

Geshher Newsletter – 06/07/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The penultimate week of our final term has been as action packed as ever! The children have certainly been enjoying cooling down with wet play in the garden, thanks to the beautiful weather we have been having and the garden sprinkler! We hosted a visit from some Year 6 pupils from Kerem School in Hampstead at the start of this week. It is lovely to see relationships being built with other school communities, and the children got on famously! Geshher enjoyed a second trip to the Arsenal Sensory Room this week and had an explore around the stadium, which was great fun as we are in the midst of the World Cup! We have more up and coming trips next week, to the cinema to see 'Sing!' and a visit to JW3 Community Centre in Finchley. We really are ending our first school year on a high. The Geshher Team and I are determined to make as many memories as possible with the children before we break up for the Summer Holidays! Making Geshher work also depends on the generosity of many of our donors, and we would like to say a huge thank you to the DM Thomas Foundation for young people for their recent grant to the school for Dramatherapy.

Shabbat Shalom
Miss Colizza

Jewish Studies

We had a fun-filled week this week, as year 6 children from Kerem School joined us for a range of activities. Especially exciting was finishing off our Israel flag we started at the fete and creating a really striking piece of artwork. Children from Kerem also joined our children for singing. We look forward to extending this partnership into the next school year, and identifying further opportunities for the two



schools to work together.



Back in class, children in both Dvash and Seorah continue to work on their Hebrew reading, with children exploring the aleph bet and having opportunities to practise their fluency reading familiar tefillot from the siddur.

Shabbat Shalom
Leor Harel

Seorah Class

Attendance this week – 91.7%

Absence/Lateness – 8.3%

On Tuesday, we had a visit from some Year 6 pupils from a local school. We continued to paint our Israel 70 flag that we started at the Summer Fete, some pupils constructed a running track and we practised our listening skills with a colouring-in worksheet.



We had a ball at the Arsenal Stadium yesterday. We played games projected on to the floor and enjoyed exploring the lights in the sensory room. Then we got a small tour of the stadium and got to go down to the pitch. Some pupils got to sit in Arsene Wenger's old seat!



As our theme is the job role of a Rock star, we made maracas in Art. We filled a plastic bottle with coloured rice then decorated the bottles with stickers and drawings. Some pupils were very creative and added a string of beads to their maracas too.



DVash Class

Attendance this week – 97.4%

Absence/Lateness – 2.6%

This week we looked at the job role of a Rock Star! We spoke about how each child has their special talents and are all Rock Stars in their own way.

We had a very successful trip to the Arsenal sensory room. The children seemed to really enjoy exploring the sensory room with all of its lights, bubble tube and fibre optics, and we had a great time interacting with some of the Arsenal staff. We were lucky enough to have the opportunity to go and sit in the stands and see the pitch!



During our story time lesson with Chris the Dramatherapist on Monday, we explored percussion instruments to create a soundscape. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy becoming mini rock stars and forming their own mini rock band.

In cooking this week, we made a classic rock star meal of jacket potatoes filled with tuna, and we worked on using the microwave safely. The children were encouraged to tray the ingredients before putting together their jacket potato. Please do have a try to make this at home!



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



  
The Middah this week is being a rock star

Continuing our series of symbol brachot!

Shabbat ends as the sun goes down on Saturday night. We say goodbye to Shabbat and get ready for a new week.

This ceremony is called Havdalah – which means 'to separate'. It teaches us that Shabbat is separate from the other days of the week.

This bracha is for Havdalah on Saturday night when Shabbat finishes. It thanks hashem for separating Shabbat from the other days of the week.



PSHEE/British Values

Our middah this week is 'being a rock star'. We looked at the skills and qualities needed to be a rock star. We said that rock stars need to be brave. One pupil said that rock stars need to be brave in case they forget their words on stage. Another pupil said that it's okay to make mistakes because we learn from mistakes. Rock stars also need to be on time so that they don't keep their fans waiting and make sure that they leave in enough time in case there is a long walk to the stage. Finally, we said that rock stars need to be kind to all of their fans!

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 term, Friday 13th 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.

Whole school Cinema Trip – Wednesday 11th July

Whole school visit to JW3 – Friday 13th July

Last day of school – Wednesday 18th July (school closes at 1pm)

School resumes for pupils – Wednesday 5th September

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 9th July. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit with them to school.