

Geshher Newsletter – 22/06/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you all know by now the wonderful news that Geshher Primary School received an 'Outstanding' Ofsted grade following our inspection at the beginning of this month! This is such an achievement for the staff, governors, parents, but mostly for the children who make Geshher what it is – a safe, accepting and nurturing environment where they know they are free to be who they are and flourish. Well done everybody!

The Maccabi run is now upon us this weekend, taking place at Allianz Park in Hendon – I look forward to seeing everybody there that has signed up to run or walk to raise money for Geshher. Please feel free to come along for moral support if you don't want to run – everybody is welcome!

Geshher's first Summer Fete also takes place next Wednesday 27th June from 3-6pm. There will be stalls, food, games and all sorts of fun going on. It would be great to see everybody there.

Shabbat Shalom
Miss Colizza

Jewish Studies

This week we finished making our special objects for our Israel 70 project. We made the objects using clay, and then painted them once they were dry. Dvash class thought about using different colours for different aspects of their objects. Seorah class looked at primary colours and experimented with mixing different colours together to create new ones! We are looking forward to exhibiting children's artwork and showing the story of the project at the Summer fete next week.

A big thank you to parents who came to our parent morning this week. It was wonderful to watch parents sharing assembly with children, and seeing parents having the opportunity to experience the classroom with children.

We look forward to seeing everyone who will be attending the Maccabi fun run on Sunday – please visit the Geshher Stand at the Charity Fair to join the fun!

Shabbat Shalom
Leor Harel



Seorah Class

Attendance this week – 97.6%

Absence/Lateness – 2.4%



We have been learning lots of key skills needed to be a Scientist this week. In Art, we experimented with a new technique. We used droppers to draw up some paint and drop some on the paper. Then we used a straw to blow the paint around the paper. The results looked incredible! Some children have been practising their prediction skills in Literacy. They examined the front cover



of a book and used these clues to predict what the title might be and what the story might be about. We're also learning that different people predict different things and have different opinions.



In Science, we were given a variety of objects and asked to choose some objects and sort them into groups. Pupils then had to justify why they had grouped them in the way they did. We have continued to work on our Israel 70 projects. Our clay models had dried and we added some colour to our models using paint. Some pupils have recreated their special item by collaging with paper. Others have started to use Clicker 7 to write a short paragraph about their special items. We're excited to see the final outcome!





DVash Class

Attendance this week – 100%

Absence/Lateness – 0%

This week we looked at the job role of a scientist! The children identified that a scientist needed to have good listening and questioning skills, as well as being able to investigate. These skills were put to the test in all areas of our timetable. In Messy play, we explored how to melt the ice cubes with pom-poms so we could sort the different colours into trays. We mixed oil and water and observed how it did not mix! We



separated objects into groups that float and groups that sink. Our listening and questioning skills were worked on in literacy lessons. We practiced following two to four keyword instructions in our floating and sinking activity. Some children worked on asking questions to investigate more about a group of chosen objects. We also looked at functions of familiar objects in our daily lives.

In Maths, children have been working on a variety of different skills. These included identifying the odd object within a group, practicing addition and subtraction sums, working on making groups of up to 6 objects, and using prepositional language to describe the placement of objects. We have also continued with our Israel 70 projects this week. The children used clay to mould their special objects. Once these were dry, they choose the colour paints they needed to bring their clay objects to life. We look forward to next week's topic where we will be focusing on the job role of a train driver.



Next in the series of symbol brachot!!

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

The phonetical Hebrew underneath is not for children – but to help parents model saying the bracha with children.

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 Baruch	 atah	 Adonai
 Eloheinu	 melech	 ha'olam
 asher	 kidishanu	 bemitvotav
 vetzivanu	 al netilat yadayim	

2

 Baruch	 atah	 Adonai
 Eloheinu	 melech	 ha'olam
 Hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz		



PSHEE/British Values

We were pleased to share our PSHE assembly with some of the parents this week. In our assembly, we looked at one of the British Values; mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. We learned about Ramadan and Eid al Fitr, which was celebrated by Muslims on Friday 15th June. We learned that Muslims fast for a month during daylight hours for Ramadan and that Eid al Fitr means 'The Breaking of the Fast'. Muslims celebrate Eid al Fitr by visiting family, eating special foods, decorating their houses and wearing new and special clothes. Have you been to a celebration where you do these things too?

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

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

Gesher School Fete – Wednesday 27th June from 3-6pm.

Arsenal Sensory Room Trip – Thursday 5th July

Parent Teacher Meetings – due to take place week commencing Monday 9th July. Teachers will be in touch with regards to this.

SLT/OT Parent Session – Tuesday 10th July at 9-11am. Please confirm your attendance with the school office ASAP.

School Fete Tombola

On Wednesday 27th 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

Dvash class will have be swimming this week on Monday 25th June. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit with them to school.