



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Continuing to build upon our vibrant curriculum

What a brilliant, action-packed week! This week we have started our trips which really helped to ignite our topics. Year 1 visited Pontefract castle and Year 2 visited the Yorkshire Mining museum. As part of our community afternoons, some of our children picked apples with our Orchard Society in Wrenthorpe & our Year 4s went to Silcoates to meet the famous author Megan Rix. Our sporting teams have also been out with year 3,4, & 5 girls, competing in the girls football league and finally a group of 40 cross country runners competed in the area competition. Real-life experiences are so vital for igniting all of the work that we do in school. Bringing learning to life and instilling a real sense of purpose for all our children's learning is so important to provide the rich, holistic curriculum that we strive for.



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PTA

It was great to meet with our dedicated PTA this week and really wonderful to see so many more new recruits. Attached to this newsletter email is also a newsletter from the PTA. Please do read it to find out about our events coming up. We do have an important AGM for the PTA, whereby the committee is recruited and new members recognised. Please do come along. Jerry Clay would not be as vibrant if it wasn't for this group.

AGM– Tuesday 6th November at 6.30pm at Jerry Clay Academy

Outside areas after school

Please can I remind you all that children are not permitted to play on our equipment after school. Please can I ask for your support with this.

New letter drop outside of the main Reception

In order to alleviate any queues at the Reception desk on a morning, we are introducing a letter drop. If you simply want to hand in a medical form or letter, these can be dropped into our secure letter drop outside of Reception on a morning. These will be emptied every morning by our admin team.

Twitter @JCAWakefield

Please remember that our Twitter feed provides daily news updates. If you are not following us, please do so that you can see what your child has been doing in school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Swinburne

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Meet our new Junior Leaders

The process of selecting our new Junior Leaders was really rigorous and so impressive! The children applied, prepared a presentation and were interviewed by Mrs. Swinburne, Mr Palin and Mrs Nichol. It really was so difficult to choose the roles. However, we feel that our children have been well-matched to their current skill-set. We now look forward to developing them on their leadership journey.

Our new team are as follows:



Head Boy	Luka
Deputy Head Boy	Noah
Head Girl	Erin
Deputy Head Girl	Esme
Head of Reading	Nicolas
Head of Charity Committee	Maisie
Head of ICT	Oliver
Head of Communication	Harriet
Head of Playground & Outside Operations	Benita
Head of Outdoor Learning	Isla
Head of Operational Affairs	Joshua
Head of Creative Arts	Bethany
Chair of the School Council	Devon
Red House Captains	Harry & Selina
Blue House Captains	William & Evie
Yellow House Captains	Cathy & Zachary
Green House Captains	Liam & Yumna



Meet our School Council, Librarians, Tidy School Ambassadors, Corridor Ambassadors & Librarians

Librarians in Year 5



Tidy School Ambassadors in Year 4



Corridor Ambassadors in Year 5



Pet Ambassadors for the 1st half term



School Council



All of these roles will be overseen by the Year 6 Junior Leadership team to ensure that our Academy is constantly striving to be the best it can be. Good luck to all our new members and we hope that they will really enjoy their new roles and responsibilities.



Sports news

Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football League



On Tuesday 25th September, our Year 4, 5 and 6 Girls attended the girls football tournament at St Peters school in Stanley. The girls played fantastic as a team, supporting each other and communicating, which resulted in some great outcomes being produced, such as scoring goals. The team drew three games and lost one, which positioned the team in 4th place. A great afternoon with lots of perseverance and determination present!

Well done to: Florence (Year 4), Teagan, Freya (Year 5), Bonita, Yumna, Evie and Selina (Year 6)

Key Stage 2 Cross Country Competition



Our KS2 Cross Country team had a fantastic afternoon at Stanley St Peter's on Thursday 29th September. We were overall winners and a number of our year group teams won in their categories too! The event was a record as 40 children from across KS2 tended!

A number of our children will now progress to the Wake-

field finals in February.



Well done to:

Year 3: Isaac, Kai, Isaiah, Jack, Benji, Matilda, Erin, Amelia B, Scarlett and Charlotte

Year 4: Oliver, Thomas, Adam B, Dylan, Aidan, Florence, Summer, Ruby B, Tilly and Saffron.

Year 5: Owen, Isaac, Oliver M, Oliver C, Daniel, Tegan, Hibbah, Lucy, Jessica and Freya W.

Year 6: Lleyton, Luka, Noah, William, Nicholas, Evie, Harriet, Salina, Erin and Isla.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Wow! What a fantastic 2 weeks Year 1 have had! We have been extremely busy, particularly with our trip to Pontefract Castle on Tuesday! We loved exploring the ruins of the castle and being inquirers to investigate and discover interesting facts. We have used our memories from the trip and fantastic facts to start composing a recount of our amazing day.

