



Jerounds Journal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the festive season descends upon our daily lives, I wanted to take a little time aside to remind you all of the many fabulous events taking place over the coming ten days, within school.

Notably, Monday 9th December, saw the coming together of NET choirs across the Trust to perform a delightful medley at Stewards Academy. The event was well attended and showcased the individual and combined talents of a whole array of NET Academies children. Thank you to all those who attended and supported our children. Mrs Bell managed to encourage more than 50 attendees from our newly formed choir. Well done children!

This week also pays host to our Key Stage 1 nativities - Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon (11th and 12th), commencing at 14:30. Furthermore, our Carol Service will perform two poignant performances on Monday 16th December; this year's performance will involve musical instruments, dance and drama, and promises to be the 'must-see' event of the year. We look forward to seeing representatives from every family in attendance.

The choir will also be performing on Wednesday afternoon at Tylney Croft (sheltered housing) - to bring some cheery, festive joy to all the residence. We will upload lots of fabulous photographs from all of these events onto our twitter page @NET_Jerounds. Please do follow us!

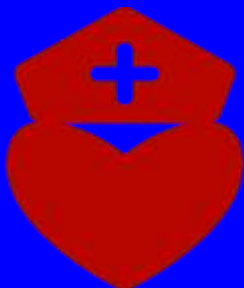
Meanwhile, Friday, 13th December marks and indeed celebrates, national 'Christmas Jumper' Day and our Christmas dinner. Children will be expected to wear non-school uniform - with the one proviso, that a suitably festive jumper/sweater, must be worn. Similarly, we urge you to all encourage our children to have a Christmas dinner on Friday, so that they may celebrate the festive season with their class teachers; this promises to be a most memorable feast of food, joy and song.

The celebrations continue on Tuesday with our Christmas Bazaar and Class Discos. A huge thank you to the Friends of Jerounds and all those families who have sent in contribution's for the children to purchase as gifts for loved ones. It is much appreciated. This day is also a non-school uniform day, as it will evolve into the class discos, directly after the school day. The Friends have arranged some super events for this dance extravaganza, which we are also hoping to record and load onto our twitter page.

Finally, there is a circulating our playgrounds currently, that Wednesday may also see the arrival of a hugely popular and elusive visitor - expertly steered by dashing reindeers from an extreme northerly point on Earth, to here in Harlow, Essex. Who could it be?

Other news:

Huge congratulations to both our Boccia and Curling teams for their ambassadorial qualities and exemplary skills set! Stars of the sporting future, we think! Huge thanks are extended to Mr Bailey, for arranging this event and ensuring such an inclusive participation. Next term, we have football, tag rugby and netball competitions, coupled with some indoor athletic competitions. So do remind the children not to eat too many mince pies, as training will begin again in the Spring Term.



Saracens have really established strong links in Jerounds - with both rugby and cheerleading extra-curricular clubs thriving. We hope to add to this acumen further, with a dance club offer and a Multi-Sports Club. Tennis is equally popular with our young children and supporting the early developmental needs of children - the ABCs of multi-skills: agility, balance and co-ordination. In fact, we are immensely proud of our extra-curricular offer, providing real diversity and variety to help support the needs of all of our children. Please continue to support the breadth of our offer.

To conclude this newsletter, I wanted to finish with another reminder of the importance of reading and how crucial it is to our children's development. Moreover, as the Christmas euphoria beckons, please do not refrain from sitting and reading with your children - quite the contrary in fact. Please spend time sharing, reading and exploring the fabulous world around you - especially as George.R.R.Martin said: ***'A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one'.***



Reading isn't important because it helps get you a job. It's important because it gives you room to exist beyond the reality you're given. Reading makes the world better. It is how humans merge. How minds connect. Dreams. Empathy. Understanding. Escape. Reading is love in action.

Matt Haig

On behalf of all the staff and children, we look forward to welcoming you to our many celebrations over the next few days.

