



Jerounds Journal

Dear Parent and Carers,

As the festive season approaches to signify the end of the autumn term, I wanted to take time to remind our families of the many exciting opportunities that are still happening before Thursday 17th December.

Firstly, Jerounds will be taking part in the School Games National Santa Dash. The children will be joining thousands of other young people across the country who will all be taking part on Friday 11th December. Times have been arranged, so that year groups across the country will be running simultaneously. We are encouraging our children to wear a Santa hat or Christmassy hair accessories. The children will look extremely festive, on Friday, whilst pupils and staff complete their 15-minute 'dash'.



Similarly, the 'North Pole' challenge has been progressing well – especially in After School Club – with Mrs Bull and Mrs Fox! This activity involves our children being physically active for 15 minutes daily, outside of school, to try to help the school reach the North Pole – 2,631 miles away; 15 minutes of exercise equals a mile. Any form of exercise is tallied: going for a walk; walking to school; riding a bike; playing a sport etc. Every time a child is physically active, he/she simply tallies the distance on the sheets sent home, to every child, two weeks ago. Mr Oh will be tallying the results over the coming weeks. We are hopeful to make it to the North Pole in time for Christmas!

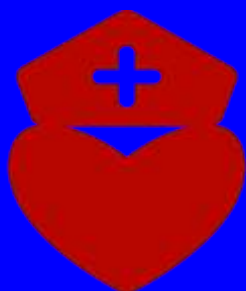
Our Christmas dinner is fast approaching – please ensure that you have reserved a place for your child for this super example of family dining. It is always lovely to see our children eating a hearty, festive meal with their class teacher and support staff.



Finally, class teachers will be sending parents/carers a class-specific YouTube link over the coming weeks, for you all to enjoy your child's class celebrating the festive season. Those children of different faiths will also be included within the recordings, using a non-Christian theme of 'celebration'. We hope you enjoy and take time to share the links with your child and wider family. We hope to post out these links during the week commencing 14.12.2020.

Mrs Fordyce, our Year 6 teacher from Latton Green Primary Academy, came to visit Jerounds during the week. She masterfully captured on film all that there is to celebrate about our joyous and collaborative community. Moreover, she skillfully pieced together her individual recordings and drone footage, to produce a creative, virtual tour of Jerounds for potential and existing parents - to view and share as widely as possible. We will be attaching the virtual tour to our website and then ParentMailing out the link, for our parents and carers to view. For many of you, this will be your first preview of the extensive work carried out in school over the summer period. We hope you all feel as proud as we do, of our beautiful school, children and staff, once you have viewed the tour in full.

Our Winter Olympics, organised by the illustrious Mrs Bull, was a huge success on Friday. Every child, suitably attired in their house colours, played curling, boccia, ice-hockey, archery and football. Mrs Bull is looking forward to



totaling the final scores and revealing the victorious 'House' both at Jerounds and across all our Harlow schools in an 'inter and intra' competition.

December Reading Challenge:

- Read a book about a winter sport;
- Ask a Librarian: Visit your local library and ask a librarian, "What are some of your favourite books published this year for readers my age?" then check one out;
- Read a book about a holiday you don't celebrate at home;
- Celebrate National Short Story Day, December 21, by exploring an anthology or collection of short stories and using it as inspiration to write your own short story;
- Try reading a book aloud to the tune of your favourite Winter song, such as "Jingle bells" or "Winter Wonderland.";
- Think ahead: What's something you want to learn more about in the New Year? Read a book on that topic to get a jump start;
- Read a book while wrapped in a favourite blanket. Add a cup of hot cocoa if you'd like;
- Think about all the books you've read this year and choose your favourite. Flip through it one more time and ask yourself, "What made it feel special?";
- Read a book by an author who has a first or last name that starts with the same letter as yours;
- Gather up old books you no longer read and donate them to those in need.



Finally, a huge thank you to Year 6, Swans, for securing a 100% attendance for our online learning, during their recent isolation. Please keep it up Swans. We look forward to welcoming them all back into school, including Miss Taylor and Mrs Beavis, on Wednesday this week.

