

## Geshher Newsletter – 08/06/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful half term break as we commence our final half term of the school year. I cannot believe Geshher School has been open almost an entire year! We had our first OFSTED inspection this week as well, so all in all it has been a very busy first week back at school. I'd like to thank all families who provided OFSTED with their thoughts and feedback on the school; it is always great to hear your views and learn how we can continue to improve what we do as a team for the children. I would like to a huge well done to both Dvash and Seorah Class for hitting over 95% attendance this week! I would like to thank you all for your continued support in this and look forward to seeing you all at the exciting up and coming events we have coming this last half term!



Shabbat Shalom  
Miss Colizza

### Jewish Studies

This week both classes continued their Hebrew reading work, exploring the aleph bet through a range of activities and our Ji Tap pop up storybook. In Dvash class children's problem solving skills and creativity were put to the test as they were challenged to create different letters using a range of materials. Seorah class began creating their own flashcards to help them learn the aleph-bet. Children loved the interactive storybook and each activity we work on during the week is available for children to access at home on a laptop or tablet – see Kodesh corner for more details.

A big thank you to all parents for their support during what has been a busy week at school. We can now look forward to the next few weeks with plenty of opportunities for parents to be involved with the school!

Shabbat Shalom  
Leor Harel



## Seorah Class

**Attendance this week – 97.9%**

**Absence/Lateness – 2.1%**

This term our topic is People and their jobs. We are looking forward to learning about a range of jobs and finding out more about the people we want to be when we're older. This week we have been learning about the job of an Artist. Some pupils looked at two famous paintings in Literacy; A Sunday Afternoon On The Island of La Grande Jatte by Seurat and A Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh.



Pupils have been developing their inferencing skills and using clues in the picture to make simple inferences, for

example, spotting the umbrellas in the painting and thinking that it could be raining. Other pupils read 'The artist who painted a blue horse.' Pupils showed interest in the pictures by requesting to draw different coloured animals just like the book.



In Maths, we have been learning about money. Some pupils said that we earn

money from having a job and we need money so that we can buy things like food and a house. We set up a role play shop. Some pupils worked on handing over a coin in exchange for their chosen item and others practised recognising different coins. See if you can practise these skills at home or if you are out and about at the shops over the weekend. We're looking forward to lots of exciting events in our final half-term!



## DVash Class

**Attendance this week – 96.4%**

**Absence/Lateness – 3.6%**

Welcome back to Summer term 2! We have had a busy and exciting first week back with OFSTED coming to visit.

This term's theme is 'People and their jobs'. We have listened, observed and asked the children Who they want to be when they grow up. Following this, we linked weekly job roles to encourage these interests and talents. These include artist, scientist, rock star, chef and train driver. We look forward to exploring each job role in all areas of learning.



This week we looked at the job role of an artist! We explored collaging, clay making and textured painting in Messy play. In

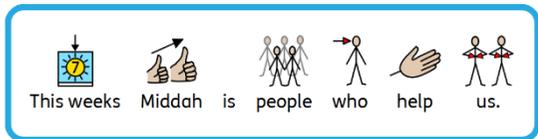
Art, the children painted their own version of Van Gogh's sunflowers. We definitely could have some budding artists in our class!



In maths children have been working on a variety of different targets including sequencing numbers 1-30, working out simple word problems, identifying the odd one out and one to one correspondence.

We look forward to next week's topic where we will be focusing on the job role of being a 'chef'.





We hope you have been able to access Ji Tap at home. If you need support with accessing the resource or require a child's log in, please contact the school office.

Each letter has a selection of differentiated activities ranging from puzzles to matching vowels and learning Hebrew words.

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



**PSHE/British Values**

This week in our PSHE assembly, we explored a range of different jobs. Pupils chose to learn about a road worker, mountain rescuer and dentist and we watched a video about these three jobs to learn more about what each of these people do. We each have our own jobs in the classroom too and we're developing the skills and responsibilities that we need for the jobs we want to do when we're older.



# Dates for your Diary



**Are emergency contact details/numbers correct for your child?**

**Please inform the school office of any changes at any time**

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9:20am onwards

**Maccabi Fun Run** – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – please reserve your place and run for Gesher!

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

**Arsenal Sensory Room Trip** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

## **School Fete Tombola**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Gesher will be hosting their first annual Summer Fete. We will be organizing a variety of stalls including a tombola – as such, any donations for prizes would be gratefully received. These can include the small traditional items such as tinned food, unwanted gift sets, or household bric-a-brac that you are looking to re-home. Any other suggestions or donations are also warmly welcomed!

## **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**

D'Vash class will have be swimming this week on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit with them to school.

