress measures and standards are exceptionally high.

- 86% of Year 2 children achieved the expected standard for Maths
- 90% of Year 6 children achieved the expected standard for Math, well above the national average

The Arts continues to be a strength

- We have continued to strengthen the Arts across the school and have submitted our application to the Arts Mark award for evaluation for all of the work our children have achieved over the past couple of years.

Our PTA have worked so hard and provided our children with some brilliant memories



Well, what a wonderful PTA fundraising year our PTA have had! We are so lucky to have such a dedicated group of individuals who have worked relentlessly for the past 3 years raising funds for our school.

The most recent is the Summer Fair, which was just brilliant and raised £5000. It took a lot of planning and commitment but it was worth every second to watch the children and their families have a fun filled day. We have also enjoyed the school discos.

We were so thankful this week to receive a cheque for £4,000 to go towards the new KS1 learning zone. This is an exciting development that the school is investing in to ensure that we provide our children with so many more learning experiences right across the curriculum. On top of this, they will be funding electricity and power sockets to the outdoor magical classroom. Children will benefit from this for many years to come.

We have been so lucky to have a great PTA team. At our next AGM for the PTA we will be looking for new members to be on the committee. This is such a great role for helping the school, getting to know other parents and making a difference. Watch this space for dates in the new year.

Year 1 news:

Year 1 have had some amazing final weeks! We have been finishing our recounts of our brilliant visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park and have been striving high with our presentation and handwriting to try to achieve pen licenses!

In Maths, we have been exploring 2D shapes. We have enjoyed the challenge of learning the shape names and learning about their properties. This week, we have finished our learning about shape by applying our knowledge to create repeated 2d shape patterns. Now, we have started exploring fractions and had to apply our problem solving skills to cut our picnic treats in half to share with our partner. Throughout the week, Year 1 have started to practise for our celebration assembly with Year 2! We loved reflecting on our memories and the amazing learning journey we have been on together, and singing our favourite songs. We hope you enjoy it on Tuesday!



Year 2

It has been another busy two weeks in Year 2! We have been creating our weather collages and have created our own balanced arguments to debate whether ITV should shut down their weather department. These have been published and will be displayed as inspirational writing for the next Year 2 class!

In Maths, we have learnt about capacity and made our own version of George's Marvellous Medicine whilst we have also learnt about different turns and directions.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic few weeks, at the start of the Term, they planted a variety of fruit and vegetables in the school allotment. From this they have carefully looked after these, resulting in the growth of them. From this, the children have picked these, such as courgettes, where they have tried the produce, we are now looking forward to baking rhubarb crumble and courgette muffins next week. In Literacy, the children have been reflecting on their time in Year 3 where they have produced autobiographies showcasing their favourite memories. We have also completed our shape topic in Maths and are now focusing on mass and capacity, this will link nicely into our baking where they will apply the skills learnt to real life situations.



Year 4

Well done to Year 4 who have all been having a final push on learning their times tables before the end of the year. An impressive 12 people have passed their level this week! Also in Maths, we have been learning about the properties of shape including angles, equal sides, parallel lines and lines of symmetry.

In Literacy, we have enjoyed exploring the picture book *Flotsam* by David Weisner which asks the question what photographs might an underwater camera capture and uses stunning art work to develop the story in imaginative and quite surreal ways! We had to think what might really be under the sea and used water colours to create imaginary underwater scenes. We described these scenes with descriptive vocabulary and used the literary device of speaking directly to our audience to convey how unusual they were. In Art, we have also been exploring the work of the artist and architect Gaudi and his mosaic technique.



Year 5

It has been a very busy and exciting few weeks as we approach the end of Year 5! We have all had a fantastic year, learnt lots and are really showing how ready we are for Year 6.



In Literacy, we have been developing our Mystery story writing using Tom Palmer's *World Cup Live* story as inspiration. We have enjoyed reading a chapter of this each day in order to follow the progress of the story – left on many cliff-hangers. This week, we have completed our hot write based on a Russian Faberge Egg. We are excited to publish these next week.



During Maths, we have been focusing on developing our understanding of converting units of measurement. At times this has been tricky but we have been able to apply our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to support this. We are investigating air resistance in Science and have created parachutes which we believe would help someone fall to the ground slowly and comfortably, with maximum air resistance.



Year 6

It does not seem two minutes since the start of September and yet, here we are right at the end of the year. All of Year 6 have now been on their very successful transition days and are all excited by the opportunities on offer during the next stage of their education. We were, this week, thrilled to finally receive our SATs results back and we could not have been more proud of the children, and the children were so proud of each other too. Every single child made us so very proud. Over the past few weeks we have been focusing on reflecting on our time at JCA and sharing the amazing memories we have ready for our Celebration Assembly next week. We have also designed and made fun trails for Year 2 and enjoyed seeing them in action within the school grounds. On Monday, we are very excited to have our Year 6 Leavers Party and the whole of Year 6 would like to thank the PTA for providing this. We won't tell you what we are doing yet – but we are sure the rest of the school will be incredibly jealous! Thank you Year 6 for an amazing year. 😊



Celebration week

We are so excited about our celebration week and sharing our children's special memories.

Please remember the dates below:

- **Reception- Monday 16th July at 9.15am**
- **Year 1 & Year 2- Tuesday 17th July at 9.15am**
- **Year 3 & 4 – Wednesday 18th July at 9.15am**
- **Year 5- Thursday 19th July at 9.15am**
- **Year 6- Friday 20th July at 9.15am**

Children finish for the summer holidays and return on Tuesday 4th Septemb