Meanwhile, may I remind all Jerounds' families to please adhere to strict hygiene rules and tier-2 regulations, outside of the school environment, to prevent any further disruption to different year groups. The common pattern of positive testing appears to be occurring following weekend activities. This reinforces the fact, that our stringent hygiene practices at school really do reduce the risk of infection. Perhaps our children could share these practices with their families, to promote exemplary routines within the home environment. It is essential to reduce the risk of infection and thus further disruption to our children's learning. Collectively, we must all take responsibility.

I sincerely look forward to sharing many more photographs with you all on our numerous social media platforms, over the coming two weeks.

With best wishes,

Mrs Laura Ciftci BA (Hons) MEd
Head of School



Our Values

Passion
Integrity
Respect
Collaboration
Responsibility
Justice

We get Dojos for...

Taking on Responsibility within the class
and around school.



Showing Passion and enthusiasm.

Respect shown towards someone or something.

Demonstrating Justice for all.

Collaboration with others.



Integrity, by being honest and having strong morals.



Birthday Book Donations



Children and adults love reading at Jerounds and will thoroughly enjoy reading this birthday book donation.

Thank you so much, we are very lucky.



Jerounds Primary Academy— House Points

Brunel— 354 points (4th)

Shakespeare— 504 points (2nd)

Darwin— 434 points (3rd)

Pankhurst— 316 points (5th)

Nightingale— 510 points (1st)



Christmas Cards from Mind in West Essex



CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE NOW!!



Our Mental Health Support Team recently held a Christmas Card Designing Competition for schools in Harlow. All of the entries were truly wonderful. The difficult choice was made and 5 designs were chosen as our winners. We have had these designs turned into Christmas Cards and they are available to buy on our website now!

<http://www.mindinwestessex.org.uk/product/christmas-cards/>

These sales will raise vital funds for Mind in West Essex.

Please support us by ordering your cards online now!

- All packs consist of 10 cards per pack
- Choose 1 design (10 x cards of the same design)
- or choose 2 designs (5 x cards of one, 5 x cards of another)
- or choose all 5 designs (2 x cards of each design)
- Packs cost £3.50 (that's just 35p per card!)

Simply place your order online. Payment can be made by debit/credit card or PayPal, and your cards will be posted out to you (postage is added at checkout)

Thank-you for your support!



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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

96.8%



Weekly Class Attendance Heros

W/C 23rd November 2020

1. Wrens and Puffins 100%

2. Robins 99.5%

3. Starlings 96.7%

Whole school
95.4%

W/C 4th December 2020

1. Puffins and Falcons 100%

2. Robins and Eagles 98.5%

3. Owls 98.4%

Whole school
96.4%

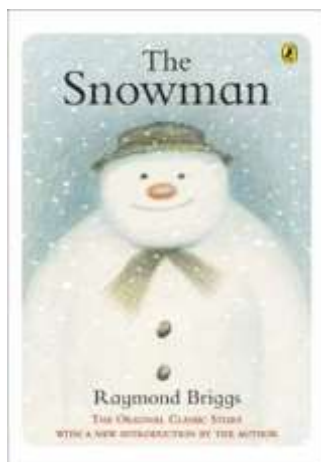
Attendance Ladder

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

Mrs Bell's Recommended Reads

There are copies of all books in school. Children can speak with Mrs Bell if they are unable to find any.



EYFS

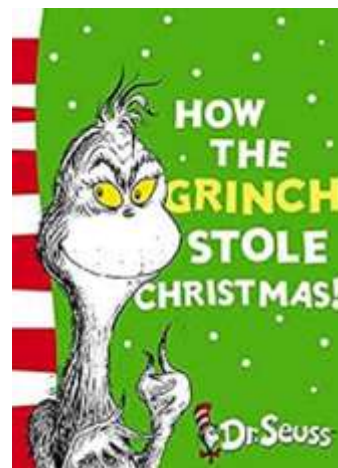
The Snowman by Raymond Briggs

A classic picture book to look at and discuss on a cold wintery night or you could follow the book along with the ebook to listen to the story and narration from the original film in which, one wintery night a snowman comes to life and an unforgettable adventure begins.

KS1

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss

Christmas is not complete in my house without The Grinch! As wise and witty as ever, everyone loves reading about the grumpy Grinch, with his mean heart two sizes too small. Join in with the residents of Whoville to celebrate the festive season.



LKS2

The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher

A warm hearted, magical Christmas story for all of the family. The McFly band member enchanted me with this story, in which William wakes up on Christmas eve to find the Christmasaurus in his bedroom. He is soon on a dazzling adventure full of snow, elves and flying reindeer.



