

## **Gesher Newsletter – 13/07/2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last full week of the school year has certainly been busy for the children! We have been on two trips, as well as welcoming their new classmates and the teachers who will be joining us in September. It was so lovely to see how far they come, interacting so well with their new friends and adults! Seeing them put all the skills they have learned over the past academic year into progress was so lovely to see!

It has been a pleasure to work with all the staff, children and families at Gesher School this year. We have built an incredible school community which is full of warmth, understanding, and with a child-centred approach. Seeing the results so far has been amazing, and I look forward to working together to grow this ethos along with our school next year. Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!!

Shabbat Shalom  
Miss Colizza

### **Jewish Studies**

This week both classes explored the middot we have covered this year in a conclusion lesson. Middot has supported the children with learning about values such as kindness, listening and charity this year. Children explored the middot through a range of different activities including a treasure hunt, what's in the box game and task cards to practise doing the middah in context. Children also looked at pictures of themselves doing activities or engaging with friends, and picked a middah that this represented, often explaining their reasoning why. It was truly wonderful to see children reflecting and engaging with the values we have learned this year, as well as practising them in context with their peers. Please see Kodesh corner to further extend this at home!

Shabbat Shalom  
Leor Harel

## Seorah Class

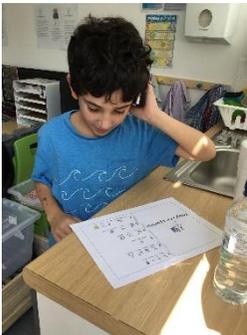
**Attendance this week – 75%**

**Absence/Lateness – 25%**



What a busy week we've had in Seorah class! We've had lots of special activities going on this week. We all seemed to enjoy the cinema on Wednesday and we watched the movie called 'Sing'. It was about a koala bear that set up a singing competition. The movie taught us to keep trying, even when things go wrong.

On Thursday, we met some new pupils that will be joining our school in September. We played a 'circle' game and learnt each other's names, ages, about their family and what they like to play with.



On Friday, Seorah class listened to a story about Rosie finding a fire in her house and what the firefighter told her to do if there was a fire. Pupils each took on the role of a character and we acted out the story. We learnt why it's important to fall and crawl so that we are below the smoke, testing the door with the back of your hand, phoning 999 and staying outside until the fire brigade come.



## DVash Class

**Attendance this week – 85.7%**

**Absence/Lateness – 14.3%**

D'vash class had a busy penultimate week to the term. With two trips planned and a visit from the new students, there was a lot to look forward to. One of these trips was visiting Everyman Cinema to watch the movie 'Sing'. Speaking about it



afterwards, the movie reminded us of last week's Middah, 'Being a Rock star'. It reminded us that we are all special and unique in our own way! Later in the week we visited JW3, where we took advantage of the weather and explored the man-made beach before taking part in a fun sensory story.



We were very excited to meet some of our new students at the school's transition morning. The children showed the new students around the school before taking part in an art activity. We finished the morning by all playing in the playground together, and are really excited to see our new friends join us full-time in September



As we countdown the last few days of school, we look back on the exciting year we have had and all of our achievements, and hope to squeeze a few more great memories in before the summer holidays!



## Middot – Jewish Weekly Values

All year we have learned about different Middot and explored them during assembly and with a range of other activities.

Here are some examples of middot we have covered this year. Please take this opportunity to discuss them with your children.

- Which is your favourite Middah? (Could choose between 2)
- Why is this Middah important?
- Can you think of any new Middot?
- Why are Middot important?

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This weeks	Middah		being safe

 charity	 working together	 sharing
 How I feel	 kind words	 kind to our world
 keeping fit and healthy	 good listening	 friendship



## **PSHEE/British Values**

This week our Middah is 'being safe'. This week, we have focussed on keeping the classroom and school tidy because this helps to keep us safe and we practised being safe on our trip to the cinema. We practised crossing roads safely; using the traffic lights, waiting for the green man and walking (not running) across the road. We also practised being safe on the bus; walking carefully up the stairs and sitting properly in our seats. We will also practise this on our trip to JW3.

# Dates for your Diary



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

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

**Last day of school** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July (school closes at 1pm)

**Staff INSET** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**School resumes for pupils** – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

## **Health and Safety**

Be safe, happy and healthy during the holiday!

## **Safeguarding**

We need to ensure that we have up to date family details, including address, parental contacts and emergency contact. If any of this does change over the summer holidays, please inform us in September.

## **Swimming**

Seorah class will have be swimming this week on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit with them to school.

