

Geshher Newsletter – 02/11/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all - I hope you all had a fantastic half term holiday and are as excited as we are for the second part of the Autumn Term.

Our forest area at the back of the school has now been fully kitted out with outdoor equipment for the children to use - It is such a fantastic space for us to utilise and really allows us to maximise outdoor learning opportunities as much as possible which is fantastic!

There have been a number of requests for additional holiday to be granted during term time. I would ask that you please make any holiday arrangements during the school holidays as these requests will not be authorised unless circumstances are truly exceptional.

Well done to DVash and Seorah class for achieving 100% attendance the first week back – keep it up everybody!

Shabbat Shalom
Miss Colizza

Jewish Studies

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all children and parents, we are looking forward to a jam packed half term!

Please take a moment to look at Kodesh Corner this week. When possible, we will be sending home games, puzzles and ideas linked to the weekly Parsha (Torah portion). Please use these with your children as you see fit, for some children there may be opportunities to complete an activity and even provide a topic of conversation at the Shabbat Table. For some children exploring the Middah may be their way of connecting with the weekly Parsha. We hope you can use these resources to enrich your Shabbat and/or weekend!

Shabbat Shalom
Mr Harel

Seorah Class

Attendance this week – 100%

Absence/Lateness – 0%



We are so happy to be back at school, with our teachers and peers, and have had a really busy week full of learning and fun activities!

Our favourite lesson of the week was Science, where we got to engage in a multi-sensory explorative experiment on the different planets.



Each planet was

represented by a sensory box, and we got

to explore different features of the 8 planets.

We explored sand, leaves, rocks and sticks for Earth, wore Hoola Hoops and tried to spin like Saturn, and played with cold sensory jelly while learning about Icy Neptune!



In Literacy, we continued with our Space theme, and while some students worked on labelling items we would see in space, others began building one and two-part sentences focused on what we might see if we went to Space.



In cooking this week, we made Raisin and Spice Bread, and are really excited to take some home to share with our families.

Have a lovely weekend, and see you on Monday!

DVash Class

Attendance this week – 100%

Absence/Lateness – 0%



Dvash class have rocketed into their new theme of 'Space' this week! We began by learning all about the features of our planet, which included the sun, moon, different animals and nature.



In Maths, some of the children worked on sorting big and small objects, and using language to support this understanding. While some of the class focused on sorting shapes and building block models, others worked on addition sums using tangible materials to support.



In Messy Play, we explored all things relating to the Earth. This included marbling using green and blue paint, a sorting activity to support the understanding of recycling, and a small world tray. As a reward for all of our great learning and exploring this week, we made spice-and-raisin bread during cooking!

This week's middot has been 'Kindness', with Dvash class showing many examples of being kind to their peers and adults. We have all adjusted well with our return to school, and we look forward to continuing our topic over the next few weeks and learning more about Planet Earth!

Gefen Class

Attendance this week – 88.9%

Absence/Lateness – 11.1%

This half term our topic is 'Exploring in the Stone Age'. To introduce the topic, we have looked at pictures, cartoons and story books depicting the Stone Age. We began completing a KWL grid (What I already know, What I want to know, What I have learnt) in Topic, demonstrating our current knowledge of the Stone Age and generating questions to further our understanding. At the end of the half term, we will complete the grid by recording what we have learnt through our topic.

In PSHE this week, we watched a video about how to keep ourselves healthy. After the video, we sorted visuals into two columns; healthy and unhealthy. We know that to stay healthy we need to eat fruit and vegetables, drink water, exercise and sleep well.

In Music, we listened to two pieces of music; jazz and folk. As a class, we thought about how the music sounded and used adjectives to describe the music. The jazz music was fancy and relaxing, and the folk music was funky and fast. Then we each chose which piece of music was our favourite and gave a reason why.

Next week, we will be listening to Hindu music as we will be learning a bit about Diwali.

Rimon Class

Attendance this week – 75%

Absence/Lateness – 25%

What a great first week for Autumn 2!

This week in Maths, we have been solving addition and subtraction word problems. The children have been really practising using different methods in class from bar models to dienes. In Science, we introduced our topic of light, focusing on natural and artificial light sources. We have started to understand that light is everywhere and can identify many different sources through school.



