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Jerounds Journal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the festive season, our teachers and Lead practitioners are preparing numerous activities that will engage both the children in more academic and ARTs matters, some of which I would very much like to share with you here today:

On Tuesday next week (27th November) - we are running a series of SPELLING workshops for both our children and parents - orchestrated by the prestigious Sir Linkalot! This is a daily workshop for Reception through to Year 6 . Sir Linkalot, combines innovation, spelling patterns and drama to help parents support the spelling expectations of the primary years. You should by now already have received a parentmail, detailing the timings for your child's year group. For those parents that are unable to attend during the school day and with their child, Sir Linkalot has also offered a parents' workshop for thirty minutes prior to the end of the school day. Please see the attached dates for confirmed timings, received from Sir Linkalot yesterday.

Likewise, we are offering Maths workshops for parents - illustrating ways in which to support your children with calculations and reasoning. These workshops are to be lead by NET's Lead Practitioner in Maths, Mr Gareth Wynne-Jones and will be divided into Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. Both sessions will offer explicit practical advice in how parents can support their children with methodology and tangible resources for each key stage. This will be a fully interactive workshop and will also provide a Q and A session for parents. Once again, please refer to the key dates attached for clarification of timings.

On the ARTs front, NET's Artist in Residence, the wonderfully creative, Mrs Mary Wagstaff, will be hosting a Winter Workshop for parents and children during the second week of December. Alongside, the equally creative, Mr Smith, we are ever-hopeful to add some extra pieces of creative arts to the corridors and classrooms within Jerounds. Please do try to attend, as this promises to be a real masterclass of visual arts. Once again, classes will be timetabled so that all parents have an opportunity to work closely with their own child's class.

Music news. As many of you are aware, Jerounds selected all Years 4 and 5 to attend the Young Voices concert at the O2 in January. Ordinarily, only members of the choir have been invited and we were keen as a staff to ensure that all parents had the opportunity to attend. After all, it is not every day that one has the opportunity to stand on the same stage as Justin Bieber and Ariana Grande! Such a wonderful memory for our children. Whilst some parents have declined to take

up this opportunity, we are happy that more than eighty percent of our children will be attending - a major achievement!

Finally, as many of you are already aware, Jerounds does now have a Twitter page and following on from a visit last week from England Netball's Commonwealth gold medalist, Jo Harten, Jerounds Primary Academy is now officially global! The children and staff are all so excited by this opportunity and intend to develop this means of communicating with our global community further. Whilst we do still have one final 'technical' obstacle to overcome, the future of communicating the school days for all of your children looks extremely exciting. Please do try view our twitter page over the weekend.

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Dates for your Diary

27th November—Flu Immunisations

27th November—Sir Linkalot visit—please see timings below:

Timings: 9.00 Assembly 9.20 Reception 9.45 Years 1 & 2 10.45 Years 5 & 6 2.00 Years 3 & 4

N.B There will also be a 30 minute parent presentation at 3.15 for those that can't make their child's workshop earlier in the day (all children welcome).

30th November—Helping your child with calculations—timings to follow

4th December—KS2 Rapunzel trip

5th December—KS1 A Christmas Carol (in school)

7th December—Non-uniform day—donations for Christmas Fayre

7th December—Christmas Fayre—5pm to 7pm

11th December—KS1 Christmas concert—Wagtails, Kingfishers and Wrens—2.30pm—3.30pm

12th December—KS1 Christmas concert—Starlings, Sparrows, Robins—2.30pm—3.30pm

12th December—EYFS and KS1 disco—4.30pm—6pm

12th December—Years 3 and 4 disco—4.30pm—6pm

12 December—Years 5 and 6 disco—6.15pm—7.45pm

14th December—Christmas jumper day

14th December—Christmas dinner day

14th December— Interim Reports out

17th December—KS2 Christmas concert—Eagles, Falcons, Owls and Puffins 9.15am—10.30am

17th December KS2 Christmas concert—Swans, Ravens, Nightingales and Merlins—2.30pm—3.30pm

18th December—Children finish school for Christmas

Scarecrow Competition - Results



We won!

After receiving the most votes by the visitors to Pets Corner in Harlow, our Scarecrow was crowned the winner. We are now in the process of choosing our favourite animal to sponsor for a year.



Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter...

[@NET_Jerounds](https://twitter.com/NET_Jerounds)

for latest news and information

Children in Need



Thank you for joining in our PJ Children in Need day on Friday. We raised a fantastic £307.55! An absolutely amazing amount for a brilliant charity.

Well done!

Have you moved recently?
Have you changed your telephone number?

Please ensure you advise the school office if you have moved or changed your telephone number. This also applies to any emergency contacts you have for your child/children.

Admin email: office@jerounds.netacademies.net

Telephone: 01279 423485

Our Gold Commonwealth Medal Visitor

The excitement on the children's faces was palpable as Commonwealth Gold Medalist, Jo Harten, strode triumphantly into the Assembly Hall at Jerounds Primary Academy on Friday 16th November, wearing her historical gold medal.

Netball was one of the ten core sports at the Commonwealth Games in 2018, hosted on the Gold Coast in Australia. The competition itself took place between 5 and 15 April and England's historical gold medal winning performance, totally gripped the entire nation.

Jo now plays professionally for the Giants in Sydney, Australia and has secured almost 100 caps for England since her debut as a gifted eighteen year old.

Jo humbly shared her sporting journey with the children of Jerounds, emphasising the importance of commitment, self-belief, hard work, discipline, and emotional resilience - all the qualities necessary for life today - necessary to achieve success and self-fulfilment. Jo's first netball coach from Tegate Netball Club, Mrs Carol Bull, who now coaches at Jerounds Primary Academy, was on hand to remind Jo and Mrs Bull's new generation of netballers of the many benefits that come with being part of a team - at any level.

Likewise, following a questions and answers session with the whole school, she highlighted the importance of healthy eating, exercise and having the courage to try new disciplines and follow one's passions.

Jerounds netball team, were then given the opportunity to wear Jo's Commonwealth gold medal and have a photograph with her.

Jo also donated a signed netball from her new exciting range of netballs - entitled '*Netball is my World*' - which the school are hoping to auction off to raise money for extra sports equipment - during their Christmas Fayre on Friday 7th December 5-7pm.



Friends of Jerounds News

What have Friends of Jerounds been up to this past few weeks?

Our AGM took place last week, thank you to all of those that came along to support. Following this meeting we can confirm that the committee has stayed as last year, with the addition of a newly appointed

Vice Treasurer....

Chair - Sarah McDonald

Vice Chair - Lynsey Lowers

Treasurer - Claire Ford

Secretary - Michelle Gregory

Vice Treasurer - Caroline Powell

We are in the process of appointing Class Committee Members (at least one per) to help share information and support this small PTA where possible. If you would like to be a Class Committee Member and haven't already let us know, please drop us a line via the Facebook page 'Friends of Jerounds', or email friends.jerounds@hotmail.com, grab one of us in the playground, or leave your details with the office.

We are in full swing of organising the upcoming Christmas Fayre (FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER), and you will start to see information coming out regularly over the next week or so.

Dates to remember:

Friday 7th December - Non-uniform day! Please support our tombola by bringing in an item (grocery type sweets, tinned foods, biscuits, toiletries, boxed chocolates etc)

Wednesday 5th December - Last day to bring in your decorated sweet jars for the Sweet Jar Tombola

Thank you to all the children that helped raise £355.49 from their amazing Christmas card designs. We really enjoyed sorting these out and seeing what lovely creative designs you all produced.



EYFS News



We want to let you know what fun weeks we have had in EYFS! As our theme is "Festivals and celebrations". Children have enjoyed learning and doing different activities. They made Diwali cards and had the opportunity to cook for Rama and Sita's wedding at the mud kitchen.

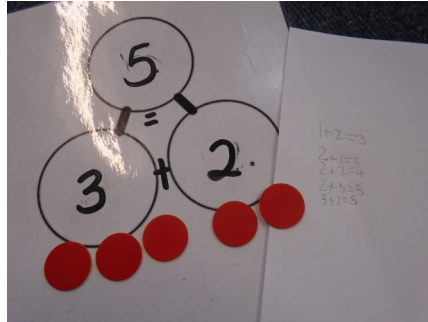
Children enjoyed reading and sharing the story of Jodie's Hanukkah's Dig. They used different resources to make caves where they could look for treasures from the story.

