

# NEWSNOTES



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 6 Kislev 5778

Shabbat begins tonight at 3.46 p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 4.52 p.m.

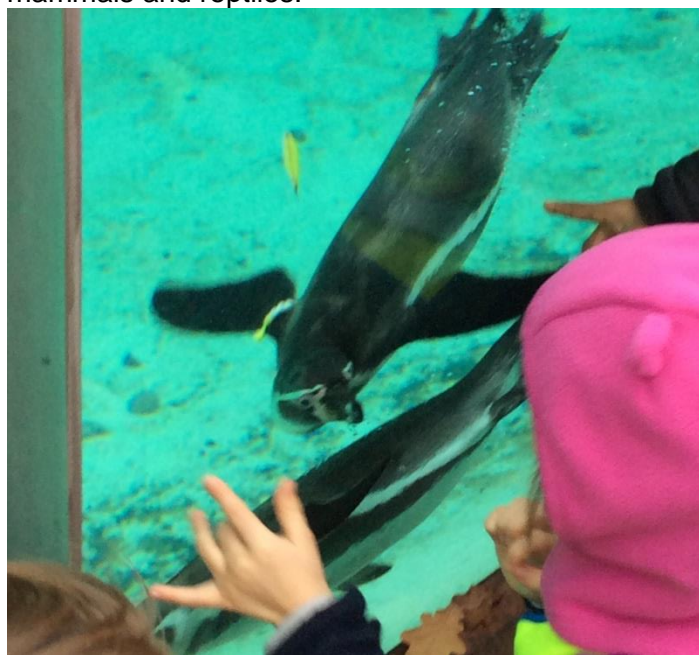
## Headteacher's message:

We continue to be busy at Simon Marks, thank you to all our parents that supported our book fair. It was great to see so many pupils with new books to read.

Our composting is off to a great start, our leaves are in and we are now adding food waste to our collection. Each class now has two Green Team members who either have a 'gardening and compost or an energy efficiency' role across the school. Our Green team members are very active and you will be seeing a lot more of them in the weeks to come.

Pupils in yrs 4, 5 and 6 made applications to become Peer Mediators, they completed application forms, sought two references and were interviewed for the job by Ms Nagle and Ms Osborne. The responses were overwhelming so we recruited 16 pupils for this shared responsibility. Their next step is a whole days training and then they will be ready to patrol our playgrounds and support all children.

Yr 1 and yr 4 spent an amazing day at London Zoo. Pupils were able get up close to birds, insects, mammals and reptiles.



Penguins up close really excited the children. Exciting trips like this one really inspires writing and creativity.

Pupils also had a great time experiencing, observing and holding some owl visitors today! 'Night Owls' gave an assembly and introduced us to Dottie (barn owl), Chip (little owl), Tango (scops owl) and Oscar (eagle owl)



The children learned lots of facts about owls and were later all invited to have a photograph taken with Whisper the barn owl (who was the noisiest owl throughout the assembly!) on their shoulder. Both owls and children behaved very well and the photographs will be available in school shortly.

## Fundraising

We are very pleased and proud to announce that over £120 was collected and donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, and £200 was collected and donated to the N.S.P.C.C. Thank you to all who bought poppies and/or sent donations in to these worthwhile causes.

## Upcoming events

Parents evening takes place next Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Please take this opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out about how they are progressing.

Chanukkah Assemblies: this year we will hold 2 assemblies. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December will be for Nursery/Reception, year 4 and year6.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of December will be for years 1,2,3 and 5. Both assemblies will start just after 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to take pupils home after assembly if they would like to.