

Geshher Newsletter – 19/10/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of our first half term already – time is just flying by! Thank you to all families who attended the Shabbat assembly today, and took part in the craft activity afterwards. It was great having everybody together! It has been wonderful watching our cohort of children grow as well as our team. I

would also like to say well done to Seorah and D'Vash class for achieving 100% attendance this week – what a fantastic way to end this half term!



Another thank you and huge congratulations to our Co-founder Sarah Sultman and the 18 other women who climbed Machu Picchu in Peru and raised over £60,000 for Geshher – what an amazing achievement!

I wish you all a wonderful half term holiday and I am looking forward to welcoming the children back for the second part of the Autumn Term.

Shabbat Shalom
Miss Colizza

Jewish Studies

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of this half term I reflect on the wonderful time we have had with children learning and celebrating during the festival season. We have had some much opportunity for enrichment and experiential learning and it has been a joy to spend this time celebrating together with children. A big thank you to families who came to our Shabbat Assembly and craft with Rabbi Gary Bazak and Malki Stein from SEED. We are



looking forward to working closely with SEED in the future and they are hoping to build relationships with families at the school. Wishing everyone a wonderful time over half-term and looking forward to a disruption-free Autumn Term 2!

Shabbat Shalom

Mr Harel

Seorah Class

Attendance this week – 100%

Absence/Lateness – 0%



We've had such a fabulous term in Seorah Class, and are really looking forward to a full Autumn term 2. We will be moving on from our all about 'All About Me' topic, and will focusing on our new and exciting theme, Space!

This morning we were very lucky to have some of our parents come join us for assembly, as well as members from SEED who led us in a very exciting Shabbat Activity. The children loved having their family members with them during assembly, and got to show them what Geshur School is all about!



In Literacy, we consolidated all of our learning with our story, "Brown Bear Brown Bear what do you see", where we sequenced the story from beginning to end, and we learned how to recognise, sound out and spell familiar words from the story.

We also worked hard on consolidating all of our Maths learning. According to their specific objectives, the children worked on either classifying and sorting Big and Small objects, while others classified shapes, and used them to create their own patterns.



Lastly, in science this week, we worked together to build 'Mat-Man'. Mat-Man is a child friendly activity that helps children understand and conceptualise the human body. Together with the teachers, the children took turns learning about the different body parts, and followed instructions to build 'Mat-Man' according to sequence and song! The children absolutely loved this activity, and we will be continuing on with extending the task in the coming term.

Wishing everyone a very happy, restful half-term, and we look forward to seeing you in a week!

DVash Class

Attendance this week – 100%

Absence/Lateness – 0%



We end this first half of the term on a positive note and are looking forward to the full Autumn 2 term ahead. It is going to be a jam-packed term filled with exciting activities and lessons linked to our new theme, Space!

In Literacy we continued with our story, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', where we identified the different emotions of the characters. Children took turns to follow keyword instructions with the different objects linked to the story, according to their own learning objectives.



In art this week, we made trees with a collection of our favourite family pictures. We used different art materials to create and decorate our trees before adding each of our family members. The children were able to present their trees to their peers, whilst naming and labelling the members of their family.

To finish off the term, we enjoyed an assembly with members from SEED and some of our parents. The children were very excited to see their parents and they sang our morning assembly songs with great vigour!!



We wish everyone a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Gefen Class

Attendance this week – 93.2%

Absence/Lateness – 6.8%



Wow! What a week to end our first half term in Gefen class. We started the week by visiting the Natural History Museum. At the museum we performed our own fossil dig and discovered a ginormous dinosaur skull. In the workshop, we also learnt that fossils are made of rock and a living thing from a long time ago. In the afternoon, we

enjoyed exploring the rest of the museum and engaging with the interactive displays.

Gefen class travelled back in time this week to the year 1914 and boarded the ship the Endurance with Ernest Shackleton. What an adventure that was! We were given a dog to look after, loaded the ship with supplies then set sail for Antarctica...but then, our ship got stuck in pack ice! Thankfully, Shackleton used the lifeboats to go and get help and rescued us all.



In Design and Technology, we made a den in the playground. We had to work as a team to collect all the materials that we would need and then listen to and help each other to build a den. We encountered a few problems along the way and had to find ways to solve the problems, such as the sticks falling over and the wind blowing the material off of our den.

I wish you all a great half term and I am looking forward to the adventures that next half term brings!

Rimon Class

Attendance this week – 91.7%

Absence/Lateness – 8.3%

What a final week for Autumn 1! It might have felt very short but we have managed to fit a lot in! We started off our week with an amazing trip to the Natural History Museum, where we took part in a Dino Scene Investigation workshop. We excavated our very own fossil and learnt how fossils are formed. Then we went all around the museum, focusing on learning about rocks and gems. We snuck in some time checking out the volcanoes and earthquakes too! Check out Seesaw to see some pictures.



In Literacy, we began thinking about how we could survive in the Antarctic, with some of us choosing items to build a shelter and then designing our very own! Other members of the class, focused on what items of clothing are appropriate for different weather and seasons, practising putting them on and choosing between items. On Thursday, we made our very own den with Gefen class with the children leading the adults. It was fantastic! Some children chose to do their own mini shelter, while others collaborated on a larger one. We had to move our original shelter halfway through but we didn't give up. The end result was fantastic. To top it all off, some of us wrote up instructions to build a shelter, while others focused on consolidating learning from the day before.

In PSHE, we have started thinking about our class charter and what it means to have a happy, inclusive classroom. We have come up with many ideas of how we can respect each other and our rights.

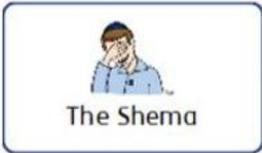
Maths has featured lots of addition this week! Some of the class have been practising formal methods of addition such as the column method while others have continued to follow sequences and patterns through 'five little monkeys.'

Our Middah this week was 'good listening,' and we have showcased that by listening clearly to instructions in class and in the playground. Have a wonderful half term! I am looking forward to our learning in Autumn 2.

Shabbat Shalom
Miss Rowan

We have been using symbols to help children gain conceptual understanding of the prayers we say every day. Below are the first 2 lines of the Shema.

'El Melech Ne'eman' is recited when the Shema is said without a *minyan* (congregation of 10 or more males).



PSHEE/British Values

This week in our British Values and PSHE assembly we started to create a Geshur School Charter which shows our rights and responsibilities in school. Pupils chose the rights and responsibilities that they wanted to show on the charter. These were the right to learn, to help, to play and rest and to healthy food and water. But with our rights come responsibilities, and all pupils have the responsibility to have kind words and hands, to do good listening, to try to share and to tidy up.

Dates for your Diary



Are emergency contact details/numbers correct for your child?

Please inform the school office of any changes at any time

Friday Early Closures – 1pm closures start from the first Friday back after half term, Friday 2nd November.

Non-uniform day – takes place on the **last Friday of the month.** The next one will take place on Friday 30th November.

Tuesday 30th October – Arsenal FC after school club begins weekly on a Tuesday thereafter.

Tuesday 30th October – Parent Morning – Fussy Eaters (9-11am). Please RSVP to the school office whether or not you are able to attend.

Thursday 22nd November – Parent Morning – Emotional wellbeing/zones of regulation (9-11am). Please RSVP to the school office whether or not you are able to attend.

Friday 6th December - Seed Assembly and Activity and Geshet Chanukah Show

Health and Safety

As we say goodbye to summer and the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child now has their jacket, hat and scarf in their bag for when they are playing and learning outdoors.

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.