Our Children are making good progress with the Read Write Inc Phonics sessions. They are sounding out letters and saying the words confidently. Some are now beginning to use their sounds to write sentences.

Please continue to practise the sounds with your child and read with them at home.



Year One News



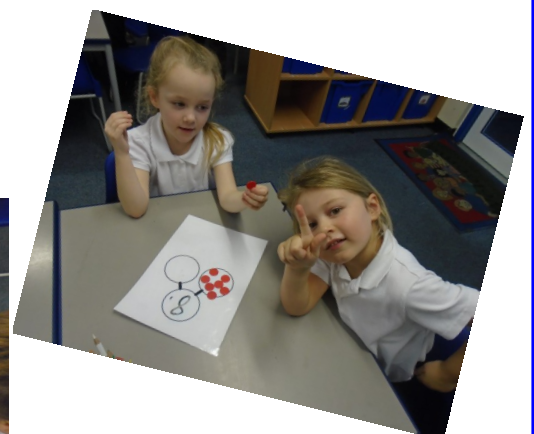
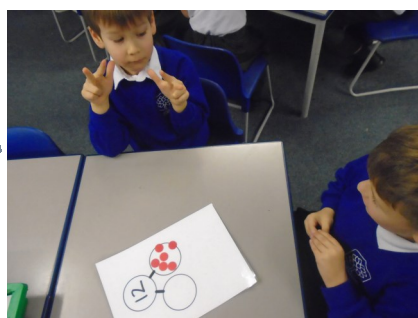
In RE, we have been discussing the parable of the Good Samaritan and acting out the story using masks to help get into role and focus on the characters' thoughts and feelings. This week we also learnt about the life of Guru Nanak and played out different scenes of the Guru's life.

In art, our specialist art teacher taught us how to mix one other colour to white to create a tint. This technique not only introduced the children to ratios but also generated some stunning paintings of planets.

In maths we have been exploring addition number fact families using a variety of maths resources including number grids, number lines, fingers and our fantastic brains!

In geography we have been learning the names of the seven continents and through a song which inspired us to go exploring the different continents!

In history we are beginning to explore Neil Armstrong and learning about his earlier career and missions before he went to the moon.



Year Two News



Year 2 have had a fabulous week enjoying enrichment activities to extend and deepen their knowledge. Our trip to Weald Park was a huge success with many children saying they would love to go back with their adults one week-end. During the slightly damp day both classes gained a wealth of knowledge in the context of the beautiful surroundings of the country park. Whilst at the park they were able to use natural materials to create their own artwork, hunted for bugs, observed a variety of leaves and created tree rubbings using crayons and fabric. Most importantly the children were active all day long, reinforcing our ongoing message to stay fit and healthy.

Sticking with the natural theme we have been working with NET academies resident art specialist Miss Wagstaff to create camouflage style paintings and prints whilst mixing paints to create tints and shades.



Year Three News



On Friday 16th November, the Year 3 classes from Jerounds and Abbotsweld travelled together to Colchester Zoo. This was our first outing together. During the day we had opportunity to see a variety of animals, such as penguins, sea lions, elephants, zebras, bears and beautiful butterflies some of which were as big as our hands!

We also spent time working with Brit who taught us about adaptation. This means the special skills and features that an animal has which helps it to survive and do all that it needs to do in the habitat in which it lives. We created our own creature by trying on the different features of various animals such as sharp claws, large ears and different types of feet. The final animal created was very strange indeed!

On our way home, we discussed our favourite animal seen but we all agreed that we had enjoyed seeing ALL of the animals. We had a fantastic day with our new friend at Abbotsweld.



Year Four News



This week in Year 4, we have had another very busy week. In maths we have been learning about product and factors of numbers and played an exciting dice game.

In English we are continuing our Summary stories about Olaf's Saga. The children have loved hearing about the adventures of this young Viking boy!

