



Jerounds Journal

Dear Parents/Carers,

I appear to be running out of suitable superlatives, when describing recent events that form part of your children's educational journey here at Jerounds. This week was by no means an exception - in fact, quite the contrary!

On Tuesday 29th January, Jerounds Years 4 and 5 travelled up to London's O2 Arena to form part of the largest school choir IN THE WORLD! - the 'Young Voices' Choir. However, often the greatest ways to report back these lasting memories to our wider community is through the eyes and mouth of a child - so here goes: 'This is the best day of my life Mrs Ciftci!' remarked one thrilled Year 5 boy. In fact, as Spandau Ballet's lead singer, Tony Hadley made his way to the stage for a nostalgic rendition of 'True' and 'Gold' I could hear the whole arena come alive - linking children with their parents, in the audience, and with their teachers, who had come to sit beside them and enjoy the pleasure of singing. As the children's voices filled the O2 Arena with hits from West End shows, Disney films (old and new) and a medley from 'The Greatest Showman' - the emotion in the arena became palpable and deeply moving. As another child remarked: 'This really has been a magical night!'

From the commencement of the coach journey at 11:30 am on Tuesday 29th January up until disembarkation, back at Jerounds for 23:15, Jerounds' children were simply remarkable! They enthused and demonstrated exemplary manners to all whom they encountered throughout the day - both adults and children from other schools. Likewise, their work ethic and passion during rehearsals - especially their amazing dance moves on the night - made this an absolute privilege to have been a part of. Sincerest thanks to all those parents who supported the event at the O2 or indeed arrived promptly at 23:20 to collect their happy, but exhausted children. I would also like to publically thank Mrs Wiltshire for organising this extravaganza and thus providing our children with some wonderful life-long memories and indeed our fantastic staff for showing such fabulous discretionary effort by supporting this event into the early hours of the morning - in the snow!

#TeamJerounds

Other news this week: Thursday 31st January, saw our very own Mr Bailey organise a contemporary initiative to promote 'healthy eating' - literally! Children in Years 2 to 5 were given the opportunity during their PE lesson, to create a lip-smacking, sumptuous smoothie, with a twist - it had to be made from fresh fruit and 100% healthy! However, the task did not end here. The children were also expected to cycle hard on a stationary bicycle to blend their ingredients together!!! As a result, the children not only produced some flavoursome fruity cocktails, but they also managed to exercise and complete some high intensity cardio-vascular exercise too! It was wonderful to see so many children, who had initially been reluctant to try any fruity smoothies, sample some

flavours and ENJOY THE TEXTURE AND EXPERIENCE. Thank you children for challenging yourselves and having a go! Sincerest thanks to all those parents who contributed £2.50 per family so that this event could take place. Any parents who still need to pay, may do so, using the parentmail facility.

On the staffing front, today was a day for goodbyes, as Jerounds bid farewell to Mrs Tracey Mills, an LSA in Year 2 and someone who has assisted many of our children over the past four years. Mrs Mills is leaving education and embarking upon an entrepreneurial career within health. We thank her wholeheartedly for her support and wish her every success with her future ventures. We are hopeful, however, that she will continue to follow our progress towards outstanding on Twitter. #TeamJerounds

On a final note, I wanted to share with you all the pride I felt this morning during both playtime and lunchtime watching the children play so sensibly in the snow. In today's world, we are always so rigid with health and safety, that frequently our children are not exposed to the joy of play without risks. Subsequently, it was so refreshing (pardon the pun) to see our children regulating their own behaviour, by not acting inappropriately with the snow and enjoying the whole experience. As a result, I managed to capture some very happy children on camera, who were then ready to learn and 'knuckle down' to work in the afternoon, after an invigorating run around. #ProudHeadteacher

Wishing you all a lovely weekend full of warm clothing, winter-white walks ... and of course reading our super '***Jerounds Journal***' with your children!