UKS2

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

We couldn't forget the classic novella during the run up to Christmas. It is one of the best known and most well-loved books of all time. Originally written in 1843, its story still resonates with people of all ages. Snuggle up with a hot chocolate and learn all about the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. You can even read it here for free: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/46/46-h/46-h.html>

Winter Reading Challenge

It's that time of year to snuggle up with a book during the cold winter months. Why not join the Winter Reading Challenge at your local library? Mrs Bell would love to lots of bookmarks filled with wonderful stickers around the school.



**Pick up your giant bookmark today from
any Essex library and collect stamps for
each library book you read!**

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EYFS News



This week in EYFS we have been busy practising our Christmas Production which we cannot wait to share with you all, later on this month. The children have been trying really hard to remember their lines and actions for our Christmas songs. Please do continue to support your child with practising their lines at home.

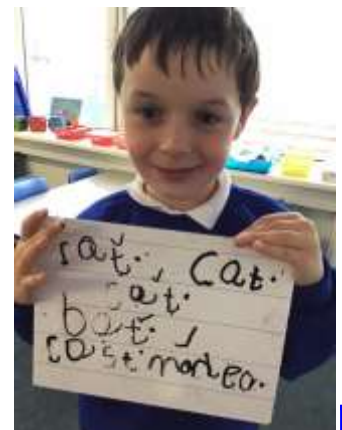
During PE, we have been focusing on catching and throwing using bean bags. The children have learnt different throwing techniques and skills such as, under arm and over arm and aiming the bean bag accurately when throwing to their partners.

In maths, we are continuing to learn about numbers up to 10. This week, our focus was number 10 and the children found one more and one less using the Numicon and writing addition number sentences to make 10.

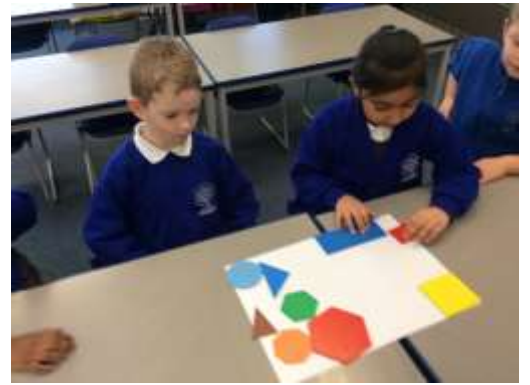
In English, we have been practising writing CVC words and putting them into sentences. The children have been using their knowledge of sounds to accurately spell each word and writing simple sentences.

Our book focus this week was 'Don't put your finger in the jelly Nelly' which the children have really enjoyed listening to and re-telling.

Please continue to read with your child at home as much possible.



Year One News



Kingfishers and Sparrows have had a great couple of weeks. In maths we have been investigating odd and even numbers as well as exploring 2D and 3D shapes by looking at their different properties and counting how many sides and corners they have. We have also started a new story in English, about Elf on the shelf, and the children are really enthusiastic and excited to write about it. In science we have been investigating a variety of everyday materials and we have been describing how they look and feel.

Finally, the children have been enjoying learning new songs and dances for their Christmas performance that will be filmed for you all to watch.



Year Two News



Year 2 have been working very hard over the past 2 weeks!

In English, we have been writing a description of the forest using noun phrases and similes and have rewritten the story 'Into the forest'. The children really enjoyed adding in their own adjectives to describe the characters that we met throughout the story.

This week in maths the children have been exploring adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. We have explored exchanging tens.

We have had great fun in our science lessons over the last couple of weeks, we have been exploring a range of habitats and how animals are suited to certain habitats. Also we have learnt animals obtain their food from plants and other animals which can be shown in a food chain.

Please remember to test your children on their weekly spellings that are uploaded onto seesaw. As well as daily reading at home with a small comment added to their reading diary's.

Keep working hard Year 2! Well done!



Year Three News



Another fantastic couple of weeks for our wonderful Year 3's. In English we have started to explore new endings to the story *The Stone Age Boy*. The children have been very creative when writing their alternative endings. This week they have focussed on information texts and started to explore what an information text is.

