

## **Jerounds Journal**

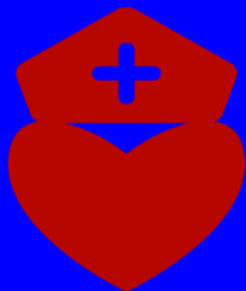
Dear Parents/Carers

As the spring term draws to such a colourful and invigorating conclusion, I urge you all to take a good look through the many achievements listed and recorded in today's newsletter. The multitude of photographs and reports paint a very clear picture of happy, determined children, who not only have a real love and passion for learning, but an even greater love for the community to which they belong. #JeroundsCommunity

Our Easter Bonnet parade was a resounding success and there was a genuine wave of sheer pride as teachers and older children noted the arrival of our Key Stage One parade - simply adorable. The level of creativity that the bonnets displayed was comparable to the great milliner Philip Treacy!

Just a couple of mentions from me this week: namely the extended hours to our fabulous Breakfast Club. Due to popular demand, I have been asked by many working parents to extend the Breakfast Clubs hours from 08:00 to 07:30. This extra half hour for 'drop off', will guarantee that working parents will not miss transport links and work-place starting times. Since our Breakfast Club now offers such a variety of early morning activities, our numbers have been steadily increasing. Mrs Gardiner and Miss Senior provide such a super service and will be opening for this extra half hour commencing from the beginning of the summer term - Wednesday 24th April, 2019. As a result of this time increase, we will also be increasing the daily cost of the club from £1.50 to £2.00.

On a separate note, I wanted to thank those parents who have continued to champion both punctuality and attendance this term with a religious fervour. The results in terms of pupil progress as a result of consistent attendance has been duly noted and warmly received; none more so than in today's assembly where certificates, book tokens and chocolates were awarded to very worthy recipients. Likewise, a huge thank you to those parents who have supported the idea of homework. Recognising that the act itself frequently outweighs the outcome, is often the first hurdle to understanding WHY teachers actually set homework. Primarily, homework is set to encourage self-managed learning, greater independence, discipline, work rate and of course, rigour - all attributes that will be required by any good



secondary school and throughout adulthood. So well done to those parents ... and children who have supported these initiatives!

Our wonderful Friends of Jerounds have provided yet another magnificent afternoon of precious joy to our children this afternoon - with the arrival of the gorgeous Easter Rabbit and his rather plump chicken companion!!! Key Stage One children thoroughly enjoyed jumping around with our special guests; especially as they all received a special chocolate treat! Our Key Stage Two children also received a scrumptious chocolate treat to mark the beginning of the holidays. We thank you Friends!

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and parents, we would like to wish you a sunny and fun-filled Easter.

With best wishes,  
Mrs Laura Ciftci BA (Hons) MEd  
Head of School  
Jerounds Primary Academy



# Dates for your Diary

5th April—Children break up for Easter

23rd April—Inset Day

24th April—Children back to school—**New breakfast club opening hours 7.30am**

29th April—Summer term clubs begin

2nd May—Inset Day—Polling Day

6th May—Bank Holiday

13th May—KS2 SATS

17th May—Race for Life

20th May—Around the World week

27th May—Children break up for half term

10th June—Children return to school

# 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

**96.5%**



## Weekly Class Attendance Heros

W/C 29th March 2019

1. Merlins and nightingales  
100%

2. Wagtails 99.6%

3. Falcons and Ravens 99.1%

Whole school 97.7%

W/C 5th April 2019

1. Puffins 100%

2. Falcons 99.1%

3. Merlins 99.9%

Whole school 97.4%

## 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

# Other News

Do not forget to follow Oreo's latest adventures on twitter.....

@NET\_Jerounds



Congratulations to our budding future Olympian!

After competing in the National Development Plan Regional Grade 4, our very own Jerounds gymnast passed with flying colours and came third, winning a bronze medal. We are now waiting with bated breath to see how this talented young lady gets on when she competes at the Northern Region Finals in May.

Well done!



## Birthday Book Donations

How lucky are the children at Jerounds to receive these wonderful birthday book donations.

Thank you very much, we will all enjoy reading these.



