

Gesher Newsletter – 25/05/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another half term, and it is incredible to think that the end of Gesher's first full year is fast approaching too. How the time has flown by! There are events happening next term which we would really encourage our families to get involved in, like the Maccabi Run and the Summer Fete. If any of you would like to be involved in helping with the Fete whether that be running a stall, cooking, face painting etc. please let the school office know as we would really love for everybody to attend! Please remember to refer to the back of the newsletter for dates, updates and general notices each week to keep you in the loop with what is happening at school. I wish you all a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next half term!



Shabat Shalom
Miss Colizza

Jewish Studies

This week both classes have been exploring the Hebrew Aleph Bet* at a range of different levels with a range of different activities. We explored an exciting new app called Ji Tap, and explored a wonderful resource for the children to learn the Aleph Bet, including stories, games, puzzles, songs and more! In Dvash class children explored Hebrew letters through a range of sensory activities including making letters with Play-do and drawing letters in coloured sand. In Seorah class we used flashcards and games, with some children progressing to reading tefillot out of the siddur. Check Kodesh Corner for information on how to access this wonderful resource at home!

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term!

Shabbat Shalom
Leor Harel

*Aleph Bet – Hebrew ABC!



Seorah Class

Attendance this week – 91.3%

Absence/Lateness – 8.7%

Wow! Another half term has flown by. This week in Maths, some of our pupils have been focusing on positional language, such as above, below, between, behind, in front of. We looked at a picture of an underwater scene and described where different sea creatures were in the scene using this language. Other pupils were matching big and small objects, such as cars and balls.



In Topic, we looked at the impact of ocean pollution on sea animals.



We watched a video and were sad to see a dolphin playing with a plastic bag, a seal with plastic around his nose and a turtle stuck in a fishing net. Afterwards we played an interactive game on the whiteboard where we practised identifying which materials different items were made of, and which recycling bin they should go in.

Following on from this, we recycled shoe boxes and cardboard boxes and made magical underwater scenes - some pupils were very creative with their inventions!

A reminder that Seorah class will be going swimming on Monday 4th June. Remember your swimming costumes and a towel! I hope everyone enjoys their holidays.



DVash Class

Attendance this week – 97.3%

Absence/Lateness – 3.7%

As the last week of a busy term in Dvash class comes to an end, we look back on all we have explored, learned and made.

This week in Art we used all of our creative energy to make aquariums filled with fish, seaweed, coral, sand and shells.



We got messy making slimy blue water for our sea animals to dive, swim and splash in. Some children in the class used puppets to recreate their favourite 'Under the Sea' story from the term. One of our highlights has been the themed songs choosing board, with a clear favourite being the 'Under The Sea' song from The Little Mermaid.

Dvash class have also

been hard at work on the weekends completing their homework which was started this term.

We hope everyone has a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you after the break. Next term's theme will be 'People and their jobs' which we are really looking forward to.





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A letter has been sent home to help parents and children access Ji Tap at home. It can be accessed via an app on a tablet or on the computer. Logging in via a child's unique code enables them to access games that have been assigned to their class. There are also more games and activities to explore on the app/website.

If you do not have access to a tablet or computer at home please contact the School Office to arrange for alternative learning resources.



PSHEE/British Values

In our PSHEE assembly this week, we discussed the impact of ocean pollution and what we can do to help protect the amazing sea animals that we have been learning about this half term.

We watched a video first which showed us the effect of pollution. We saw dirty rivers and plastic floating about in the water. Then we talked about what we can do to help. We said that recycling paper and plastic is one way that we can reduce the amount of rubbish that ends up in the water. In our classes, we have very important jobs. We have eco-monitors and recycling monitors. These people are responsible for making sure that we recycle paper and that the lights are off when no-one is in the class!



Dates for your Diary



Are emergency contact details/numbers correct for your child?

Please inform the school office of any changes at any time

Children return to school - Monday 4th June 2018.

Non-uniform day – takes place on the last Friday of every month

Parent Morning – Wednesday 20th June 9-11am (RSVP to the school office)

Governor/Parent Coffee Morning – Friday 22nd June 9:20am onwards

Maccabi Fun Run – Sunday 24th June – please reserve your place and run for Gesher!

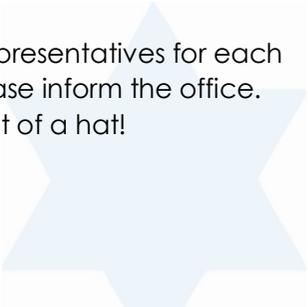
Gesher School Fete – will now take place on Wednesday 27th June from 3-6pm. (Please remove the date of Sunday 1st July from your diaries)

GDPR

You will no doubt be aware that the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), comes into force on Friday 25th May. The updated Privacy Notice for Pupils and Parents is available to view on the Gesher website and this explains how data related to your child is managed by the school. The school's Data Protection Officer can be contacted via the school office or by email at DPO@gesherschool.com

Parent Class Representatives

We are still looking for nominees to be parent representatives for each class. If you would be interested in this, then please inform the office. Names will be collated next term and picked out of a hat!



Health and Safety

If you wish for your child's sunscreen to be reapplied during the day please request a consent form from the office which needs to be filled in and returned to school. Please send in sunscreen with the child's name on it to be kept at school. This will be reapplied in the afternoon after lunch. Please ensure that sunscreen is applied at home in the morning.

Now the weather is warmer, could you please ensure that all children are provided with sun cream and a sun hat.

Safeguarding

When dropping off and upon picking up your child, please ensure that they are supervised at all times in the car park.

Swimming

Seorah Class will have their first swimming session when we return to school on Monday 4th June. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit with them to school.

