

Gesher Newsletter – 07/12/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at Gesher's second annual Chanukah celebration on Thursday – thank you to everybody who managed to make the assembly. It was lovely to have everybody together along with Rabbi Kanterovitz to celebrate Chanukah and our school community as a whole! Well done to D'Vash and Gefen class for hitting 100% attendance for this week – keep it up!

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Colizza

Jewish Studies

We have had an exciting week with children celebrating Chanukah every day. Coming together for candle lighting as a whole school every day has been really special for our children and seeing their learning and interest in the festival grow has been wonderful to see. Celebrating together with families and our School Rabbi on Thursday was wonderful to be part of and we thank everyone for making the effort to come in and join us. We are so proud of our children and the way they have embraced and enjoyed the magic of Chanukah.

Shabbat Shalom and Chanukah Sameach

Mr Harel

D'Vash Class

Attendance this week – 100%

Absence – 0%

Lateness – 0%



Hanukkah Sameakh from everyone in D'vash class, as we have enjoyed a wonderful week of celebrations!! Every day we have participated in a special Chanukah activity each afternoon alongside the whole school; we have taken part in candle lighting, singing songs and extra special creative art activities. The week of



celebrations culminated on a high with our Chanukah-themed Parent's Celebration Assembly. We loved having our parents in the Assembly to see us singing our songs, taking turns and doing great listening! We lit another candle on the Menorah before watching our special Geshet production of The Chanukah Story. We also thoroughly enjoyed getting to eat special Chanukah treats such as doughnuts and latkes, and it was such a pleasure to share it with all of our families from D'Vash class.



This week's Middot was 'Kind words', so we have been working on saying nice things to our friends and adults within the class. Some of these kind words included 'please', 'thank you' and 'no thank you'. One of the children in the class was also overheard telling another that 'it's okay' when they seemed to be upset. We will continue to use these kind words at school and hopefully have the opportunity to demonstrate them to our parents at home too!

We also took part in two activities focusing on the pupils' voice across the week. Each child in the school took part in a pupil survey, with the first asking D'vash class different questions about school including 'do you feel safe?', 'do you have friends at school?' and 'what are you good at?'. Some children were supported with the use of visuals or by being given choices to help them answer these questions. Happily, all the children in D'vash class said they felt safe at school and that they had friends. Then in Assembly, we took part in a voting ballot as a means of highlighting our British value of Democracy. The children had a chance to vote for the movie they wanted to watch at the cinema, and we are looking forward to finding out the results



before our trip next Thursday.

Next week, we will climb aboard our rockets and blast head-long into our theme of 'Travel to Space'... we are very excited to see what we find and can't wait to share what we learn with you!

Shabbat Shalom
Miss Tammy

Seorah Class

Attendance this week -90.5%

Absence - 9.5%

Lateness - 8.8%



We've had such a fun week filled with Hanukkah celebrations! Every day this week during assembly we have lit the Hanukkah candles together as a school, listened to and sung some beautiful Hanukkah songs and have participated in various Hanukkah activities – sun catcher making, dreidel battles, and building menorahs out of Lego! The students have had a fabulous time celebrating, and were so happy to see their parents at school for the family assembly we had on Thursday!



We are starting to wrap up our Space learning, and spent the week exploring orbits and the solar system. The students learned about orbits, and can now talk about how planets circle around the sun! They started building a solar system during Literacy on Wednesday, and will continue with their work next week.

In Maths, some of us started looking at ordinal numbers, participating in an active reading of 'Room on the Broom', placing the story characters onto a broom in sequential order. Other students looked at quantifying groups, differentiating between 'One', 'Lots', 'More' and 'Less'.



In Science this week we dissected flowers! The students really enjoyed being given magnifying glasses to inspect their flowers, and were really hands on when it came time to locating and dissecting parts of their flower.

Wishing everyone a very happy last few days of Hanukkah, and see you on Monday!



Gefen Class

Attendance this week – 100%

Absence – 0%

Lateness – 3.7%



It's been a busy Chanukah week. Gefen pupils have enjoyed participating in all of the Chanukah activities on offer each afternoon. Pupils have participated in activities such as building Lego models, designing mosaics, creating paper chains, designing their own menorah, creating a Star of David 'stained glass' decoration and playing dreidel games. We have seen lots of creativity from pupils this week!



Literacy activities this week include identifying syllables in words. We have practised different strategies in order to help us work out how many syllables are in a word, for example clapping out the syllables and placing our hand on our chin to count how many times our chin drops. Others have been working on reading CVC words in simple sentences and matching sentences to the correct picture. Others have been developing their ability to make inferences about a picture; using clues in the picture to make an educated guess about something.

For example, inferring that the boys and girls are at school because they are wearing uniform and there is phonics on the wall.



In Maths, some pupils have been working on sorting objects, including coins, animals and 2D shapes. While some pupils have been working on adding and subtracting with objects, others have been demonstrating their understanding of place value in 2-digit numbers.

