



Jerounds Journal

Dear Parents /Carers,

I cannot express to you all the sheer privilege that it feels to enter Jerounds Primary Academy every day and to see the warm, welcoming smiles of our fabulous children. However, today was even more special. As I arrived, dressed quite grimly as Lady Macbeth, I was greeted with a magnificent array of colour, costumes and warm smiles from our children – despite my rather scary appearance! This signalled for me the commencement of our World Book Day Celebrations! The heart literally missed a beat with excitement.

Promptly at 9 o'clock, we hosted a celebration assembly as we have never seen before! Every class was given the opportunity to parade proudly around our newly decorated hall, to share their imaginations, love of literature and a genuine desire to be part of our team – the energy was palpable and electric. Coupled with this collective celebration was the remarkable news that our very own Ruby (Head Girl), in Year 6, had won Robert Halfon's 500 word, short story competition for Harlow. Robert Halfon MP released a Facebook message at 09:00 yesterday morning, which we duly shared with all of Year 6 children – announcing her as the overall winner, out of hundreds of entrants. Ruby and her family will now receive an abundance of extraordinary gifts to further fuel her thirst for reading and writing, along with a visit to parliament itself.

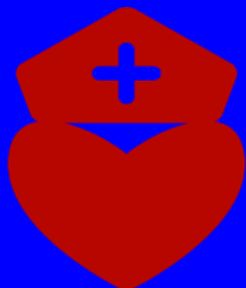
Equally, I am immensely proud of all those children who had both the courage and I imagination to enter this competition. Well done to all of you. We now eagerly await news of the BBC 500 word competition to see if we can secure another win for a Jerounds child. #SelfBelief #Imagination #WorldBookDay2019.

Meanwhile, please do share the wonderful photographs attached to this newsletter with your children; a positive reminder of the joy of literature and sharing a book. Notably, teachers were each provided with a £5 WHSmith voucher, to award to the 'best outfit' within their class – an onerous task given the multitude of innovation and creativity that had clearly gone into the making of so many costumes. Likewise, every child will bring home this evening a £1 voucher towards the cost of a new book. Please enjoy spending time helping your child to select an exciting, yet challenging book to read over the coming weeks. Please also note, that the vouchers expire towards the end of the month – so make haste and select quickly!

Finally, ten golden tickets were placed sporadically around our school grounds, desperately waiting to be discovered by ten avid readers, who would all be able to exchange their golden tickets for a reward. As I type this article, children are excitedly scouring every centimetre of Jerounds in hope of feeling the euphoria experienced by Charlie Bucket as he realised he had indeed secured a real golden ticket to Mr Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. This, along with so many more magic moments, were part of your child's day to-day... Inspired!

On to other news...

On the sporting front, Jerounds tag rugby team competed in a tag rugby competition at Harlow Rugby Club last Friday. Ably supported by Mr Rouse, himself a Harlow rugby coach, Mrs Bull



and her band of merry sportsmen and women played and displayed some superb quality rugby. Ethan in Year 5 captained his team through two victories, only to narrowly miss out in the third match. It was a skilful display from all those whom competed and Mrs Bull was incredibly proud. Well done team. #TeamJerounds.

Please keep checking our website and newsletters to keep on top of up and coming events - including Dodgeball competition, swimming gala, netball rally, Year 3 Spring Extravaganza and Ladies Day workshops (tba). We hope you all enjoy reading this issues newsletter and value the exciting opportunities that are afforded to all of our children daily.

I would also like to sincerely thank Mrs Angela Lidbury for collating all our school news and photographs into such a varied and celebratory newsletter.

Happy weekend everyone... Don't forget to read!

With best wishes,

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



Dates for your Diary

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

2nd April—Year Three Spring Extravaganza—2pm

5th April—Children break up for Easter

23rd April—Inset Day

24th April—Children back to school

2nd May—Inset Day—Polling Day

Attendance

Attendance challenge

Our whole school attendance challenge is set at

97% for the year.

Our current school attendance for the year so far is

96.4%



Weekly Class Attendance Heros

W/C 25th February 2019

1. Falcons 99.6%
2. Kingfishers 99.3%
3. Sparrows 99%

Whole school 96.6%

W/C 4th March 2019

1. Sparrows & Swans 100%
2. Ravens 99.3%
3. Merlins 99.1%

Whole school 97.5%

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very concerned

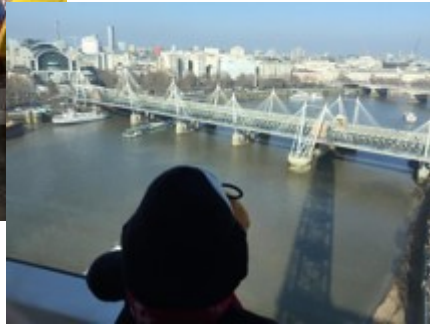
World Book Day—Friday 8th March



CELEBRATE STORIES.
LOVE READING.