We have also used our adventures of flying around Pontefract



Castle as dragons to inspire our art work. We have been practising our different shading techniques and have used these skills to help us shade the scales around a dragon's eye.

In Literacy, we have continued to develop our recipes for apple strudel. This week, we have been focussing on using imperative verbs and writing easy to follow recipe sentences.

In Maths, we are working on finding 1 more and 1 less.

Our song of the week is 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley

Key Dates

3/10/18 - Outdoor Learning Afternoon

Miss Mitchell & Miss Belford

Year 2

Year 2 have once again had a brilliant two weeks! Our trip to the National Coal Mining Museum was brilliant and



we all had the opportunity to participate in a workshop led by Sally Fletcher, an old miner as well as visiting the mine. All children learnt so much on the day and were impeccably behaved. We are now looking forward to furthering our learning in class and using our new knowledge.

In Literacy, we have continued to learn about adventure stories and have started to re-tell 'Boy of the Deeps'. In Maths, we have moved onto learning about addition and subtraction and have been using our place value skills to do this.

Mr Palin, Mrs Longley, Mrs Rex & Mrs Fitton,



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

Year 3 have worked particularly hard these last few weeks developing their stories about a fish lost at sea. They have worked very well in partners to write conversations and help each other to correctly punctuate their speech. In maths, we have just finished our topic on place value where we have just started looking at adding and subtracting. In Art, we have also been completing observational drawings of fish, before we use a range of techniques in art to add detail. Finally, in topic, we have started to look closer at the Great Barrier Reef, here we have located this on a map and considered what the reef is made up of.



Miss Firth & Mrs Wilkinson

Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks and the myths of Theseus and the Minotaur and Perseus and the Medusa. They have been striving to tell these wonderful stories using exciting descriptive language including powerful verbs such as charged, launched, lunged, stabbed and crept. Their descriptions of brave Theseus exploring the minotaur's labyrinth were incredibly thrilling! In art we have practised shading techniques with charcoal and added these to our drawings of Greek masks.



In Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of 4 digit numbers, partitioning them in different ways, comparing and ordering them and have been using different strategies to solve complex problems.



On Monday, we were delighted to be invited to an audience with the author Megan Rix at Silcoates School. We were captivated by her stories which are set in historical times and feature dogs in important roles such as parachute dogs, search and rescue and assistance dogs. She told us that to be a writer we need to read lots and lots and lots and lots (!!)

and also to practise our writing a lot. We were really inspired by this visit and can't wait to start reading some of her books.



Mrs Elliott & Mrs Hart

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 have been really thinking of themselves as authors, creating some amazing descriptive writing using different sources of inspiration, including our class novel 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. We are really enjoying this story and predicting what might happen next.

In Maths we have completed our unit on Place Value where we have been investigating larger numbers as well as negative numbers. We will now move onto developing our addition and subtraction skills.



During Computing we have been adding data variable to our coding scripts so that we can give someone playing our game points, or take away points. In Topic we've been looking at messages given through Propaganda posters during WWII.

Of course, we are also very excited for our visit to Eden Camp next Tuesday – 2nd October!!

Miss Harling & Mrs Saynor

Year 6

Year 6 have been working very hard applying our knowledge of calculation methods and problem solving using these. We have been working on addition, subtraction and multiplication. We have recapped short division and have begun to learn long division – we are really trying to persevere with this!



During topic work, we have continued to learn about Ancient Egyptians. This week, we have created our own message in hieroglyphics. Can you decipher our messages? This has also helped us in our research for our chronological reports, which we are excited to share with you at our workshop next half term! We have also been gathering ideas for our Egyptian Death Masks.

Miss Karlsson & Mr Morris





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: 24th September 2018

Reception -

Year 1- Oliver Butler

Year 2- Amira Hussain

Year 3- Jack Asquith

Year 4- Molly Routledge

Year 5- Hadley Bruce

Year 6- Devon Wilson

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%**.

Class	Last week	Year to date
Reception	98.33%	98.34%
Year 1	97.6%	98.52%
Year 2	96.73%	96.25%
Year 3	99.33% ★	95.44%
Year 4	98%	98.57% ★
Year 5	99.33% ★	98.06%
Year 6	98%	98.25%

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.4%

ACTUAL – 97.52%

Community news



Wrenthorpe Apple Day

at Jerry Clay Academy

Sunday 14th October, 2pm - 4pm

Fruit wine

Crafts

Fun for children

Tea and cake

Music

Entertainment



£1 entry

Free entry for children

Wrenthorpe Apple Day is such a fantastic family event. Our children prepare writing & art work which will be displayed at the event and our choir sing. It is a great opportunity to bring all generations together

The Apple Day committee are asking for your volunteers to help out on the day.. If you can help out on the day this will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sue Nicol on

There will be a bake sale and we are looking for donations of cakes. We know what a fantastic community of bakers we have at JCA, so support with this again will be hugely appreciated.