Chag Semeach
Miss Nicola

Rimon Class

Attendance this week – 85.7%

Absence – 14.3%

Lateness – 6.3%

Rimon class have had a wonderful week celebrating all types of things. There has been some amazing creativity and many different ways to celebrate



Chanukah. Throughout the week, Rimon have found many interesting and different ways to celebrate Chanukah and understand its importance. In Art, we have made Chanukiahs out of clay, painted them and covered them in jewels. In Jewish Studies, we learnt more about the importance of the

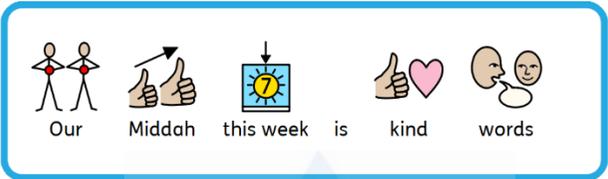
Chanukah story, which some of us retold in our special Chanukah video. Every day, we have enjoyed lighting the candles on the menorah during our special Chanukah assembly followed by activities which included dreidel games and making dreidels out of Lego.



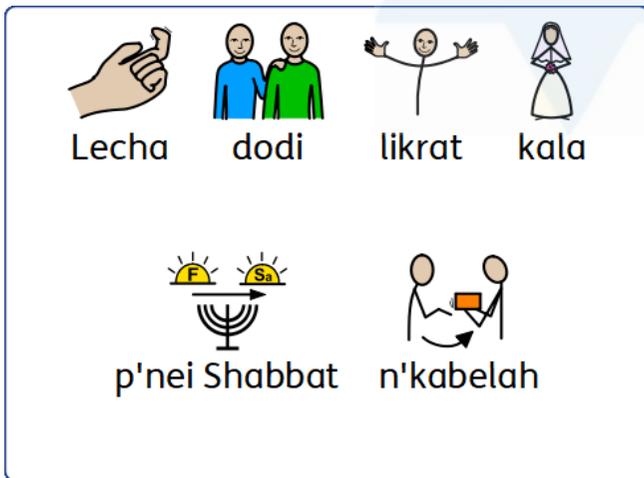
On Thursday, we were lucky enough to see so many of you at the Chanukah/SEED assembly. It was lovely to see children participating in activities and sharing their singing with their parents. In Maths, we have been busy practising division, statistics and our number sequences. We have worked hard and not given up even when it was really tricky. Literacy has had us researching all things Stone Age, and we started a special report today! Next week, we are looking forward to our cinema trip on Thursday. Please make sure you have handed your consent form into the office or myself.



Chag Sameach for the rest of the Chanukah celebrations!
Miss Rowan



We are getting close to Shabbat UK coming in to film our children singing Lecha Dodi. Shabbat UK have released a special tune for the Shabbat Song 'Lecha Dodi'. This song is used to welcome Shabbat on a Friday Night. Please practice singing the song in the Shabbat UK tune with your children to help them prepare for their part in this year's Shabbat UK video! The tune will be sent in a separate email.



PSHEE/British Values

Gesher pupils have been exercising their democratic voting power again by voting for the film that we will be watching at the cinema next week. The votes have been counted and verified and the film that pupils have chosen is 'The Greatest Showman'. I'm sure that there will be lots of singing along! We are very much looking forward to our trip next week.

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 – School will close at 1pm on Friday afternoons up to and including Friday 15th February 2019.

Friday 13th December – Cinema Trip – Please return your child's permission form to school by Monday 10th December.

Thursday 20th December – Shabbat UK filming to take place in school

Friday 21st December – End of Term - School will close at 1pm.

Non-uniform day – takes place on the **last Friday of the month.** The next one will take place on Friday 21st December, the last day of term.

Health and Safety

- Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor soled slippers to leave in school to wear whilst in class for Monday 10th December. This helps to keep the children as comfortable as possible for their learning as well as minimise mud coming in from outdoors!
- 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

- Trips offsite -When the children are taken offsite it would be ideal if they could either have the purple Geshher coat or Blue Geshher Baseball to wear as a means of identifying them. This helps to uphold our Safeguarding protocols and ensure the children are safe when not on school grounds
- In keeping with Geshher's Safeguarding policy please ensure that if you require your child to be picked up by an alternative adult, please inform the school office **via email** ahead of time. Photo ID will also need to be presented upon their arrival at the school before they will be able to collect your child.



EARLY BIRD
 Access 1.00-2.00pm
 for children with sensory
 difficulties or learning
 disabilities. Note, building
 accessibility is
 limited.
BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Chanukah LEGO Funday!

45,000 LEGO bricks @ Seed

Sunday 9 December 2.00 - 4.00pm

- ▶ Build our Giant LEGO Menorah Mosaic
- ▶ Lego Builders Competitions
- ▶ Lego Free Play

Bouncy Castle **Soft Play** **Candy Floss** **Pop Corn**
Face Painting **Make your own Chocolate Coins!**
Balloon Making **Amazing Show for Kids!**

Children (ages 1 - 10) £6, Seed Shul Members £5
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