

# NEWSNOTES



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 21 Cheshvan 5778

Shabbat begins tonight at 4.04 p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 5.07 p.m.

## Headteacher's message:

A huge thank you to all our parents who came in at school council's request to help with our leaf clean up. Our playgrounds are starting to look much better. Our new compost bin has also arrived so we can start to make our own compost.



All children have been working really hard on their times tables. This week we held our first ever times tables challenge. Two children from each class were nominated to take part in the quiz. We all watched their progress and cheered them on. We had 3 ultimate winners, one from lower school (yrs 1 and 2), one from middle school (yrs 3 and 4) and one from upper school (yrs 5 and 6). Our winners were Esther, Sienna and Joe



We are working relentlessly to get our Early Years building up and running. Thank you for being patient - we are nearly there!

## Upcoming events:

**Book fair** Once again we are holding a book fair and parents and children are invited to browse and buy after school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Book fair will be open early on Monday (3p.m.) for parents to browse/buy in secret!

### Parents' evening

Our Autumn term parents evening will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Appointments will be from 3.45 to 7pm. Please return slips to your child's teacher once letters are distributed. You will then be notified of your timeslot.

Ms Metin  
Headteacher

## Jewish Studies updates

We are in the month of Cheshvan and our value this month is Achdut: Togetherness and caring about others. We have been thinking about why it is important that we are not all the same and that togetherness does not mean everyone thinks or acts in the same way but rather that we appreciate and celebrate our differences and work together to our common values and goals.

The weekly Torah portion (parashat hashavua) is Chayei Sara, the Life of Sara. Abraham's wife, Sara, dies at the age of 127 years and the Parasha starts by remembering her life. This connects us to Remembrance Day, where we remember all those who fought in the First World War so that we can enjoy the freedom and democracy that we have today.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us to clear leaves in the playground and joined us for Kabbalat Shabbat assembly. It was also good to speak to parents about our Jewish Studies and Ivrit Curriculum.

Next week is Mitzvah week and we will be collecting food for the Jewish charity GIFT as well as for a local Hackney foodbank through the Trussel Trust. Please send in food for those in need, in particular rice, tinned vegetables, soup or fish, cereal, UHT milk, pasta and instant mashed potato. We hope to collect many items over the week in time for the communal Mitzvah Day on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.