With best wishes,

Mrs Laura Ciftci BA (Hons) MEd
Head of School



Dates for your Diary

10th December—EYFS & KS1 Nativity—Wagtails, Kingfishers & Wrens class—2.30pm—3.30pm
11th December—EYFS & KS1 Nativity—Starlings, Sparrows & Robins class—2.30pm—3.30pm
11th December—Open morning—9.30am to 12pm
12th December—Polling Day
13th December—Christmas Dinner
13th December—Christmas Jumper Day
16th December—KS2 Carol Concert—Eagles, Falcons, Owls & Puffins—9.15am—10.30am
16th December—KS2 Carol Concert—Swans, Ravens, Nightingales & Merlins—2.15pm—3.30pm
17th December—Christmas Bazaar day
17th December—Non-uniform day
17th December—EYFS, KS1, years 3 & 4 school disco—3.45pm—5.30pm
17th December—Years 5 & 6 school disco—5.45pm—7.30pm
18th December—Flu Immunisations
18th December—Children break up from school—3.45pm
7th January—Children return to school

Please refer to the Jerounds website for future dates

Birthday Book Donation



How lucky are the children at Jerounds to receive these wonderful birthday book donations, The Snow Queen and Demon Dentist.

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



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



Weekly Class Attendance Heros

W/C 29th November 2019

1. Eagles 100%
2. Wagtails 98.3%
3. Swans 97.9%

Whole school
95.8%

W/C 6th December 2019

1. Sparrows 99.3%
2. Owls 98.1%
3. Swans 97.9%

Whole school
93.7%

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

Our Stars of the Week



Playleaders and Sports Champion of the week



EYFS News



Robins and Wrens have been loving all of the Christmas themed activities. This week we have learnt all about Christmas around the world and read 'The Nativity' story. We then used stick puppets to act out the story and we even took to the stage ourselves during our 'helicopter stories' session to re-enact this traditional text. We have had the opportunity to write to Father Christmas during Literacy and eagerly await a response from the North Pole.

During maths this week we looked at the number eight and what this means. Can they show you what it means? For example, eight fingers, eight blocks? Can they form the number or tell you the rhyme - 'make an s and close the gate, now you've made a number eight'. Next week, we will explore 9. Encourage your child to represent the 'number of the week' at home. For example, can they write the digit 9, draw nine people, find nine raisins, clap or stomp nine times. Encourage your child to go on a number hunt - write numbers on bits of paper and hide them around your home.

Please feel free to upload pictures of your number hunt on to Tapestry.



Year One News



We have had a very busy fortnight! We started to retell our very own version of the story Little Beauty, by changing the main characters and even the story.

Our art teacher Mrs Ford, has challenged us to create our own Kente cloth from Ghana by weaving paper strips and printing a colourful woven pattern. In our Christmas workshop yesterday the children created a beautiful artstraw snowflake. The challenge faced was ensuring an equal number of straws were used in each section; with just the right amount of glue to hold the straws in place without the mess and the glitter decorating our wonderful parent helpers!

And finally we mustn't forget to mention the hard work we have been putting in to be ready for our exciting nativity next week, the children are looking forward to performing in front of mums, dads and loved ones.



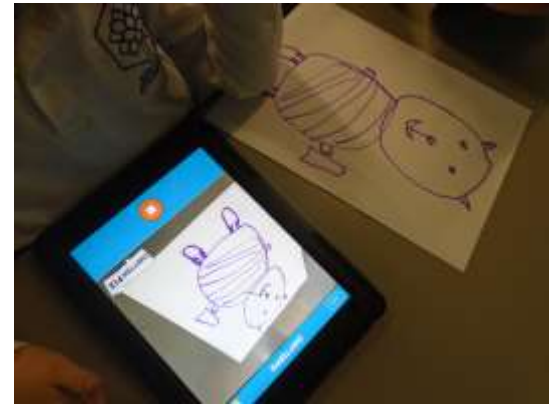
Year Two News



This term in History, we have been learning about Guy Fawkes. This week, we were learning specifically about Thomas Percy and the children created a wanted poster. They also included a detailed description, using adjectives and noun phrases to describe what he looks like.

