



Jerounds Journal

Dear Parents/Carers,

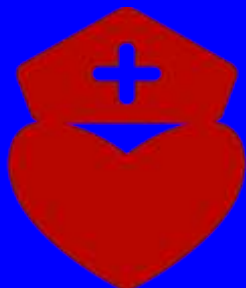
As we approach the final part of the academic year, I wanted to take time out to reflect upon the many fabulous initiatives that have been both organised and funded by our superb 'Friends of Jerounds': Coaches to and from the Theatre (all classes); sports equipment (all classes); EYFS equipment; sports kits for football and netball teams; Christmas Bazaar; Summer Fayre; Easter Bunny; teas and coffees for parents during numerous workshops/meetings/concerts; recorders for all of Year 3; coaches to and from the O2 arena for Young Voices... to name but a few. The list of successes is truly endless!

With a volume of this kind of support in mind, it is essential that we continue to provide this magnificent service; combining relationships between home and school, whilst creating opportunities for the whole community to come and work together. As a busy working mum myself, I was never able to contribute to every PTA event. However, I was certainly able to ensure that I participated at a handful per year, in order to support, both the school and my children's development. The bonus to this support, was that I made many new friends and learnt many new skills! Subsequently, I urge as many of our families as possible to contact the Friends and offer your support especially as the Summer Fayre is fast approaching and promises to be the best EVER!

This year's Summer Fayre will host: staff vs parents' football (7-a side), staff vs parents' netball, Archery (with a fully-trained/qualified Archer;); the stocks (containing villainous reprobates – staff!); superb football shooting competitions; live dancing/music; a multitude of tantalising and tempting stalls to encourage you to part with your hard-earned pocket money/wages; local culinary delights from Willets (best BBQ in town!); ice-cream; face-painting etc. The list and variety is endless! So please support this wonderful event and pull on your trainers, PE kits, Saturday's 'party dress' and be prepared to spend a day with your family eating, drinking, playing, laughing and celebrating our great community!!!

For information purposes: the parent games will last for 7 minutes one way and the entry fee is £7 per team (only £1 per team member). Please register your interest and team names on the day to Mr Rodriguez (football) and Mrs Bull (netball).

However, once two o'clock strikes and our legs are beginning to ache, we will ask all of our families to grab a chair/picnic blanket/some food and a drink (from Willets), gather around the central arena to watch our Key Stage One children Parade round the arena in their fancy dress outfits, before our prestigious judges Year 6 (House Captains). Whilst the parade is in full swing, our student school leadership team: Head Boy, Head Girl and Pupil Advocates will begin preparing the stages for the final of our Key Stage Two 'Jerounds Got Talent'. With the initial rounds and voting being secured in classes, over the coming weeks, the final promises to be a star-studded event!



The topic of the Summer FAYRE brings me nicely onto the subject of our search for a New Chairperson for the Friends of Jerounds from September. Sarah MacDonald our excellent Chairperson has had to tender her resignation due to her recently increased workload. We would like to publically thank Sarah for her wonderful tenure and the many initiatives that she has implemented this year. One of Sarah's many talents has been tapping into our parent body to discover some of their many talents and in turn to use these talents to the benefits of our children. We look forward to receiving a plethora of applications for Chairperson into the school office. Meanwhile, Mrs Lyndsey Lowers (Deputy Chairperson) and Mrs Claire Ford (Treasurer), Mrs Caroline Powell (Deputy Treasurer) and Mrs Michelle Greggory (Secretary) will continue to steer this magnificent organisation until a suitable replacement Chair is found.

Other news:

This centres on the numerous activities that we presently have planned for this term:

- Parent Forum;
- Visit from Robert Halfon MP/Harlequins;
- Class Assemblies;
- Science Day;
- Shakespeare Week;
- Summer Fayre;
- Sports Day;
- Welcome meetings for new Reception children;
- Class Swap Day/New Teachers for Next Year;
- Netball Rally;
- In-house Football Competition;
- Class Discos;
- Year 6 Production/Leavers' Assemblies;
- Reports home.

This week Jerounds will be studying the literary genius that is Shakespeare, our great bard, and considering the many characteristics of the human condition that his plays tackle: love, hate, greed, revenge, envy, friendship, relationships etc. Please do question your children about their experience of Shakespeare and celebrate their enthusiasm for extending their reading even further.

Moreover, many of our class assemblies, that commence next week, will play host to a variety of disciplines from the Arts – Music, dance, drama and poetry. Naturally, the children are all so excited to share their year in each respective year group with their families, so please do reserve the dates and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment. We look forward to welcoming you all!

