



Jerounds Journal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's newsletter showcases the many exciting opportunities that Jerounds' children have experienced in their classes since returning from the Christmas break.

Our focus this term is upon 'healthy eating', regular exercise and how to show resilience and courage in all that we attempt, both inside and outside of school. With this in mind, our children have been focusing really hard upon improving their stamina - both academic and physical! Enjoy reviewing the teacher reports and viewing the photographs. Can you find any examples of our children's courage and resilience?

Other News:

Our Sports Captains, Evie and Ollie, proudly showcased our new addition to the Sports Trophy Cabinet this week - a trophy celebrating our Gold Sports Award! This arrived just as our budding Archers were on their way to their first ever Archery competition! Sport is so alive here at Jerounds and it is wonderful to see so many children trying new disciplines and acquiring new skills.

The excitement of this award has spurred our community even further with an application for an Arts Mark steered by Mr Smith and Mr Thompson-Clarke. We will keep you updated with our progress and journey in achieving this fabulous award too.

Notably, our extra-curricular clubs commence next week, along with the arrival of some bitterly cold weather. Subsequently, please ensure that children participating in any outdoor extra-curricular events have warm clothing to wear. We suggest fitted long sleeve 'skins' and tracksuits to accompany their PE kits. Similarly, curriculum PE lessons for our Key Stage 2 children often take place outdoors and thus require a warm, plain, black tracksuit to keep the children warm enough to focus and learn key physical skills.

Finally, I would like to address the topic of homework and explain further the rationale behind why we issue homework out regularly to our children.

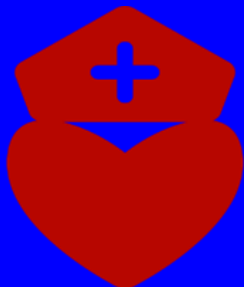
Reading aside, which should be considered a daily activity full of quality family-time, homework is championed for the following key reasons:

Homework teaches students to work independently:

Homework teaches children to develop self-discipline;

Homework encourages students to take initiative and responsibility for completing a task;

Homework tasks relate to what is being learned in school with our children's lives outside of school. Contextualising learning helps children to connect school learning to the



real world;

Homework is still an expectation of many secondary schools;

Whilst there will be occasions when it will be unrealistic for a child to complete homework tasks, due to Scout/Cub camps, birthday parties etc. There is still an expectation that parents and Carers will encourage their children to complete all tasks to a high-quality standard in a quiet environment.

Homework is marked in accordance with the school's homework policy with the majority of feedback given to pupils being verbal; especially since the activity itself really ought to be about the process of self-managed learning rather than the outcome. However, homework tasks do help to reinforce presentation, quality of handwriting and standard English.

Significantly, timetables were presented to parents during each year group 'Welcome Meeting' back in September.

I hope that this goes some way to explaining the theory behind our 'homework' decision.

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Head of School
Jerounds Primary Academy



Dates for your Diary

29th January —Young Voices, Years four and five

31st January—Smoothie Bike Workshop—Years two to five

15th February—Children break up for half term

18th February to 22nd February—half term

25th February—Children return to school

28th February—Parent Consultation 1pm—7.30pm—**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1pm**

13th March—Animation Workshop at Jerounds for Year three

26th February—Parent forum KS2 hall,

All parents welcome—9am

8th March—World Book Day

15th March—Class photos

25th March—Year six to Crucial Crew

5th April—Children break up for Easter

Birthday Book Donations



Thank you for this lovely birthday book donation, The Pirates Next Door. We are very lucky and will enjoy reading this.



The Great Jerounds Bake Off



The first Great Jerounds Bake Off was a roaring success. Our worthy winners each received a prize for their brilliant cake making and decorating skills.

Well done! They looked and tasted delicious.

Schools Sports Partnership



Our two PE Captains proudly took receipt of our School Sports Partnership Gold Award.

This was gained through hard word and determination from our fabulous children that took part in numerous PE activities in the last academic year, 2018/2019.

We are very proud and this award takes pride of place in our trophy cabinet in reception.

EYFS News



We hope you had a restful Christmas holiday! Children have settled well into the routines and expectations.

Our Topic for this half-term is "All Creatures great and small". We have started by reading "The Bog Baby" book and our learning has been linked to this theme.

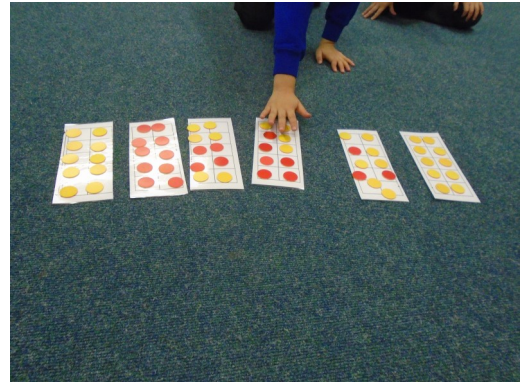
The children have had opportunities to paint and collage their own Bog Baby. They have also created their own Bog Baby habitat by exploring and using natural materials. Children have learnt the word habitat and they have labelled Bog baby's pond.