With best wishes,

Mrs Laura Ciftci BA (Hons) MEd
Head of School
Jerounds Primary Academy



Dates for your Diary

12th February—Year 4 and 5 O2 Concert to Parents—2.30—3.30pm

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 CLOSES AT 1pm**

26th February—Parent forum KS2 hall,

All parents welcome—9am

8th March—World Book Day

13th March—Animation Workshop at Jerounds for Year Three

14th March—Comic Relief Day—come to school in Red

15th March—Class photos

25th March—Year six to Crucial Crew

5th April—Children break up for Easter

23rd April—Inset Day

24th April—Children back to school

2nd May—Inset Day—Polling Day

6th May—Bank Holiday

Bett Show 2019



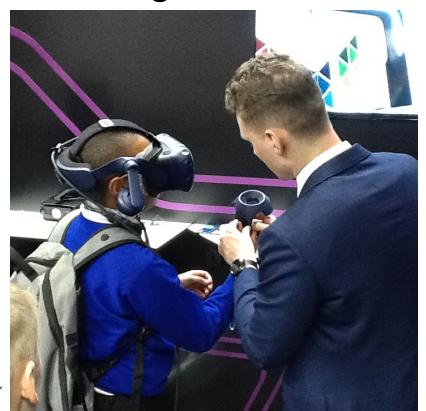
Jerounds Year 6 digital leaders went to the Bett Show on Wednesday the 23rd of January 2019.

The Bett show stands for British Education, Training and Technology. The Bett shows motto is the 'The future is now.' Our leaders had an amazing time there and they experienced the next Gen. Here are some of the things our leaders have experienced.

Daria, Dariusz, Emily, Marcus, Nathan, Miss Line and Mr Cowan and some other children from Abbotsweld and Longwood Academies travelled on the underground line to get to the B.E.T.T show.

The digital leaders' favourite things were ...

The interactive white board.
Minecraft Education Edition.
Mars Mission
Interactive table and Sphero

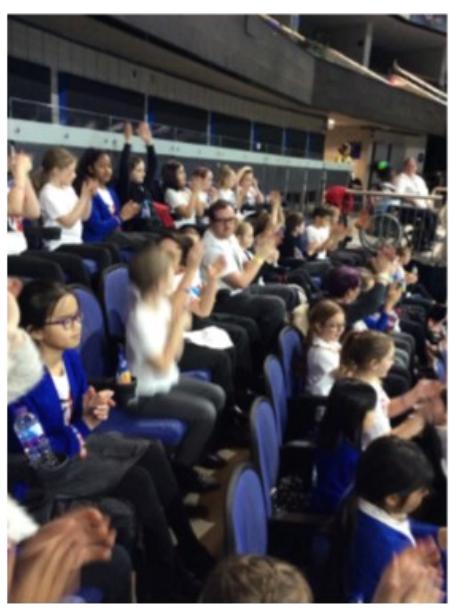
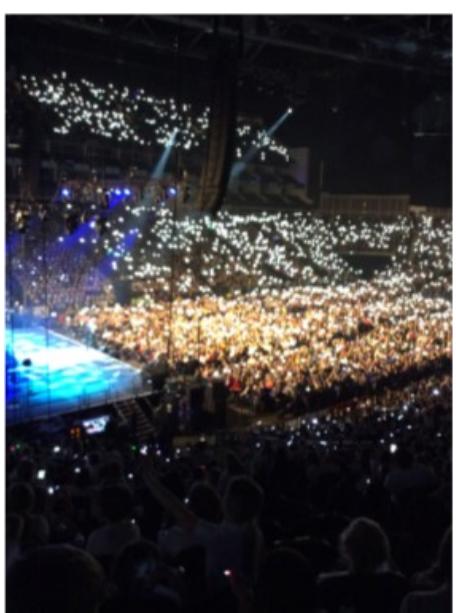


We were able to bring many free souvenirs from the Bett show to remember our time there. When we came home we managed to get a full bag of lovely memories. We suggest it for everybody who likes technology.