A row of colorful books standing upright, each with a small figure on top.

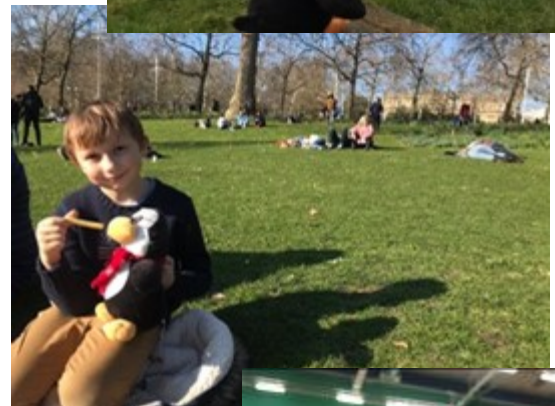
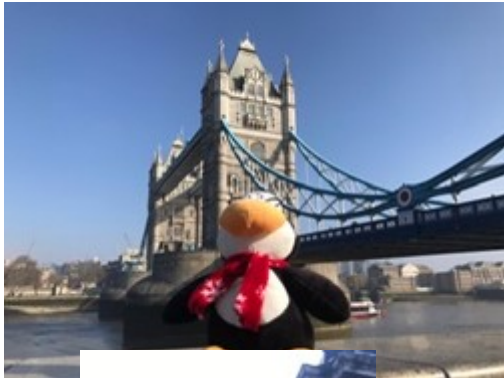
Oreo's Adventures



What an extremely lucky penguin Oreo was half term. From birthday parties to sky diving, visiting Buckingham Palace, London Bridge and a trip on the London Eye. Finishing with driving an underground train!

Oreo was also lucky enough to attend a gymnastics training session and then went on to the Senior English Gymnastic Championships in Redbridge and even met some inspirational gymnasts.

Keep an eye on Twitter for Oreo's next adventures.



Jerounds Special Visitors



It's been an exciting few days for us in EYFS as we have had our very own ducklings to look after. We had 7 eggs delivered on Tuesday and we were all eager to watch them hatch. We noticed some movements in some of them and when we arrived the next day, we saw our first baby duckling!

We look forward to watching them grow.

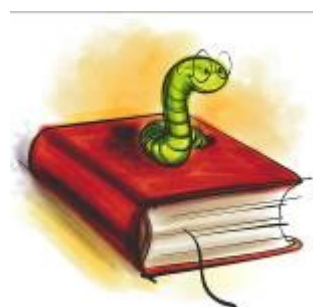


Birthday Book Donations



Thank you for this lovely birthday book donation of The Dork Diaries, Party Time.

We are very lucky and will enjoy reading these.



Our Stars of the Week



Playleader of the Week



Our Certificate and Bronze and Silver Badge Winners



EYFS News



Our Topic for this half-term is, "Adventure and Mystery". We will be focusing on the book "Traction Man Is Here" and our learning will be linked to Superhero theme. This week we have been acting out our own Superhero story to prepare us for our writing next week!

Children have been exploring different materials to help them decide which materials they wanted to use to make their own Superhero cape and mask. They have used different words to describe their materials, such as shiny, transparent, waterproof and rough/smooth.

In Maths, the children have been exploring money and we have introduced 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2 coins. They have had opportunities to buy different items from our role play shop where they have used different coins to pay for the items.

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



Year One News



Working up to World Book Day, Sparrows and Kingfishers have been reading the traditional story of The Elves and the Shoemaker. This tale has helped us in maths to understand the term pairs and pairing, work towards consolidating coin recognition as well as measure and length - as we measured each other's feet!

In our English lessons, Year 1 have been reading the story of Eric the Hero, a heart-warming story of a lonely boy who gets called names until he believes they are true. He soon finds out that he is not the only one who is running away from home. Something fearsome is coming out of the forest! As the villagers, rush to the safety of a medieval castle, they shout, "Someone would have to be a 'Dunce' or a 'Dummy' or a 'Hero' to challenge whatever is coming out of the forest." Those are the names that Eric has been called...does this mean Eric is also a hero? Standing his ground Eric faces up to a monster who reveals that he has also been called a dummy and a nitwit and well, he's not very good at being a monster! The children have loved and generating some insightful character descriptions for both Eric and the monster.

