

NEWSNOTES



Friday 27th January 2017 29 Tevet 5777 Parashat Va'eira

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Dates for your diary

Please check the calendar section of the school website for more detailed information.

January

Monday 30th

Year 3 to the London Eye

February

Wednesday 1st

Year 4 assembly to parents

Monday 6th

Art Day

Wednesday 8th

Year 5 assembly to parents

Friday 10th

Fruit Seder

Saturday 11th

Tu B'Shevat

Mon 13th – Fri 17th

Half term break

27th – 3rd March

Book week

28th February

Pre-loved book sale

March

Wednesday 1st

Nursery/Reception assembly to parents

Thursday 2nd

World Book Day

Pre-loved book sale

Sunday 5th

Purim Disco (PTA)

Friday 10th

Purim celebration in school

Wednesday 15th March

Yr 2 assembly to parents

Friday 17th March

School closes at 3.30

Wednesday 22nd March

Yr 6 assembly to parents

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March

Parents' evenings

Early closure on Friday ends 17th March

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

As you will see from this newsnotes we have had another busy week with many classes on trips to stimulate curiosity in their new topics.

It's been very cold and during this time it's important that children wear suitable clothing. We have an incredibly large amount of lost property, including gloves, hats and even coats! Please make sure that all clothing is labelled so that it can be returned to you and children are kept warm.

You will see from the dairy dates that we have added some events: and Art Day on 6th Feb and a 'pre-loved' book sale during book week. Please save your unwanted books as we will be collecting them in school next month.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Year 3 assembly this week and I hope that as many, or more will come next week to the Year 4 assembly.

Whatever you are doing this weekend, wrap up well and stay warm! Have a lovely weekend, Shabbat Shalom,

Debra Crouch
Interim Deputy Headteacher

Thought for the Week – Parashat Va'eira

Hashem (G-d) asked Moshe (Moses) to go to Pharaoh and tell him "Let my people go". Moses had a lisp and he was concerned that because of this he might not be able to convey G-d's message in a clear manner and so it was suggested that Aaron his brother should accompany him and speak on his behalf.

G-d warned them that Pharaoh would ask for a sign that he had sent them and told them to throw Aaron's stick to the ground: the stick would turn into a snake. One might ask why Hashem turned Aaron's stick into a snake and not into anything else? Hashem hinted to Pharaoh, "You spoke evil words just like the snake in the Garden of

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Eden; you will therefore be punished as the snake was.”

Just as it was anticipated Pharaoh mocked both Moses and Aaron. “Prove to me that there is G-d,” he laughed. Aaron threw down his stick which turned into a snake but Pharaoh just laughed more, saying “Do you think that I am impressed with this trick?”

G-d could see that Pharaoh was obstinate and decided to punish him with ten plagues, one at a time, with the hope that each plague would make him relent and release the Israelites from slavery. Sadly that was not the case. Each time Pharaoh agreed to let them go but then broke his promise. It was finally on the tenth plague that the Israelites had the opportunity to escape and gain their freedom.

The ten plagues were: Blood, Frogs, Lice, Wild Animals, Death of the animals, Blisters, Hail, Grasshoppers, Darkness, taking the life of the first born (Pharaoh himself was a first born).

Thought of the week

We must endeavour to keep our promises.

Yr 6 Junior Citizens trip

On Wednesday the 18th January, year 6 took part in the Junior Citizenship program at Hackney Museum. The workshop is run by Transport for London and the emergency services and teaches young pupils the social skills and expectations needed to be safe and healthy. The workshops included using public transport, health and diet, the dangers of knife crime and many more. The children had a fantastic experience, with everyone learning many new things as well as gaining greater insight into keeping themselves safe.

Yr 1 to London Zoo

There were so many animals to see and so much walking to do but Yr 1 made sure to see them all. We were just as cool as the penguins!



We classified animals into categories and on the way learnt that giraffes have long tongues.



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Year 6 Science Museum trip

Year 6 had a fantastic visit to the Science Museum, looking at all the exhibits connected with The Industrial Revolution. They even had the opportunity to meet 'Robert Stephenson' and to hear about his life and inventions! The day was finished off by exploring the world of science in the hands on Wonderlab gallery, looking at dry ice, rockets, and the universe. Thank you to the parent helpers and to Year 6 for their fantastic behaviour.



£97 was raised by the raffle which will be spent on two new netball posts for the school. Once again thank you to all who bought tickets.

Year 2 trip to the Old operating Theatre

To link with our topic of Significant Nurses year 2 took a trip to the Old Operating Theater, the oldest of its kind. The trip was a great place to get all our senses going with things we could touch, smell, hear and look at. We didn't eat anything, though long ago people would have been very grateful for the medicine!

We saw the medical instruments from almost two centuries ago and some looked quite scary. We mixed herbs to create our own medicines which were turned into pills and one brave girl even lay on the operating table for a pretend amputation!



Arsenal vs Burnley last weekend

Melita (Year 3) was the lucky winner of the trip to see Arsenal last week and met Mrs Crouch outside the stadium for photographs before watching the match, which livened up towards the end with a final score of 2 – 1.



It made us feel very grateful of the changes to hospitals today.

Science in Year 2

Year 2 have really shown great enthusiasm for our science topic of plants with almost everyone bringing some seeds from home either in packets or straight from the fruits and vegetables they have eaten. We will soon have a seed bank to rival Kew Gardens!

Everyone now has a bean seed which they have planted and are caring for at home. As spring approaches we are excited to see our plants grow.

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Achievements

Rec

Malaika - for using lots of new vocabulary to describe fire engines.

Ausaris - for great thinking skills when building a fire engine.

Year 1

Phoenix - for continuing with his work no matter what.

Leah - fFor always having an answer ready and never giving up.

Year 2

Zion - for showing great kindness by helping others get organised in the class

Joel – for using his time well and always being ready to learn

Year 3

Leo and Olivia - for creating fantastic dioramas of fantasy settings. Leo's pirate world and Olivia's candy world included fabulous detail.

Year 4:

Lea - Giving her best effort in Maths (fractions and decimals)

Talia - Sharing her great ideas with her peers

Year 5

Richard – for setting a wonderful example for fantastic behaviour and magnificent effort during lessons.

Joshua – for writing an astonishing hook for his report in literacy.

Year 6

Jael – for presenting some fantastic work in maths about missing angles

Noah J – for some excellent persuasive writing using a range of persuasive features.