We want to thank parents who have returned their children's Proud Cloud, these will be displayed in the classroom. We would like to remind parents that we are still collecting these for the display.

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



Year One News

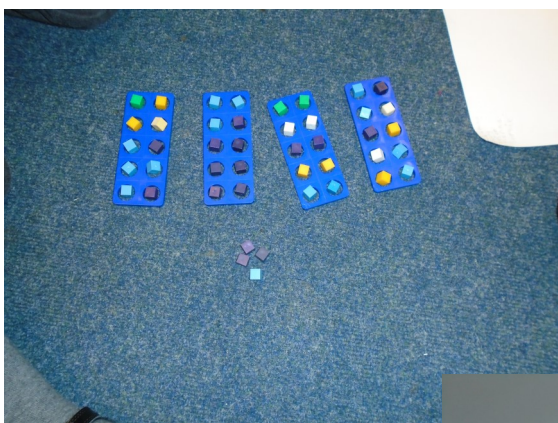


In drama this week, Kingfishers class had great fun working with a partner. They had to count up to three, but the tricky thing to remember was that they couldn't say the number one, this was replaced with them having to clap. Then David said they couldn't say two, this was replaced with a stamp of their feet. Then finally, number three was replaced with a move of their choice. It was really hard, but the wonderful Kingfishers grasped it brilliantly. However, the same couldn't be same for Mrs Patel, she really struggled with this. However, she persevered and in the end she got it!! Great fun and enjoyment was had by all, including Mrs Patel.... In the end.

In maths, Sparrows and Kingfishers have been finding more efficient ways to count larger quantities. We discovered counting in tens can be quicker and stops you from losing count easily. The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing poems by Michael Rosen and creating their own. Sharing poetry at home is a fun and easy way to highlight language. Poems offer humour, interesting words, tongue twisters, alliteration – all helping your child to build fluency.

The children have all risen to the Spelling Bee Challenge and have been practising at home for the competition. Well done to the semi-finalists!

Finally, Year 1 have loved exploring outdoors looking out for signs of seasonal change for our topic lessons. We hope everyone can find the time outside of school to do the same. Enjoy!



Year Two News



In year two this week we had a very special furry visitor- Safety Seymour! Becky and Emmie came in with the cuddly super hero bear to tell us all about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide. During the morning the children learnt how to spot if someone has been exposed to Carbon Monoxide and common household appliances that are affected i.e. the flames on cookers and boilers will turn yellow/red rather than being blue. There was lots of drama and acting involved to ensure that the classes had a firm understanding. Each child left with a carbon monoxide detector and a wealth of knowledge to educate everyone at home.

We have also been working hard to improve the number laps we can run in our daily mile. Each afternoon we all go out to the top playground to run off some energy. Not only does it improve our fitness but it also helps us to refocus on our learning for the rest of the afternoon.



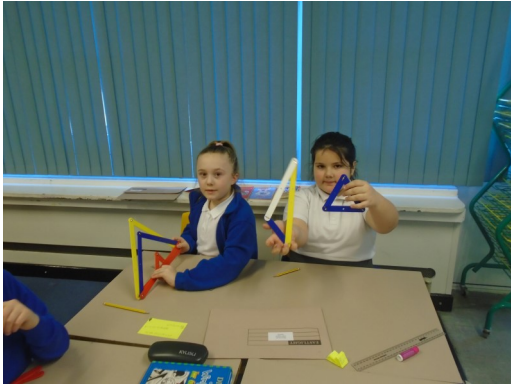
Year Three News



Year 3 have had a very exciting visitor. On a very cold, frosty morning, Miss Evans and Mr Rodriguez discovered that an ice bird had laid some beautiful frozen eggs. As they are such exotic animals, the teachers did some research and found out that the eggs had to hatch by the end of the day. The children in Year 3 had to think of the quickest way to melt the ice. Many thought about putting their eggs in warm places and lots of the children wrapped up their eggs to keep them warm. Interestingly, some of the ones which were wrapped up took longer to hatch than those which were not wrapped up. The children learnt a valuable lesson about insulation keeping warm things (like us) warm and cold things (like the ice eggs) cold. A Stunning Start to our Science topic of States of Matter.



Year Four News



This week in Year 4, we have had another very busy week. In maths, Owls and Nightingales have been exploring the properties of shapes and symmetry. The children have loved using the Geo strips to create triangles and four sided shapes.