In maths, children have been challenged with reasoning tasks after exploring multiples of 3 and 4. As well as this, they have learnt how to multiply and divide by 10. The children thoroughly enjoyed this as they were able to be active during lesson times.

In Design and Technology, we have been working on our kitchen skills and have been practising food preparation techniques including peeling and grating. The children have also learnt two techniques of cutting - the bridge and claw technique which we would appreciate them practising at home.



Year Four News



Our focus this half term in PE has been football. Over the last few weeks the children have been developing and building on their vocabulary and skills in our weekly lessons. Expanding on the skills learnt so far, such as passing, dribbling and keeping control of the ball, this week we were able to introduce the skill of intercepting. Some of us managed to incorporate this into a game whereby we could earn points.

In Art, there was a buzz of creative excitement as the children revealed their shibori tie dye. After weeks of testing different ideas their final pattern was revealed and it was well worth the wait. Everyone in Year 4 is very excited to see some of these pieces framed and displayed around school.



Year Five News



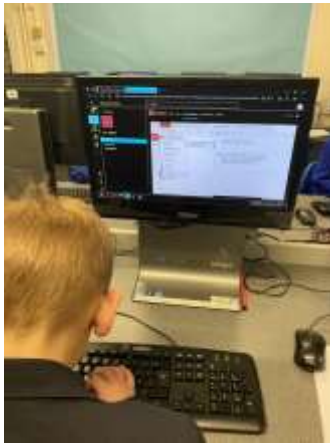
It has been a manic couple of weeks in Year 5!

Both classes have been working hard on their geometry skills in Maths, learning how to translate shapes and plot coordinates on a graph. In English we have continued to read *Kensuke's Kingdom*, which all the children are thoroughly enjoying. It has produced some amazingly imaginative writing across the classes.

We have also been practising extremely hard in preparation for our Christmas production. It will involve some music, readings and a couple of surprises!



Year Six News

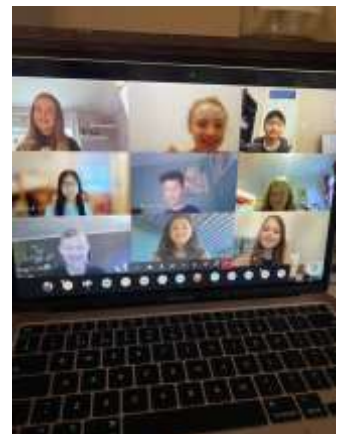


Eagles have had an amazing week, showing how responsible they can be during a particularly busy time. In the classroom, we have been continuing with our maths curriculum - this week completing a number of reasoning-based questions focused around measurements. We have also continued reading *Friend or Foe*; getting into character as David by writing a diary entry showing how he felt on the first day after his evacuation. Some of the writing is simply brilliant, demonstrating emotive language with real thought and care given to the content.

In order to keep up digitally with Swans, Eagles have been learning how to use Microsoft Teams, working collaboratively to create information OneNote pages about the River Stort - combining information technology and geographical skills. Outside of the classroom, we have begun to think about Christmas, decorating the class tree and rehearsing for our digital performance. We have also kept active (in anticipation of the Santa Dash!) by honing our badminton and hockey skills.

Swans have been online learning on Microsoft Teams this week. They have shown independence, resilience and IT skills and they have adapted really well to this new way of learning. The children have completed a daily Maths, English, Calculations and Reading lesson, as well as keeping up with their Science, Humanities and even PE learning on Teams. The standard of work the children have uploaded on Seesaw has been outstanding. They have demonstrated the NET values brilliantly and have earned many Dojos for showing respect towards each other, passion for learning and taking responsibility for their learning.

We are looking forward to being back to school next week but we are so proud of the work we have achieved in overcoming the challenges of online learning.



Important information regarding attendance

There is no entitlement to parents to take their child/children out of school during term time. All leave of absence must be applied for in writing to the Head of School for consideration.

If absence is not authorised and the holiday is taken, the case will be referred to the Education Welfare Service who may issue a Penalty Notice for £120 (£60 if paid within 21 days) to each parent for each child taken out of school.

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Polite Reminders

- ♦ Jerounds has a no jewellery policy, this includes earrings. Watches are permitted.
- ♦ Please be considerate when parking near our school and remember our neighbours.
- ♦ Have you changed your telephone number or email address recently? If so, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure all details are up to date.