

## Gesher Newsletter – 15/06/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we only have 5 weeks left of the Summer Term and nearing the end of Gesher School's first year, I would like to thank the Gesher team who have all worked so hard in preparation for OFSTED, and are now preparing for next year when we will have two new classes and further additions to our staff as well as our cohort of children! This is such an exciting but also busy period, so thank you to Team Gesher! I would also like to thank Mr Daniel, Rafael's father for attending school today to take a pasta making workshop for the children. They had a fantastic afternoon! As we have previously mentioned please do sign up for the Maccabi run which takes place next weekend, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June if you have not already. It will be a great opportunity for the community to come together for a great cause! We will then have the Summer Fete on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> so a busy few weeks ahead. As we near the end of the year please be sure to check our term dates for next year on the school's website to ensure that any holidays are built in around term time. This newsletter is also uploaded to the school's website so you can access this online too!



Shabbat Shalom  
Miss Colizza

### **Jewish Studies**

This week saw children dive into their Israel 70 projects. We have joined a community wide project called 'Israel70 – Building Artistic Connections'. We used a picture from Israel's history of an old suitcase as a springboard for our learning. A big thank you for sending in children's special items and pictures and it is wonderful to see them sharing and learning with each other. During assembly this Friday we learned all about Israel, where it is on the map and how it is 70 years old this year! Children then looked at each other's pictures and objects, learning about why they were special to them. We will continue our project over the next 2 weeks and hopefully create some pieces of work which we can share with the community as part of the project.

Shabbat Shalom  
Leor Harel

## Seorah Class

**Attendance this week – 89.6%**

**Absence/Lateness – 10.4%**

Thank you for bringing in your special photos and items as part of the Israel 70 project. On Wednesday, we interviewed each other to find out about the special people in our photographs and to find out a little bit about the special items that we had brought in. Then we recreated the item which represents our faith or belief with clay.



We were very excited to try out a new resource on the Chromebooks called Nessy Fingers with our Occupational Therapist, Claire. Nessy Fingers helps us to learn where to place our fingers on the keyboard and develop our typing skills.

In Art, we discussed healthy foods and then decorated chef's hats with images and representations of healthy food using a range of different resources.

This week in Science, we continued to look at different materials. Some pupils worked on choosing their preferred material or rejecting materials that they didn't like. Other pupils identified the material that an object was made from and then began discussing some of the material's properties.



Seorah class will be going swimming on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, remember your swimming gear!

## DVash Class

**Attendance this week – 96.4%**

**Absence/Lateness – 3.6%**

This week we looked at the job role of a chef! We role played being a chef, practised our number writing in flour, made many cups of tea at the tea station and decorated a 'slice of pizza' in Messy play. In Art, the children created their own chef hats to be worn during our cooking lessons.



In Literacy, children have been working on a variety of different skills. These included following two, three and four keyword instructions 'put the glitter and water in the bowl' to make a glitter cake! Some children worked on their writing and computer skills, typing out the ingredients and tools needed to make pasta on an iPad. We continued to work on sorting different objects to correspond to different job roles too.



We have started our Israel 70 projects this week. It was wonderful to see the excitement of children showing off their family photos to their peers. We made picture frames for these photos which will be a part of the exhibition. Next week we will look at our objects which have particular meaning for each child.



Please take a look at the link below for further information on this exciting project.

<https://www.israel70project.com/>

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



## Kodesh corner

Earlier this year we learned about all types of Brachot (blessings).

Over the next few newsletters we will include widgit symbols for some important brachot to support children with learning the brachot.

The pictures will support children's understanding of the meaning of the brachot.

The phonetical Hebrew underneath is now for children – but to help parents model saying the bracha with children.

This bracha is the blessing for wine or grape juice.



This weeks



Middah



is teamwork



Baruch



atah



Adonai



Eloheinu



melech



ha'olam



Borei p'ri hagafen



PSHEE/British Values

This week our focus has been on 'Team Work'. We looked at different kinds of teams, such as a football team, builders working as a team to build a house and children working as teams in our classrooms to build Lego towers and models. Pupils have been working in teams to use 'pool noodles' to create fun mazes in the playground and at the arts and crafts station to create a variety of imaginative designs.

# 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.

**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. 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. Anything you can spare would be warmly welcomed!

## **Health and Safety**

As the notorious Summer cold and flu season is looming, to ensure that the children stay fit and healthy let's keep on top of our water drinking, hand washing and healthy eating!

## **Safeguarding**

Please adhere to the school's swift pick up/drop off policy to prevent a build-up of cars in the car park around these times to ensure the safety of all children and adults who are present in that area.

## **Swimming**

Seorah class will have be swimming this week on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit with them to school.