



Jerounds Journal

Dear Parents/Carers

This year, Jerounds first year of academisation, we have witnessed a variety of achievements and successes to celebrate: successes in the academic, musical, art and sporting worlds of your children. I emphasise 'excellence' as that is what we all aim for and has formed a large part of our Jerounds' mantra throughout the past year.

This year has seen a wealth of talent on the sporting front and we are delighted that children have built upon the successes of last year's inaugural venture into the Harlow sports arena/ spotlight. Once again, we concluding this year with a Gold Sports Award for Jerounds Primary Academy! Likewise, our community sports day extravaganza, embraced all sectors within our community, concluding in a superb mums and dads race. Sincerest gratitude to all those who contributed to its success.

Moreover, across the year, both Key Stages 1 and 2 have entered numerous events to develop their agility, balance and co-ordination – the fundamentals of sport. Inter and Intra competitions have also formed a large part of our annual calendar this year – with the Winter Olympics. Nightingale, Brunel, Pankhurst, Darwin and Shakespeare all performed immensely well, and were each duly crowned victorious at some point throughout the competition – well done to you all! Years 4 and 5 trained with Harlequins Rugby Club, and then competed in a Harlequins Megafest. Significantly, this sporting prowess all took place against the backdrop of a visit from Mr Robert Halfon MP, who honoured Jerounds with a special visit to celebrate National Schools Sports Week (NSSW). Similarly, our footballers, swimmers, cross country runners, athletes, tennis stars, cricketers, KS1 Mini-Olympians, have all competed alongside other schools. Our ethos of development and progression at Jerounds Primary Academy, coupled with quality grass-roots training is now starting to pay dividends for our children. Sport at Jerounds continues to thrive thanks to the commitment and dedication of Mrs Bull, Mr Fitch, Mr Bailey and Mr Hore - and our outstanding staff. We are all sincerely grateful to all those who 'drive' this with real passion – but of course they are considerably aided by the enthusiasm and talent of their teams too!

Now onto Jerounds musical success, of which there are many. For those of you who were fortunate enough to hear our Christmas Carol Service, KS1 Christmas concert, would have noticed the quality and enthusiasm of our performers. Similarly, our 'new-look' assemblies now have added musical accompaniments and under the directorship of our specialist teacher, Mrs Wiltshire, perform and sing regularly across their year groups. Years 4 and 5 performed at London's O2 Arena for Young Voices, whilst Year 3, all learned to read music and play the recorder. Notably, they all went on to perform our first instrumental concert to their parents; fully demonstrating all the skills that they had learned throughout the year. Unquestionably, our class assemblies have set new benchmarks, illustrating that quality first teaching really does inspire and nurture children's self-confidence. The children's determination to perform Shakespearean text, dance, sing and share their art work in assemblies with their families has been spine-tingling at times.

Both Year 6 end of year performance encapsulated and highlighted the many characteristics of teamwork and collaboration that Jerounds nurtures – with their philosophical message to 'always reach for the sky'. Thank you!

I could also not let this celebration pass without a mention too for Jerounds' Art work this year; whether it's a whole school exhibition or individual class contributions, Miss Wagstaff, Mrs Latham and our newly appointed Art Coordinator, Mrs Ford, have all brought back the importance of creativity, colour and community engagement. Most notably, our recent Art workshops attracted a wide selection of mums, dads, grandparents and carers to assist with the production of a whole host of exhibits to adorn our school corridors. The whole school study of Harlow's sculptures opened up another avenue of visual creativity, school trips and the most memorable visits to The Gibberd Gardens. As a result of Jerounds' commitment to Art, we have been notified that next year, we will have an artist in residence from the Gibberd Gallery for the duration of the autumn term. The intention is to facilitate our children to design and construct a 'child-friendly' map of Harlow. The completed works will then form part of a whole town exhibition at the Gibberd Gallery in the autumn term. This is really such a great community honour.

On the academic front: children have adapted well (eventually!) to the rigour and aspirational standards of the 'NET Way'. We have a clear statement of our purpose: shaping futures. We have developed this together over the past year as a Trust and as a Harlow cluster. Of course, it is still evolving – as indeed, all organisations should – but the initiatives for the coming year look even more exciting and memorable for all of our children. Furthermore, the implementation of specialist teaching staff has revolutionised our curriculum and up-skilled our curriculum offer: PE, Art and Music, are now embedded threads for our new, knowledge-based curriculum. Equally, Ruby, our Head Girl won the 500 words writing competition for Harlow, whilst 60% of our KS1 and KS2 children successfully had their wiring published into a book. TT Rockstars took over the top spot from the X-box in the eyes of our children, whilst our first ever 'Spelling Bee' competition sent a fervour of vocabulary-eating children home to practise more challenging spellings! 'Around the World' week and 'Shakespeare week' added further enrichment opportunities for all our children to develop as confident, diverse learners.

My warmest wishes and sincerest thanks are extended to ALL the staff at Jerounds, including Ashlyns Caterers; both IN and OUT of the classroom – far too many to list here now. They all play an important role in the daily life and well-being of the school. We are a real 'school family' and I sincerely thank them all for their genuine goodwill, humour and support for Jerounds this year.

The Friends of Jerounds, under the stewardship Mrs Claire Ford, Mrs Caroline Powell, Mrs Michelle Gregory, Mrs Lyndsey Lowers and Mrs Sarah MacDonald, continues to work tirelessly for the benefit of our children. The Friends give generously of their precious time and the staff and children are genuinely appreciative of all the many resources that they have provided for them this year. I urge all parents to consider adding to the depth of the Friends and to sign up and become actively involved. After all, what is a community without positive parent-school relations?

My final thank you is to our wonderful children – for what they have given to the school and achieved over the last twelve months. In your own very different ways, you are all winners and in our Newsletters (*Jerounds Journal*) we have tried to celebrate all of your 'out-of-school' achievements and successes too. Clearly, true talent, enthusiasm, commitment and confidence, is truly fostered and encouraged here at school and this is yet another standard from which we can measure our success as a school. The children have given so much joy to their families and teachers this year.

On behalf of all the staff here at Jerounds, thank you for your generous gifts and we wish you all a wonderful summer holiday – full of family fun and joy.

Best wishes

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Head of School



Children to return to school on Wednesday 4th September, 8.45am

Our Stars of the Week



Our Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Badge Winners



Jerounds Cup Winners

Attendance Cup
Winners:
Darwin

House Points Winners:
Pankhurst

Sports Day Winners:
Nightingale



Our Super Year Six Award Winners



And finally.....

We would like to wish our Super Swans and Excellent Eagles lots of luck for their next adventure. You have been absolutely amazing and we are going to miss you very much.

