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Jerounds Journal

Meaning of Christmas

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term is always so frantic, yet completely brilliant and rewarding at this time of year. With this in mind, please do ensure that each and every one of you takes time 'out', to reflect upon all that your children have achieved this term and the enormous difference that we (home and school collectively), as a community, have made to their futures.

Whether it has been on the sports field - through specialist sports (Winter Olympics), through dazzling musical performances full of dance, singing and instrumental accompaniment (Carol concert/service), through Community Art Projects (Winter Wonderland), or through 'helping your child to learn...' workshops, our fabulous children have simply seized every opportunity! As one distinguished guest remarked to me just last week: "There is a palpable sense of learning '**all things**' here at Jerounds. Learning here is '**cool**' and something to celebrate quite explicitly, at every opportunity." This made me feel so immensely proud of EVERYONE that works tirelessly and yet so enthusiastically to ensure that our children have so many wonderful experiences at school. Thank you... THANK YOU.

Interestingly, a desire to learn is reflected further in our attendance figures this year which are above national average and as a result, we wanted to celebrate this with the children themselves. In our celebration assembly this morning, all children who secured 100% attendance this term, as well as receiving a certificate, had their name placed into a hat, for the chance to win a voucher. Ruby, Jerounds' outstanding Head Girl, pulled out three names from the hat – with each child receiving a reward. Twelve children received awards for excellent attendance (99%) and a further 72 children received certificates for good attendance (98%). Many congratulations to you all.

Attendance Winners:

1st place (£15.00 voucher) - out of an astonishing 128 children scoring 100% attendance this term - Aleena in Year 6.

2nd place (£10.00 voucher) Oliver in Year 5.

3rd place (box of chocolates) Zack in Year 1

Our young leaders have also been inspiring this term, conducting themselves in an exemplary manner – leading assemblies for KS1, supporting the Senior Leadership Team at every opportunity and portraying themselves as worthy winners of their new titles: Head Girl, Head Boy and Pupil Advocates. Subsequently, it was joyous to be able to reward our young leaders in assembly, with a £15 voucher each, as a token of our sincerest gratitude for all the duties they perform daily.

Next term, our focus will be upon the Sports Captains, House Captains and Digital Leaders, in an effort to promote their role and further exemplify the importance of developing young leaders, equipped with the necessary skills to champion change and challenge the status quo, into the twenty-first century.

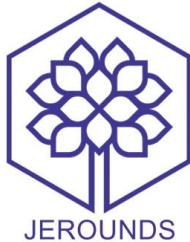
All that remains for me to do now, on behalf of all the staff here at Jerounds, is to offer our sincerest gratitude for the numerous array of splendid and thoughtful gifts that you have all bestowed upon our staff this Christmas. We wish you all a very merry Christmas, full of quality family time with loved ones and friends. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school in 2019.

With best wishes,
Mrs Laura Çiftçi BA (Hons) MEd
Head of School



Dates for your Diary

18th December—Children finish school for Christmas
8th January 2019—Children return to school
16th January —Safety Seymour to see Year two
29th January —Young Voices, Years four and five
31st January—Smoothie Bike hire—Years two to five
15th February—Children break up for half term
18th February to 22nd February—half term



Jerounds Primary Academy

Nightingale—335 points (3rd)

Shakespeare—280 points (4th)

Darwin—245 points (5th)

Brunel—345 points (2nd)

Pankhurst—537 points (1st)



Our Stars of the Week



Playleader of the Week



House Certificate Winners

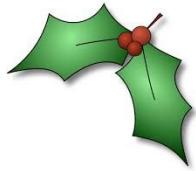


Christmas at Jerounds









A Christmas Prayer

May you have joy in the mad rush of preparation;
May you know peace in the tiny margins of time around the busy
days;

May you have star-shine in clear night skies for looking at;
May you have silence now and then; and above all - beyond all
else -

May you have LOVE to give and to receive.
May you most of all have this message in your heart and life!

When you are lonely I wish you love.

When you are down I wish you joy.

When you are troubled I wish you peace.

When things are complicated I wish you simple beauty.

When things are chaotic I wish you inner silence.

When things look empty I wish you hope.

And in everything give thanks,

For this is the spirit of Christmas.

And we wish for all of you: A very happy, joyous and love filled
Christmas.