# Our Stars of the Week



## Playleader of the Week



# Our Certificate and Bronze, Silver and Gold Badge Winners



# School Council interview our Kitchen Manager

To raise the profile of school dinners and encourage more children to have them the school council met with Jerounds kitchen manager Kelly Richold. We were all very interested to find out about her day and even had the chance to tell her about our favourite meals and what we would like more of.

## What is your timetable?

Firstly, I get here at 7am because we make everything fresh. At 9.15 my team arrive and help prepare the lunch for Jerounds pupils. At 12.10 we serve you all a delicious school dinner. We then tidy up and leave at 2pm.



## Do you like working at Jerounds and how did you get the job here?

Yes. It all started when my children came here and I heard that there was a job in the kitchen and I applied for it and got the job. Since then I have made my way up the ranks to where I am now Kitchen Manager, 14 years later! We love to make and serve school dinners because we love to come in and see all your lovely faces.

## How do you keep the kitchen hygienic?

We have to go on many courses that can take anywhere between a couple of weeks to a few months. We have been a 5 star kitchen for a decade!

## Is there any dinner you would like to add that you don't have?

If we could we would love to add hot dogs, however we have to make the school dinners according to the government as it has to be healthy and scrumptious.

## Why do you think it is a good idea to have school dinners?

I think it is a good idea to have school dinners because they are cheap, and healthy and scrumptious. Also there are lots of vegetarian options which are delicious.

## What is your favourite dinner and why?

I am celiac however if I could something from our menu I would choose the Marble Cake and Custard (this was also popular with all the school council reps.)



School council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kelly for taking the time to meet with us, it was an insightful and valuable chance to see how the school kitchen is run.

Mr Smith

# The Easter Bunny visits Jerounds



# EYFS News



Our Topic for this half-term is, "Adventure and Mystery". We will be focusing on the book "Here Come the Aliens" and our learning will be linked to Space theme. Last week we used adjectives to describe different aliens and we recreated the picture of the human's reaction to the landing. We then discussed how we would feel if aliens landed in our school. This week we have been writing a shopping list for an alien feast.

We have also been learning about Easter and the different symbols that represent this celebration. Children have enjoyed cutting, sticking and assembling a chick hatching craft. After the craft had been made children were able to use paint to decorate the egg.

We have been using Easter eggs to develop our understanding of takeaway, this has been very practical and we are now encouraging the children to write simple subtraction number sentences.

It would be lovely if you could send us pictures of your child's learning through Tapestry over the Easter holiday. This would be added to your child's on-line journal. This could be a photo of them learning to ride their bike or an educational outing. Pictures of any literacy and Maths are also welcome.

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



# Year One News



It has been a busy but fun packed fortnight for Sparrows and Kingfishers. During our literacy lessons we have been learning how to write enticing instructions to make our reader make or do something. In the process of helping us this, we have learnt how to make a tasty jam sandwich, wash our hands hygienically as well as make a toy vehicle.

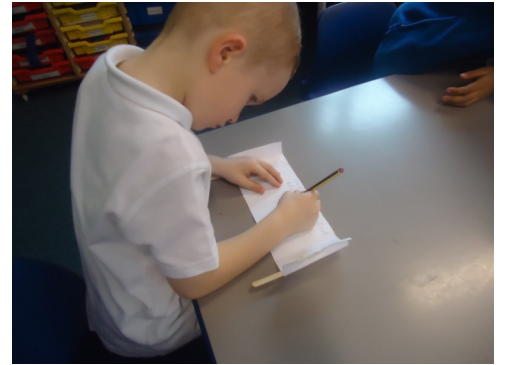
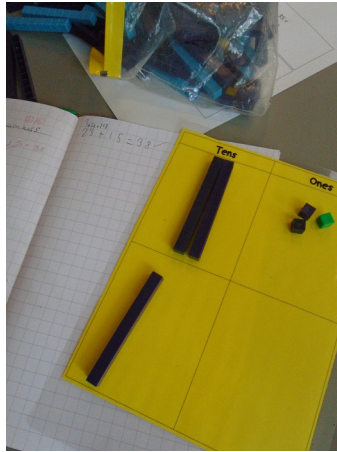
Our RE lessons have continued to explore symbols significant to Buddhism and the children have enjoyed listening to the stories of Siddhartha Gautama and his quest for enlightenment. It was heart-warming to hear the children compare their friends' kind and help deeds to those carried out by Buddha.