By Dariusz, Daria, Nathan, Marcus, Emily.



Young Voices 2019



Fun in the Snow



Jerounds children regulating their behaviour in the snow. Whoever said that children should not be allowed out in the snow to have fun?



EYFS News



We are continuing with our topic, "All Creatures great and small". We are now focusing on the book "What the Ladybird heard" and our learning has been linked to this theme.

The children have had opportunities to make their own animal masks and act out the story in groups. They enjoyed singing old McDonald had a farm and making different animal sounds. Earlier this week the children became detectives when we went outside to hunt for minibeast, they used a checklist and magnifying glasses to look closely at their discoveries.

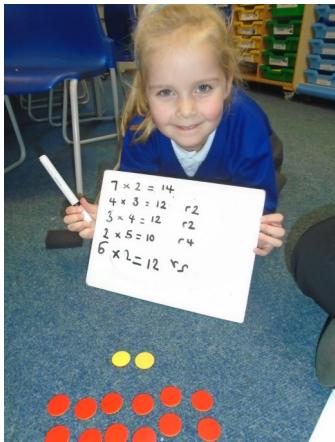
They have also painted portraits of the main characters in the book. In literacy children have been sequencing the story using time connectives. Our Maths learning has also been linked to the book as the children have been ordering the characters by height.

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.



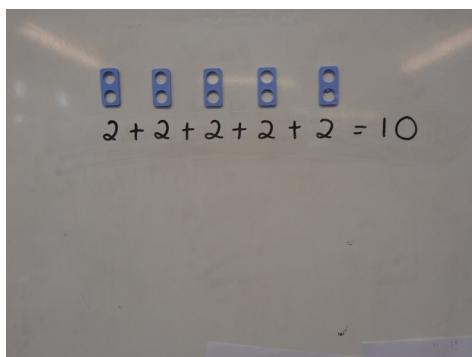
Year One News



This week in Maths, Sparrows and Kingfishers have been investigating grouping in 2s, 3s and 5s and looking for patterns when grouping.

This past fortnight they have also thoroughly enjoyed retelling the story of the Ugly Duckling and written a letter to the poor little duckling, offering to be its friend with a few children inviting the duckling back for tea and one for some beer, wine and cocktails – I wish I was an Ugly Duckling – I'll happily take that invite!

As part of our topic on seasonal changes, Year 1 have been exploring weather patterns and acting as weather presenters. Their predictions for snow this week have materialised, so keep safe, stay warm and enjoy the weekend!



Year Two News



Year two are learning about seasons this term in Science. We've looked at the changes that occur throughout each season, and how seasons differ in other countries. We explored the school grounds, by going on a winter scavenger hunt, looking for signs of winter. We also observed changes in the trees and recorded out notes on our observation sheets.



Year Three News



This week in year 3, our pupils have been involved in lots of learning opportunities.

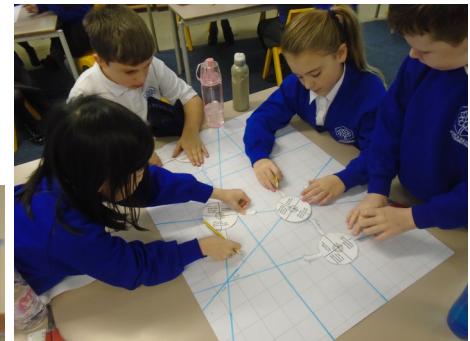
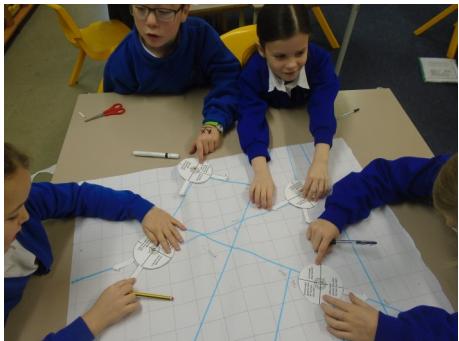
In Science, we are right now exploring the world of states of matter. How? In class, we have investigated the importance of how water changes into different states (*solid, liquid and gas*) being able to inverse the process. For doing so, we have used lots of quotidian objects to turn **water into gas** (evaporation) and **gas into water** again (condensation); **solid into liquid** (melting) and **liquid into solid** again (freezing).