We have also been rehearsing for our Christmas Production which is next week! This week we rehearsed with all of KS1 and Early Years. The children are very excited to perform to their friends and family next week. They have really enjoyed practicing the songs and we have found some budding actors!

This week we also took part in a Christmas art workshop where the children created snowflakes using different materials. They really enjoyed spending time with family and friends to create a glittery masterpiece!



Year Three News



In Merlins class, we have continued to investigate teeth as part of our Science work. Following on from our fantastic visit from Mrs Woolams, we conducted an experiment linked with the knowledge we had gained from her presentation. First we asked a question which we wanted to try to answer as scientists: What is the effect of cola on our teeth? We planned our experiment carefully thinking about different variables and learning how to conduct a fair test which is an important part of working scientifically. We placed a control egg in water to compare against and left an egg (acting as our teeth) in cola overnight. What do you think happened? Ask your children and they will tell you the outcome and what they found out from the experiment!

This week Puffins took part in a fabulous Art workshop. Puffins class designed their own snow diamonds with the use of straws and glitter. They all had a fabulous time with their parents, who helped with the decorating, and were really proud of the work they produced. Puffins class loved every minute of decorating their snow diamonds just in time for the festive period.



Year Four News



Another busy week in Year 4. The classes were able to develop their understanding of teeth and think scientifically using their knowledge gained so far. We tested the effect that different juices had on an egg to represent the damage which could happen to our teeth. A fantastic life lesson explored in an exciting and stimulating way. We are also continuing to read daily, during whole class reading we have been deepening our understanding whilst focusing on different aspects of the text. This alongside sustained reading sessions and our class story each day help to develop year 4's love of reading.



Year Five News



On Monday, Year 5 were transported back to the Victorian era - 1895 to be precise. The costumes across the year group were fabulous! We had a wide range of costumes, from housemaids and butlers, to orphans and chimney sweeps.

The children began the day with hand and nail inspections, meaning some of our chimney sweeps had to sink their hands straight into the sink with a bar of soap! The children quickly had to get used to the strict nature of the Victorian classroom by copying down the school rules in perfect handwriting and only using their right hand - something that proved quite a challenge! They had to stand whenever an adult entered the room and only sit when given permission to. All adults had to be greeted appropriately and referred to as Sir or Madam. The behaviour expectations were made clear and those that were not toeing the line over the course of the day had to suffer the embarrassment of the dunce hat and some even received a "thrashing".

The afternoon was filled with traditional art activities and Victorian parlor games including Grandmas footsteps.

The children were also treated to a talk from Barnardo's - the children's charity which our class novel in English is based on. The charity was set up to help protect vulnerable children during the Victorian era. It was very informative and the children asked some very insightful questions.



Year Six News



This week, Year 6 pupils were lucky enough to attend the traditional Christmas pantomime in Harlow Playhouse. It was the tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We travelled to the theatre on foot. Once we arrived, we were seated by the very helpful staff. We sat in the upper part of the theatre, where we had terrific views of the stage. The actors were amazing. They were extremely funny and talented. We also enjoyed watching the dancers and singing along to all the songs. Year 6 showed exemplary behaviour and were amazing role models for the day. What a great experience!

Thank you to our volunteers and parents who attended with us.

Year 6 have also been doing daily advent activities at the end of each day, including writing what we admire about each other on a star and large scale mindful doodling! It's really getting us into the festive spirit and reminding us what the season is about - being thankful for what we have and spending time with others.





Jerounds Primary Academy

Brunel— 219 points (5th)

Nightingale— 2286 points (2nd)

Darwin— 328 points (3rd)

Shakespeare— 294 points (4th)

Pankhurst— 2360 points (1st)



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for latest news and information

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.