Sports Day, for those of you that attended last year, will remember it to have been a superb community affair. We are hopeful to have volunteers to serve teas and coffees once again on this day from our Friends of Jerounds, so do please get in touch with either Lyndsey, Michelle, Claire or Caroline if you are able to help at KS1, KS2 or both! KS 1 (EYFS, Years 1 & 2) commence at 09:00 on the 9th July concluding around 11:00 with a 'Mum's and Dad's' race, whereby at 11:15 KS 2 begins promptly (Years 3-6). Once all the events have been completed including a parents' race (13:30 approximately) and parents have vacated, our KS1 children will return to the field to enjoy a picnic lunch in their houses with their teachers. Packed lunches will be required for this day.

Next Friday sees the arrival of the Right Honourable Robert Halfon MP to Jerounds Primary Academy, in order to celebrate National School Sports Week. This national event is a wonderful annual event, whereby MPs are invited into their local constituency by schools, in order to share outstanding practice. We are simply overjoyed that Robert Halfon MP has chosen 'sporty Jerounds' as his destination.

The major themes for this week will be:

- Being active
- Connecting
- Giving back
- Taking notice
- Learning

Robert Halfon MP will be answering questions posed by our Student Leadership Team and School Council, in addition to learning a little bit more about our community and the many opportunities that are available here at Jerounds to help shape future generations. Finally, Harlequins Rugby Community will be in school during Mr Halfon's visit hosting a 'Megafest' – based upon the Six Nations Rugby model – after which Mr Halfon MP will crown the winning team. Further examples of the fantastic opportunities that are on offer for our children! Now onto Art. We would like to sincerely thank Mrs Wagstaff, our Art coordinator, staff, parents and of course, our amazing artists – OUR CHILDREN – for the hard work and fantastic creations, that they produced for our Summer Exhibition. The results were vibrant, mature, and creative, and we are suitably proud of each and every one of our children for participating. Likewise, the ambiance created by the authentic set-up of the exhibition was great and has hopefully inspired many of our children and families to visit both local and national galleries during the summer holidays.

Finally, I wanted to apologise for not publishing this week's newsletter on Monday, as planned. However, on Monday, we paid host to Jerounds second Parent Forum. Here, parents raised some very important issues and targets, that we wanted to address directly. Most importantly was the fact that we had changed the agenda item, without informing the parent body. This was my error, as I ideally want to address all parents when sharing new Department of Education guidelines for reading, rather than addressing a small gathering of nine parents. Nonetheless, this had not been communicated and as such was inconvenient to some attendees. With regards to reading, whilst I realise that I have spoken about reading, in great depths, in many newsletters, we still feel as a Senior Leadership Team, that we need more hands-on workshops to reiterate the new expectations; this we will fulfil in September.

The focus of the forum was – 'One Year On' and a reflection upon the many initiatives that have been introduced this academic year. Many were positive, however, there was a real drive for continuous improvement and great ideas from parents as to how the school could improve even further. We have even just arranged a trip out for Year 1, as a result. Subsequently, I urge parents to attend at least one forum per year so that they can also contribute to our school's improvement and have a voice for the subject under discussion that term. After all, all outstanding schools are continuously evolving and should always be seen to be 'works in progresses'.

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



Dates for your Diary

17th June—Parent Forum (Reading) 2.30pm—KS2 hall

24th June—Robins class assembly—3pm KS1 hall

26th June—Ravens class assembly—KS2 hall

29th June—Summer Fete

1st July—Starlings class assembly—3pm KS1 hall

3rd July—Owls class assembly—9am KS2 hall

3rd July—Falcons class assembly—3pm KS2 hall

4th July—Swans to the Henry Moore Foundation

5th July—Year 6 to the Gibberd Garden

5th July—Afterschool clubs finish

8th July—Wrens class assembly—9am KS1 hall

9th July—KS1 and KS2 Sports Day

10th July—Kingfishers class assembly—9am KS1 hall

10th July—Nightingales class assembly—3pm KS1 hall

11th July—Wagtails class assembly—9am KS2 hall

11th July—Eagles to The Henry Moore Foundation

15th July—Sparrows class assembly—9am KS1 hall

15th July—Puffins class assembly—3pm KS2 hall

16th July—Class Swap morning

16th July—Year 2 parents—Coffee morning 8.45am—10am KS2 hall

16th July—Eagles Leavers Production—2.15pm—3.15pm

16th July—Eagles Leavers Production—6pm—7.15pm

17th July—Merlins class assembly—9am KS2 hall

17th July—Swans Leavers Production—2.15pm—3.15pm

17th July—Swans Leavers Production—6pm—7.15pm

18th July—EYFS—Year 5 discos—4.30pm—6.15pm

19th July—Year 6 leavers disco—6pm—8pm

22nd July—Class parties

24th July—Eagles Leavers Assembly—9.15am—10.15am

24th July—Swans Leavers Assembly—10.45am—11.45am

24th July—Break up for summer

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 24th May 2019

1. Puffins 100%

2. Wrens 99.2%

3. Falcons & Ravens 99.1%

Whole school
97%

W/C 14th June 2019

1. Kingfishers 99.3%

2. Wagtails 98.7%

3. Nightingales 98.3%

Whole school
96.4%

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.....

