

## Gesher Newsletter – 14/09/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everybody! It has been lovely to welcome back both our existing cohort and our new children and their families - I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It is amazing to see a busier playground, new faces in the classrooms, and just hearing more noise in general around the school as we continue to build our community. We now have 4 classes at Gesher: D'vash, Seorah, Gefen and Rimon which has meant new additions to the team too. We welcome Marli Stein (Seorah class teacher), Rowan Eggar (Rimon class teacher), and a new Jewish Studies Teacher, Danielle Pearlman.

I am so excited for what our second academic year is going to bring, and look forward to working with your children and families as Gesher continues to grow!

Shabbat Shalom  
Miss Colizza  
Headteacher

### Jewish Studies

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to welcome back all students returning to Gesher and give a warm welcome to those students and families beginning their Gesher journey this term. It has been wonderful to see our classes gel and set the foundations for friendships to grow over the school year. We have started the year within a busy period in the school calendar and children have been busy exploring Chagim (festivals) through song, foods and different traditions. We look forward to involving parents in the school ethos more and more as the school grows and are already looking forward to welcoming parents in for a Shabbat assembly and activity next month! We hope to see as many parents there as possible to join children in learning and song.

Wishing all families a Shabbat Shalom and a Shana Tova U'metukah (Happy and sweet new year!)

Mr Harel  
Deputy Headteacher

### D'Vash Class



Hi, I'm Miss Tamaryn and I am the teacher in D'vash class.

I would like to welcome back all our returning students and a warm welcome to all our new students. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready for the jam packed year ahead. It has been an exciting start to the year with all the Rosh Hashanah celebrations. This included activities such as apple printing, making honey cakes and singing songs.

Our topic this term is 'All about me' which gives us a fantastic opportunity to get to know all the children individually.

### Seorah Class



Hi, I'm Miss Marli and I am the teacher in Seorah class. I am so excited to be teaching at Gesher School and look forward to working with your children. We have recently celebrated Rosh Hashanah and took part in a whole school celebration making Challah with the Challah Mummy!

Our topic this term, like D'Vash class is 'All about me' which gives us a fantastic opportunity to get to know all the children individually.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year, filled with learning and laughter!

## Gefen Class



Hi, I'm Miss Nicola and I am now the class teacher in Gefen class. I would like to wish our new students, parents and carers a warm welcome to Gesher and warm welcome back to the students that were with us last year.

I am very much looking forward to working with you all. It has been a wonderful start to a new year and we have participated in lots of fun activities to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, including decorating honey pots and baking Challah bread. Our topic of Shackleton has been introduced and pupils are looking forward to going on a journey to the Antarctica!

## Rimon Class



Hi! Happy new year! I'm Miss Rowan and I am teaching Rimon Class this year. I'm really excited to be working at Gesher. It has been a great start to the year so far and it's been lovely getting to know your children. To celebrate Rosh Hashanah, we made honey pots and baked Challah.

This week my class have met the explorer Shackleton and even went on a trip to the Antarctic!

We also started painting a ship for our book corner!

# Dates for your Diary

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

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

**Breakfast club** – Thank you to those who have returned their forms and payment. If you wish your child to attend please return the consent form and fee by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September - **Non-uniform day** – takes place on the last Friday of the month.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – **School closes at 12pm - no lunch** (Erev Yom Kippur)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – **School closed** (Yom Kippur)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – **School closed** (Sukkot)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>/Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – **School closed** (Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – **Drama club begins**. Please return your consent form and fee to the school office by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October if you wish your child to attend.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – **SEED Kabbalat Shabbat Assembly and Activity**. Please RSVP to the school office whether or not you are able to attend.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>/ 12<sup>th</sup>/ 19<sup>th</sup> October – **School closes at 2:30pm**

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October – **Half term**