In English, we have started our Poetry topic and the children have loved reading poems and are starting to create their own.

The children are loving their new drama lessons with David which will enhance their English and History topics.

It has been a great start, and we are looking forward to Young Voices and the Smoothie Bike Ride later in the term.



Year Five News

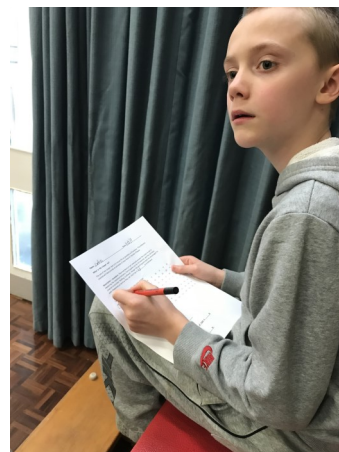


This week in Year 5 has been truly out of this world! The students of both Ravens and Falcons have been researching our solar system; using mnemonics and their poetry skills. Students have been regaling teachers and staff with truly stratospheric poems. Both classes have also been role playing a rocket launch in their weekly drama workshop, with plenty of authentic astronaut poses being seen around the school.

To bring the students back down to Earth, Mr Oh and Mr Watts have been bombarding the newly enthused cosmonauts with multiplication problems throughout their Maths lessons. This week will conclude with the students creating their own planets using papier-mâché and eventually paint. Be prepared for several new planet sightings, near you soon!



Year Six News



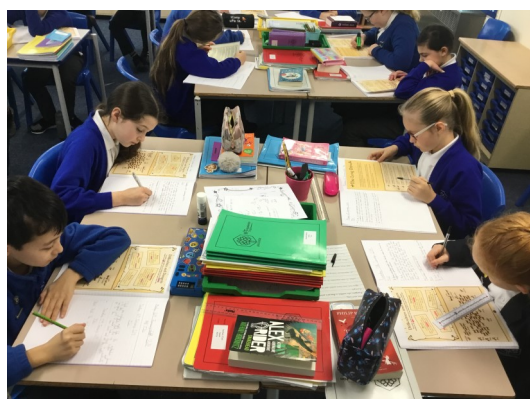
Year 6 are currently studying Aerobic Activities as part of PE this half term. We have learned the importance of exercise and it's long term benefits on our health. We have also learned it is vital to have a healthy diet with a balance of fats, proteins and carbohydrates (the best energy source for fuelling our bodies for aerobic activities). This week, we completed a Cooper test. This is a ten minute run, which determines our fitness level for our age. Miss Taylor was so proud of how we encouraged each other to keep going and we all made a huge effort. Now, we will all work to improve our fitness this term.

The first two weeks of the spring term too have come and gone, during which Year 6 have been exploring and writing poetry, inspired by Ted Hughes' poem 'There Came a Day' and Imtiaz Dharker's 'The Blessing'. There have been many extremely impressive examples: It never ceases to surprise, how powerful words can be and the writing of your children has genuinely moved the teachers in Year 6. Next week the children are to become immersed in the world of espionage as they begin their study of 'Point Blanc' by Anthony Horowitz.

In Mathematics they have been studying all about fractions so dividing that pizza **fairly** should never be a problem again!

In Geography the children have begun to consider migration: its pushes and pulls, the advantages and disadvantages. In Science they are studying Earth and Space. If there is time perhaps we may combine the two and look at the potential for migration into space.

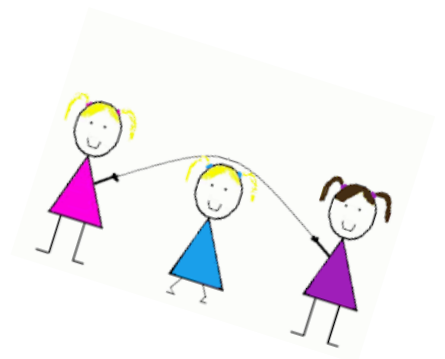
It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms. Please can you ensure that all children are wearing the correct footwear and that in this increasingly cold weather are dressed appropriately: hats, gloves and scarves all welcome additions.



Our Stars of the Week

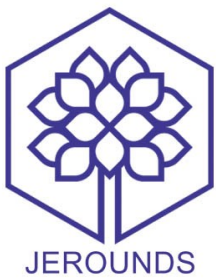


Play leader of the week



House Certificate winners





Jerounds Primary Academy

Nightingale—388 points (2nd)

Pankhurst—316 points (5th)

Shakespeare—361 points (3rd)

Darwin—340 points (5th)

Brunel—407 points (1st)



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Have you changed your address or telephone number recently?

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

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; especially within the proximity of the school gates.

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 absent 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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