In DT the children have loved making their toy vehicles, that have helped develop their fine motor skills as they joined wheels to axles, made headlights and registration plates and well as designed and cut out spoilers for their cars. As we enter Spring, the children have looked out for signs of Spring and have been looking at the weather, temperature and rainfall throughout the week.

Over the Easter break, continue with your fabulous reading and practise your maths learning on Mathletics and remember to try and beat your scores or challenge a friend on Times Tables Rock Stars!

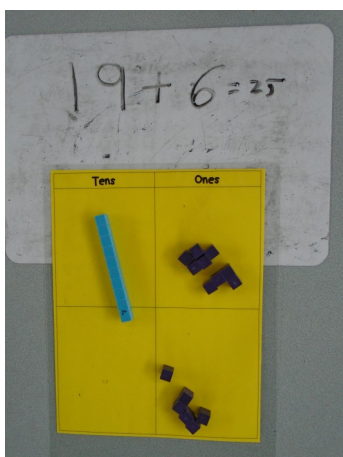
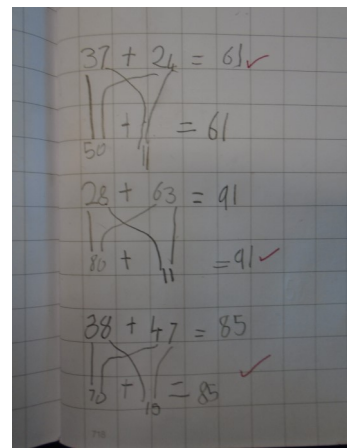
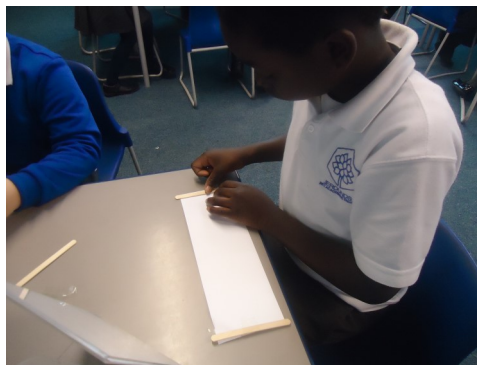
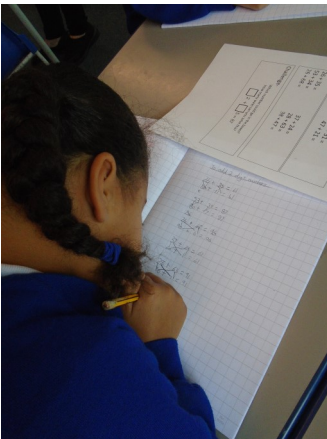


# Year Two News



Year two have had a quite a challenging week of learning in maths, focusing on addition with two digit numbers. We have learnt the strategy of partitioning the tens and ones, adding them together to find the total. This strategy was supported further with dienes (tens and one equipment) so we could physically put the tens and ones together. Mr Smith and Mrs George were very impressed that some of us were able to do this strategy in our heads, however we had to 'prove it' and explain our method- after all that is what real mathematicians have to do! As well as all the addition taking place there is lots of competition in the year group to compete on Times Tables Rockstars, keep working hard to become a Rock Legend.

In Wagtails we've had an exciting week learning about Judaism in RE. We explored objects which are important to the faith, and even made our own Torahs. We also looked at the Hebrew alphabet, and some of us even had a go at writing our own messages! In Art we continued studying the artist Georgia O'Keefe and did an observational painting of daffodils.



# Year Three News



What a wonderful week for our Year 3 children and parents!

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 3 held their musical extravaganza 'Movies and Musicals'. Parents were treated to a selection of songs from various films sung brilliantly by Merlins class and Puffins class. The fabulous Mrs Wiltshire has been working alongside the children this term to develop vocal, instrumental and performance skills ready for this production. The hard work, enthusiasm and pride of the children were evident as they sung their hearts out and performed actions to some of the songs with vigour and panache!