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The Friends of Jerounds would like to say a huge thank you for all the parents who donated to the Bag 2 School.

We raised an amazing £76.00.

Well done!

Thank you to this avid reader who kindly donated a duplicate copy of one of his books to his class library.

Jerounds children are always over the moon to receive any book donations.



Birthday Book Donation

How lucky are the children at Jerounds to receive this wonderful birthday book donation, Gabriella, The Snow Kingdom Fairy

Thank you very much, we will all



Our Stars of the Week



Our fantastic badge winners



EYFS News



Our Topic for this half-term is 'Journeys'. We will be focusing on the book 'The Blue Balloon' and our learning will be linked to different journeys and adventures. Robins and Wrens found their very own blue balloon and discussed its journey to Jerounds! We have used this story to write a recount of the adventure during literacy.

In Topic, we discussed the word 'journey' and wrote a list of different items that we might like to take on a journey. For example if we were visiting Australia we would take sunglasses, shorts, sandals and sun-cream. Whereas if we were going to Iceland we would take woolly hats, coats, scarf, gloves, jumpers.

In maths, we have been learning about time and we have introduced the children to o'clock times. They practiced making and reading different times on the clocks. We also discussed daily routines using vocabulary such as Morning, afternoon, Evening.

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



Year One News



Sparrows and Kingfishers had a very interesting time during Around the World Week before the half-term holiday. Sparrows were finding out about Holland and Kingfishers found out about Austria. 'Where is our country?' is one of the many questions that were answered. They discovered what language was spoken in their chosen country as well as cultural features.

Creativity was high on the agenda as Sparrows made tulip pictures, windmills, word clouds and collage flags. Kingfishers were busy in the kitchen baking apple strudel. Both classes have made brochures telling you all that they have discovered about their respective countries.



Year Two News



This week in year 2 we have been learning to write instructions. We watched an exciting video about how to ride a hover bike, and have written some safety instructions to go with this! We've used a range of adverbs and sentence starters in our writing, and will be learning to write a persuasive letter next week.

In maths we've been looking at reading scales. We started the week by looking at a variety of different scales such as a thermometer, ruler and speedometer. We then moved onto measuring the length of different objects using cubes.



Year Three News



What wonderful weeks we've had!

In Sciences we are learning and investigating magnetic forces. Last Friday, we all created our own "Magnetic Mazes" to test our friends (even our teachers) in class. What a fantastic investigation!

In History, we had the opportunity to build replicas of an ancient Aztec Pyramids using deans blocks. We added up layers and afterwards we predicted how many blocks we would need to build them, thankfully we are great mathematicians!

We are working with fractions in Maths right now, and our task is to find a fraction of different numbers. (thirds, quarters, fifths...) We used different resources to do so, such as deans blocks and fraction mats.



Year Four News



We have had a very busy week after half term in Year 4. In English, we have continued writing our information texts, about the journey of chocolate from seed to bars in the shops.

In maths, we have been learning about money and decimals which the children have very much enjoyed, particularly using the fake money to help with their learning.

In the afternoons, we have been learning about The Qur'an and the modern Royal family. It is wonderful to see the children back and well rested.



Year Five News



Year 5 have been getting stuck in with angles this week in maths. They are stretching their learning by find angles within right angles, straight line angles and angles around a point.

In English, they have put their wizard hats on and started to read Harry potter philosophers stone.

Also, they have been a reporter for a week to report the mysterious strange events that have been occurring in privet drive. Shooting stars have been spotted! Have you seen any in Harlow ?

Both Ravens and Falcons are busy preparing for their class assembly.



Year Six News



Year 6 had a fabulous 'Around the World' week just before half term, it was a relief to have such a fun time after all the work we had completed for SATs. Swans studied Poland (because we have two Polish children in class) and Eagles studied sunny Jamaica in the Caribbean.

The history of Poland was a key focus for Swans as we looked at this European country had suffered for many centuries at the hands of countries such as Russia and of course in World War two and the occupation by the Nazis. But there was light relief with lots of food; Miss Butterworth went shopping and a huge thank you to Mrs Curtis for cooking lots of interesting foods, we also created our own bagels, as the bagel was first baked in the 17th century in Poland by the Jewish community.

Eagles enjoyed learning about the culture and music of Jamaica, Bob Marley's music and lyrics were studied and they enjoyed baking (and eating) traditional ginger cake. We all enjoyed using our country knowledge to create art work as well from Jamiacan sunsets to collages of the concentration camps.





Jerounds Primary Academy

Brunel—556 points (3rd)

Darwin—310 points (5th)

Shakespeare—971 points (2nd)

Nightingale—366 points (4th)

Pankhurst—1068 points (1st)



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