Besides, in RE, we have been learning about the life and journey of “the Enlightened one” or Buddha.

What an intense week!



Year Four News



It has been another very busy couple of weeks in Year 4.

In English we have written some beautiful poetry based on The Magic Box and we are now very much looking forward to our new topic based on the fairy tale Hansel and Gretel.

The children have enjoyed learning about angles and rotation in class and our now concentrating on multiplication and division of numbers.

Outside of the classroom, it was incredible to be a part of Young Voices at the 02, surely an event that no one will ever forget.

To round off the week, we also had the amazing Smoothie Bike Challenge encouraging our children to exercise and follow a healthy lifestyle.



Year Five News



It's been excitement central in Year 5. Students have created new planets, sang live at the O2 Arena and mixed up delicious smoothies using pedal power alone!

As we rocket towards half term, students have found themselves creating space quizzes to perplex and puzzle parents for homework, while learning all about mankind's adventures in space. Students have learnt all about the healthy eating required to make it to space the hard way, by powering themselves towards super healthy fruit smoothies.

As we look towards the following weeks, students will continue studying The Highwayman in literacy, while continuing to focus on division and measurement in Maths.



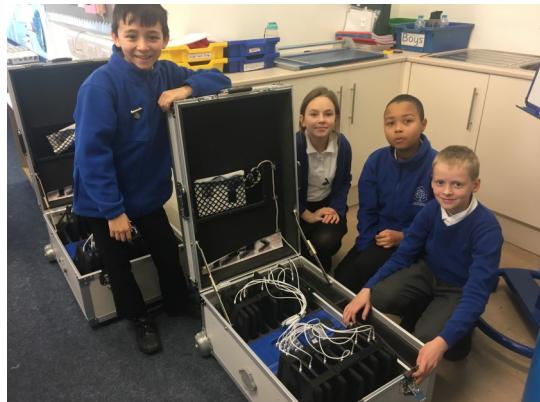
Year Six News



Year 6 have had a fabulous time with technology over the last week. Not only did our wonderful Digital Leaders attend the BETT Show in London last week with Miss Line but they have been using the new Jerounds iPads.

Year 6 are studying the Geography topic 'Migration' and have been looking at why people migrate, especially from areas of extreme temperature such as the Arctic Circle, Antarctica and the Equator. This week they have started to research a country that lies on the Equator, finding out facts and trying to see if people migrate from or to these areas and why. Some of the countries they are looking at Kenya, Uganda, Brazil and Indonesia.

We look forward to seeing the results of their research and next week we move on to looking at countries near the North and South Pole.



Our Stars of the Week



Play leader of the week



House Certificate and Bronze Badge winners





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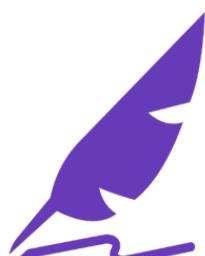
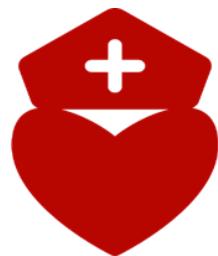
Nightingale 489 points (2nd)

Darwin—371 points (3rd)

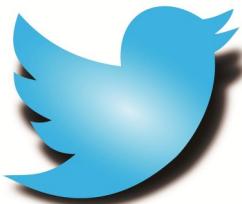
Brunel—233 points (4th)

Pankhurst—527 points (1st)

Shakespeare—527 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



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