In the second half of the performance parents watched a recorder recital as all Year 3 children have learnt to read music and play an instrument this year. Who knows where this could take them in the future!

Thank you to all who came and supported the children in this superb performance.



# Year Four News

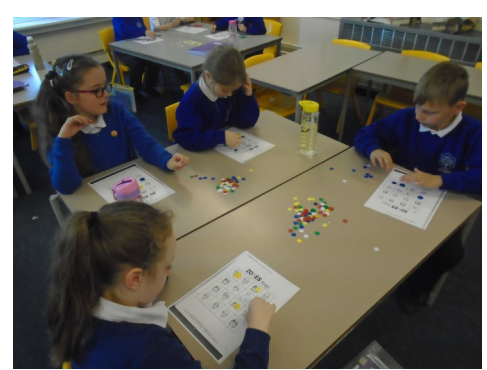


Nightingales and Owls have had a fantastic Spring term. In maths the children have completed this terms work by working hard on fractions and have loved playing TT Rock stars. Already their times tables are improving!

In Literacy we have continued reading *The Wolves Footprints* and have concentrated on writing speech which has produced some fantastic writing. They have also loved being involved in the creation of the new 3D book corners in each classroom.

Our Topic lessons have been busy and informative with a practical lesson on melting chocolate buttons, butter and ice.

It has been a great term, and we wish you and your families a relaxing and peaceful break.



# Year Five News



This week in Year 5, we have been acting out the story of Jesus' Crucifixion. During the lesson, we separated into 5 groups to reproduce the Easter themed story. Our fellow students acting skills were amazing, with a future on the stage all but guaranteed.

Drama has not been the only artistic skill our fellow students have been sharpening, students have been building their very own 3-D reading corners. Ravens opted for a WW1 trench; Falcons chose a Harry Potter theme. Our crazy idea's have taken over the classroom!

Finally, we have greatly enjoyed celebrating Mother Day with the fabulous art workshop, a huge thanks to all our amazing Mothers.

This weeks newsletter was brought to you by:  
Daisy, Oliwia, Annshibo, Sirmed, Grace and Tayba

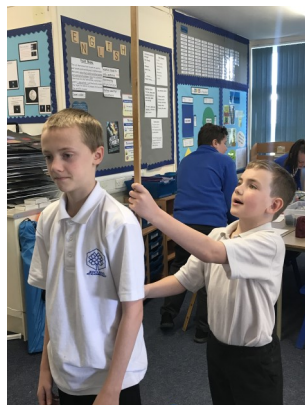


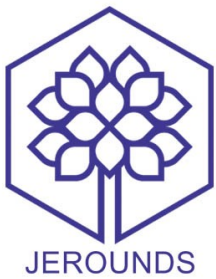
# Year Six News



As we are learning how to find the Mean in maths, we measured our heights with a metre stick. Then we found the mean height of our class. On average, Eagles' height is 149cm. We also found that on average, Eagles boys are taller with an average height of 153cm, whereas girls' average height is 150cm.

Year 6 enjoyed a great morning on 25th March at Crucial Crew, this is organised by the local council and gives experiences to help Year 6 with their independence before moving onto secondary school in September. We experienced different scenarios including fire safety and thinking about plugging in all our electronic devices, gangs and how young people can be drawn unwittingly in to local groups, stranger danger and always be aware of the information you are giving out, do you honestly know the person you are speaking to? The children were shocked about the effect plastic has on our local environment and how much fly tipping costs to clear up, interestingly on our walk to the Latton Bush Centre we walked past a dumped arm-chair! The children were given lessons in putting each in to the recovery position by the ambulance service, first aid is so important for all of us to know as we never know when we are going to need to help someone.





## Jerounds Primary Academy

**Nightingale— 742 points (5th)**

**Shakespeare— 1129 points (3rd)**

**Brunel— 832 points (4th)**

**Pankhurst— 1303 points (2nd)**

**Darwin— 1374 points (1st)**



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