

NEWSNOTES



Friday 14th October 2016 12 Tishrei 5777 Parashat Ha'azinu

Shabbat begins tonight at 5.51p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 6.57 pm

Dates for your diary

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

Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th October
Sukkot – School closed

Wednesday 19th October
Year 5 & 6 out p.m. – Trip to Highbury Opera Theatre

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th October
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah – school closed

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th October
Half Term – School closed

Tuesday 8th November
Years 4 & 5 to Kabbalat Shabbat UK

Wednesday 9th November
Year 6 assembly 9.10 (parents invited)

14th – 18th November
Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 16th November
Year 3 assembly 9.10 (parents invited)

Wednesday 23rd November
Year 2 assembly 9.10 (parents invited)

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

This week we have all had time to reflect on our choices over the past year and to try to make amends for them. At school we continue to focus on children's learning and to try to reflect and improve our practices.

Today years 5 & 6 engaged thoughtfully in an opera workshop. Once again we had good reason to be proud of the children at Simon

Marks who were welcoming, polite and respectful to our visitors.

Debra Crouch

Thought for the Week

The day that Moses became one hundred and twenty years old was to be his last one on earth.

Almost the entire parashah of Ha'azinu is the farewell song that Moses sang to Bnai Yisrael on that day: His voice rang out loud and clear so that he was heard throughout the entire camp.

In his song Moses compared the Torah to rain; there could be no life on earth without rain; rain makes plants grow. Similarly the Torah makes a person grow spiritually.

Thought for the day:
We must learn to listen to others at all times.

Arts week

Please note that Arts week has been postponed until later in the school year to enable us to focus on our priorities in teaching and learning.

Parent Governor Elections

The ballot papers were counted this week and we'd like to welcome Deborah Syme as the new Parent Governor and to thank Rachel Burns for her valuable contributions to the Governing Body in the past.

Opera workshop & trip

Years 5 & 6 had an informative workshop today with the Highbury Opera Theatre group in preparation for their trip next week to see a performance of Kurt Weill's 'Lost in the Stars'.

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Voluntary Contributions

We are delighted to inform you that you are now able to make your Voluntary Contributions through Parent Pay. As you know, we operate a Voluntary Contribution scheme which we encourage all parents to support.

All donations benefit and enrich key elements of the school's curricular and extra-curricular activities. In addition they are also used to fund a percentage of any capital works necessary to maintain and improve the school buildings. All funds raised via the Voluntary Contributions play a huge role in building a sustainable future for the school.

You will see the Voluntary Contribution request on your Parent Pay screen. You can also pay by standing order, bank transfer or cheque or cash payment to the office. Thank you to all the parents and carers that have already made a contribution.

Thank you



Achievements

Rec: Lee - for trying her best when learning the initial sounds in words

Nathon- for learning to write his friends' names

Year 1: Lori – excellent literacy work when using rhyming pairs and adjectives in your writing.

Udemezuo - consistent green behaviour and being an excellent role model.

Year 2: Barsaam - for doing a great job comparing numbers in mathematics.

Samuel M - for working hard when adding numbers with a number line.

Year 3: Kate - Hard work in all subjects and exemplary behaviour.

Samuel – Kind and helpful behaviour. Always looking out for others.

Year 4: Esther – Writing a very interesting suspense story.

Ilan – Following green expectations consistently.

Year 5: Joshua – Writing a wonderful modern fairy tale.

Leontin - Being consistently positive, helpful, and friendly in class.

Year 6: Naomi Da Costa – excellent role model

Noah Crasnow-Dodd – positive enthusiastic attitude to work

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This week we have asked Miss Pinchover to choose the best piece of work in Year 1 and she has selected a piece of writing by Lori Boland. Year 1 have been reading 'Oi Frog' by Kes Gray and Jim Field and were asked to listen for rhyming pairs and then make and use their own rhyming pairs in sentences. Lori also used adjectives to describe her nouns.



Parrots sit on green
Spiky carrots.

Lizards sit on evil
Wizards. Lions sit on

Sharp irons. Cats sit on big

Mats. Puffins sit on blueberry

Muffins. Frogs sit on Pricy

Logs. Snakes sit on flowery

Cakes.