In Literacy, Rimon have been reading *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. We retold the story through some excellent drama. It featured a ferocious bear, the brave Stone Age boy and the fascinating cave girl Om! We also met, Ug, a member of a Stone Age tribe, who helped us write descriptive sentence. Finally, we took a trip to the forest where we explored our

surrounding, focusing on what we could see, hear and touch. In Art, we looked at cave paintings from 10,000 years ago talking about how they were created.

Our middah this week has been kindness and we have been focusing on helping our friends when they are upset. PSHE is focusing on being healthy and we came up with lots of ways to do this including exercise and fruit and vegetables.

Home learning was given out yesterday. It includes weekly spellings and Maths to complete. Each child has a reading record and boo, where they must read for 15 minutes every day, with an adult signing off daily. There is also going to be a termly topic homework project, which will be launched and chosen by the children next week.

Our curriculum map is now up on the website and I have sent one home too. I hope you enjoy looking seeing what we will be up to.





Our



Middah



this week



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kindness

Background

Bereishit. The current book of the Torah recounts the lives, events and journeys of our Avot and Imahot – forefathers and mothers. Their lives are full of teachings which we can apply to our own lives and from which we often take the Middah of the week. This week's Parsha marks the death of Sarah, wife of Avraham and the Jewish people's Matriarch. Avraham then tasks his servant to find a wife for their son Yitzchak. The bride he finds, Rebecca, displays the same quality of kindness shown by Sarah, taking the arduous task of drawing water to quench the thirst of the servant and his camels after a long journey. Overleaf is a small summary of the Parsha and activity, however for some children discussing kindness and its inherent value will be a wonderful way to connect to this weeks Parsha!



PSHEE/British Values

One of Gesher pupils inspired this week's PHSE assembly. He has illustrated and created a book to warn others about the dangers of running away from parents/carers. This pupil is very talented at drawing. We each have different strengths and things that we are good at. Some pupil's shared with the rest of the school the things that they are good at. We have pupils that are good at running, playing the piano and helping others. Gesher helps us all to develop our different interests and the things that we a good at.

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 Friday 2nd November up to and including Friday 15th February.

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

Sunday 11th November – Maccabi GB Community Spinathon. (Please see sign up details overleaf)

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 Gesher Chanukah Show (9-11am).