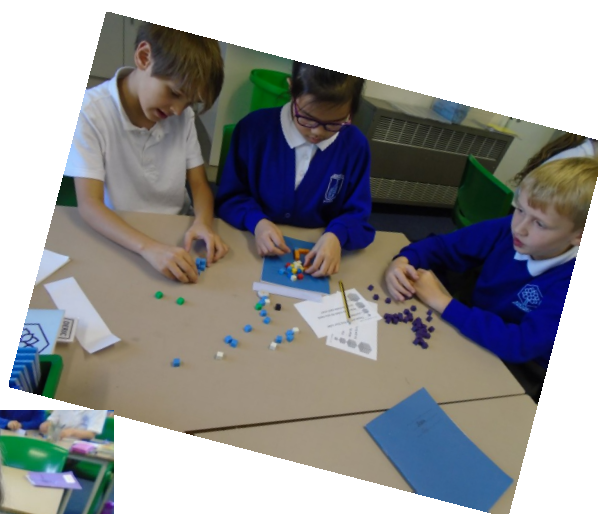
We have been learning about the key players in the Battle of Hastings and in Science conducted an experiment with alarms. This was in order to discover how sound travels in the classroom.

PE lessons inside are proving very popular with lots of fitness games and challenging activities to improve the children's techniques.

May I just remind you all that in this cold weather, it is very important that children bring a coat to school.



Year Five News



Ravens in Year 5, have had a typically eventful week. The students have been experimenting with Dienes Blocks to investigate cubed numbers in maths. During PE, the sounds of mighty war cry's have been ringing out as students practice their Hakka dances. Having also made the papers this week, students have been using the Essex Live piece as part of their reading comprehension practice.



Year Six News



As part of their PE lessons on 'Sporting Dance' this half term, Year 6 have been studying the Haka. We have explored the history and background of how the Haka came about from the Maori tribes and how it has evolved to-day. The Haka is used famously by the All Blacks rugby team to intimidate their opponents. Using their knowledge, the pupils have split into smaller groups to come up with their own Haka routines.

Our wonderful Year 6 Pupil Advocates have now taken the responsibility of leading KS1 assemblies. Ava-May and Tamia led last week's assembly on Remembrance Day and this week, Sophie and Ruby took the lead, exploring E-Safety. We are so proud of how confident they were and the KS1 pupils really enjoyed their assemblies.

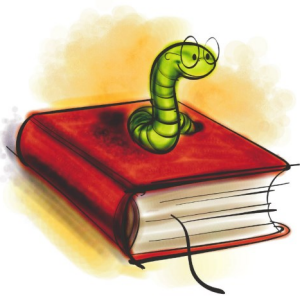
As the collection of dojos have been gathering pace across Jerounds Academy our wonderful House Captains have been handing out certificates for 25 house points in our celebration assemblies.



Birthday Book Donations



Wow! Look at these amazing birthday book donations. Our children are very lucky and will enjoy reading these.

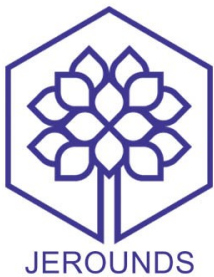


Thank you very much!





Our Stars of the Week



Jerounds Primary Academy

Brunel—400 points (3rd)

Nightingale—344 points (5th)

Pankhurst—417 points (2nd)

Shakespeare—350 points (4th)

Darwin—521 points (1st)



POLITE REMINDERS

- Please could you make sure that your child/children does not wear jewellery to school as we have a 'No Jewellery Policy'.
- Please could all children come to school in the correct uniform.
- Could children please have a PE kit, sun cream and sun hat in the warmer weather. Please refer to the website for further details.
- Please can you not park in the school car park when dropping your child off to breakfast club.
- Please can you ensure that if your child has long hair, that it is tied back before the start of the day.

Parking: Polite reminder—Please consider road safety requirements and our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children;

Attendance Matters

ABSENCE: To report your child's absence, please call the school office on: **01279 423485**

Please leave your child's name, class and reason for absence. Failure to report your child's absence will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded and further action may be taken.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL: Please note that when taking your child/children out of school, this may result in a penalty notice being issued. This will be £120 (or £60 if paid within 21 days) to **EACH** parent for **EACH** child taken out of school.

POLITE REMINDER: Our school hours are:

KS1—8.45am—3.45pm (3.30pm for EYFS)

KS2—8.45am—3.45pm

School Matters!



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