

# NEWSNOTES

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 27 Ellul 5776 Parashat Nitzavim

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## Dates for your diary

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

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Rosh Hashanah – School closed

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Erev (Eve) of Yom Kippur – School finishes at 1.30pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Yom Kippur – School closed

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Sukkot – School closed

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah – school closed

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Half Term – School closed

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

This week the children have been preparing for Rosh Hashanah, Year 6 have been on an additional trip and we have had two parents' evenings – another busy week at Simon Marks!

Feedback at parents' evening was very positive and teachers really appreciated meeting parents early on in the school year so we say 'thank you' for giving up your time to come along with an additional thanks to the many parents who stopped by to introduce themselves to me.

Summer almost seems a distant memory and as we embrace autumn I have noticed that our lost property box is rapidly filling with discarded but much-needed jackets and

jumpers. Please make sure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name so that we can reunite it with its owner straight away.

All children will receive apple and honey today and I would like to thank the PTA for providing this.

I wish you a peaceful and happy Rosh Hashanah.

Shanah Tovah

Debra Crouch  
Interim Deputy Headteacher

## Year 6 visit to The House Mill



The House Mill  
On Tuesday, Year 6 visited The House Mill; A tidal mill in Bromley by Bow. The House mill is a tidal mill for grinding grain into flour, built in 1776. For the first part of the trip we learnt about the History of the River Lea and the mill. After lunch we were told how the mill worked and had a tour then we tested some experiments using the water of the river.

by Noah Crasnow-Dodd

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## Preparing for Rosh Hashanah at Simon Marks

This week children have been involved in a number of activities in preparation for Rosh Hashanah. Highlights include:-

Early Years made Shofarot and had apple and honey



Year 6 leading Rosh Hashanah assembly.



Year 5 making honey cake and wishing you all 'Shana tova umetuka' – A Happy and Sweet New Year.



Years 5 & 6 on a Tashlich walk



Year 2 Tashlich "Sail"



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## Thought for the Week

The Parasha this week is Nitzavim. Moses told Bnai Yisrael that if they kept to Hashem commands they would always be taken care of. "Please listen to my advice, make the right choice". Bnai Yisrael made a treaty to accept Hashem as their G-d forever.

Moses gathered all Bnai Yisrael and said "I am an old man; I cannot go to Israel with you. Joshua will take over, he will take you to the land of milk and honey."

Moses was 120 when he died. (In Hebrew we wish people on their birthday "Ad meah ve esrim" – until 120).

Thought for the week: The importance of listening to each other.

## Brass Instrument Tuition KS2

Today we were treated to a short brass performance. There is availability for children who wish to learn to play a brass instrument in school. Please see the office for details and costs.

## A thank you

To the PTA for the gifts of apples and honey to all children in celebration of Rosh Hashanah.

## Achievements

This week's recipients of our achievement awards are:-

**REC: Ruby Ike-Michael** – Trying very hard to write her name

**Benji Gehr** – For a fantastic show & tell

### **YEAR 1:**

**David Nzambi** – Fantastic effort in his Maths work

**Isabelli Secco** - Participating during carpet time

### **YEAR 2:**

**Samuel Gomez Montes** – Great work on compound sentences

**Denny Kaye** – Great work on number bonds

### **YEAR 3:**

**Melita Rochman** – Excellent green behaviour and work in maths

**Johnathan Kapi** – Starting to work independently and green sitting

### **YEAR 4:**

**David Kimaro** – Excellent work in literacy and striving to achieve

**Hilary Tesfaye** – Following expectations at all times

### **YEAR 5:**

**Jacob Deegan** – Writing an amazing modern fairy tale

**Tiana Dennis** – Conquering her fear of speaking in front of her classmates

### **YEAR 6:**

**Noah Jose** – Being an excellent role model

**Anastasia Hajdari** – Improvements in all of her work

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This week we have asked Mr Gilani to choose the best piece of work in Year 4 and he has selected a piece of maths work by Emil Boland. Year 4 have been practising the grid method of multiplication where numbers are partitioned, multiplied and then the products added to find a total: this method prepares children for long multiplication. Emil's work shows the method used effectively. We apologise for the quality of the reproduction but all maths work is completed in pencil.

1)  $42 \times 3 = 126$  ✓

X	402	
3	1206	$\begin{array}{r} 120 \\ + 6 \\ \hline 126 \end{array}$

2)  $26 \times 8 = 208$  ✓

X	206	$\begin{array}{r} 160 \\ + 48 \\ \hline 208 \end{array}$
8	48	
	160	

3)  $9 \times 47 = 99$  ✓

X	407	$\begin{array}{r} 360 \\ + 63 \\ \hline 99 \end{array}$
9	36063	

4)  $86 \times 5 = 430$  ✓

X	806	$\begin{array}{r} 400 \\ + 30 \\ \hline 430 \end{array}$
5	40030	