During our RE session, Sparrows have started to learn about Judaism and the objects that are special to Jews. They have been busy making their own unique versions of the Torah whilst Kingfishers continue to talk about the Easter story and design their own Easter eggs.

In history, we have started talking about different types of transport and the even done a class survey on how they get to school and other places. A lesson for us all - we all need to walk more!

Taking inspiration from the works of Georgia O'Keefe who painted flowers as well as other things found in nature, Sparrows and Kingfishers have created their own versions of the artist's icon work.



Year Two News



Over the past week year two have been learning about the Jewish faith, in particular special objects including the Torah. We learnt lots of facts about this important object, the one that stood out for us was that the Torah is so sacred to Jews it is said that if one is accidentally dropped in the synagogue the whole congregation must fast for 40 days. We were set the challenge to create our own scroll recording sentences to describe why the Torah is important, some of us even wrote letters from the Hebrew alphabet.

In Wagtails we have been learning about the artist Georgia O'Keefe. We looked at some of her paintings and discussed the shades and types of brush strokes used. We then created our own flowers in the style of Georgia O'Keefe. We chose bold colours, and tore pieces of tissue into different shapes.



Year Three News



This week we have chosen to show you some of our amazing PE learning. In our dance lessons we have been showing good teamwork by working as a group to create a theme which extends our Science topic of solids, liquids and gases. The children had to create a pose to start in which showed them as a solid - particles tightly packed and joined together. They then had to use the music to move as a solid, then a liquid and finally as high energy gas particles. They will continue to refine and improve these dances.

In our specialist PE sessions, Year 3 have been learning to play golf. They have learnt to strike a ball both from the ground and off the tee. They have been learning about the safety aspects of using golf clubs around others and have been showing respect to Mrs Bull who has been leading them so wonderfully.



Year Four News



We have had another busy week in Nightingales and Owls. In maths the children have been working hard on division word problems and short multiplication.

The children love our new book, *The Wolves Footprint* and have been writing about a dilemma, and have been very vocal about the father choosing to leave his children in the forest!

We have been following our Science topic through into Dance and the children have been exploring solids, liquids and gases in movement.

There has been huge excitement as World Book Day approaches and I am sure the children will have an amazing day.



Year Five News



Falcons and Ravens have had a typically hectic few weeks. With the students transported to Australia during their history lessons. Learning about the migration of the "Ten Pound Poms" in the 60's and 70's. Pupils have been studying what life is really like down under, with our intrepid travellers attempting to fly a boomerang and play a digeridoo.

World Book Day has seen the students studying a book in Mathematics. The beautifully illustrated "One Grain of Rice", has been teaching the students how to both double and divide. These investigations set us up nicely for next week's Science Week. Students will be planning and carrying out investigations in class.

As we work towards Easter, the students will studying the teachings of Jesus and Christianity. Students will learn all about the importance of Easter and its origins as a Christian festival.



Year Six News



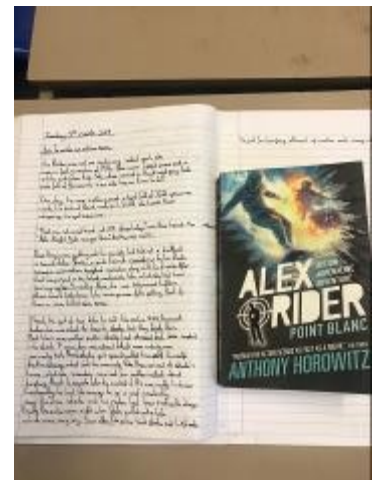
Year 6 pupils have been studying the spy novel "Point Blanc" by Anthony Horowitz. They have used the book to help them write their own action scenes. Choosing their own character and using effective vocabulary and dialogue, they have written detailed action sequences. Swans and Eagles edited each other's work and gave feedback- there were lots of positives and some areas to improve on!

Some pupils even entered their writing to the short story competition run by Robert Halfon.

Year 6 have been thinking about the books they are reading ahead of World Book Day; they have been thinking about what genres they like, do they stick to one type of book and do they always finish a book?

Swans have created a reading chart to log what they are reading and the teachers are busy looking for new and exciting books to add to the class reading corners and the school's reading zone. Miss Butterworth is reading 'The Cat from Hell' by Lynne Truss and Mr TC is reading 'The Essex Serpent' by Sarah Perry.

What are you reading?





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Nightingale— 212 points (5th)

Shakespeare— 337 points (3rd)

Darwin— 219 points (4th)

Brunel— 435 points (2nd)

Pankhurst— 663 points (1st)



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