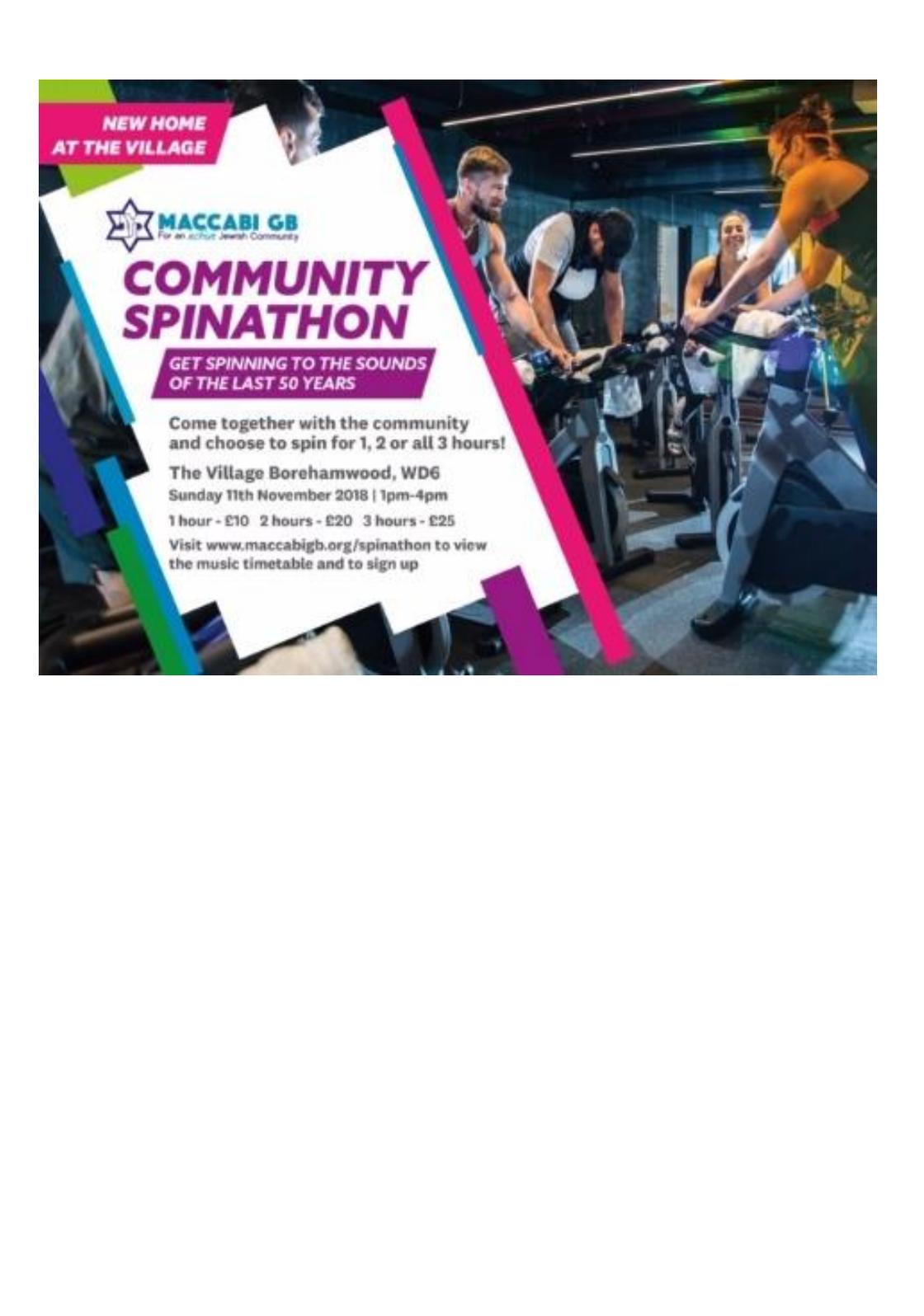
Health and Safety

As the weather is getting much colder now, please ensure that your child now has their jacket, hat and scarf/gloves 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.





**NEW HOME
AT THE VILLAGE**



MACCABI GB
For an active Jewish Community

COMMUNITY SPINATHON

**GET SPINNING TO THE SOUNDS
OF THE LAST 50 YEARS**

Come together with the community
and choose to spin for 1, 2 or all 3 hours!

The Village Borehamwood, WD6

Sunday 11th November 2018 | 1pm-4pm

1 hour - £10 2 hours - £20 3 hours - £25

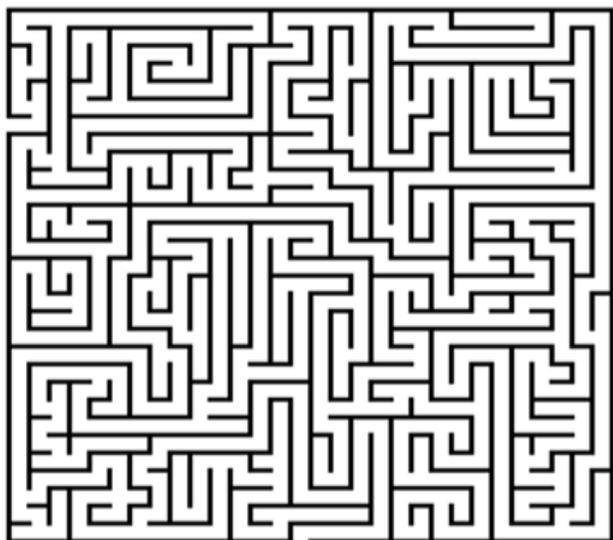
Visit www.maccabigb.org/spinathon to view
the music timetable and to sign up

Parshat Chayei Sarah
Maze Challenge

Parshat Chayei Sarah begins with the death of Sarah and ends with death of Abraham. In between, Abraham buys the Cave of the Patriarchs and sends his servant on a journey back to Charan to find a bride for Isaac.



HELP
ABRAHAM'S
SERVANT FIND
A BRIDE FOR
ISAAC!



MAZAL TOVI!