NEWSNOTES



Friday 12th April 2018 28 Nissan 5778

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Headteacher's message:

Welcome back after the Pesach break. Pupils and staff are rested and ready for the summer term.

We ended last term with a friendly football match against our neighbours at the Olive School. Training and guidance from Mr Gilani, Mrs Osborne and Mr Wayne resulted in our team achieving a 1-0 win!



Our school has achieved what will be the first in many achievements to which we aspire to gain.



We have achieved our Healthy Schools Bronze Award recognition. We are swiftly working towards our Silver award.

With our recent sports and healthy living drive we have been very fortunate to get tickets to Lords Cricket Ground to watch a real cricket match. Pupils have been learning to play cricket and know the rules. We now have this amazing opportunity to watch a live match at a very well-known cricket ground. Please ensure your child has their place reserved on our coaches. Pupils from Reception to Yr 6 will be attending on the 24th of April. There is a real sense of excitement amongst pupils.

A few weeks back I invited our pupils to take part in a 'WOW', walk to school badge design competition. We have officially been notified that Kitty Abrahams in yr 6 is the overall Hackney winner, and Louie Green in yr 1 has also been selected as a finalist and both entries will be put forward to the national competition- good luck and very well done!

Here's what their entries look like.



Kitty's winning entry for Hackney overall.



Louie's entry, a finalist also going to the nationals.

Please remember we are now back to normal full weeks at school and Friday closings are back to 3.30pm.

Upcoming events:

19th April- Yom Ha'atzma'ut 20th April- Greg & Micha's last day with us 24th April- Rec- Yr 6 visiting Lords cricket ground **7th May- School closed- Bank Holiday**

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Our celebration and good news continues... **Thursday 10th May 9.00-10.15am** – Bring a grandparent/significant elder into school day 14th May-17th May- Yr 6 SAT's testing. **21st May- school closed**- Shavuot 25th May- half term 3.30pm close.

Ms G Metin – Headteacher

Jewish News.

We are in the last week of the month of Nissan with our value of Zachor: Remember: Remember who you are (we are all children of God) and remember where you come from (we experienced slavery and we need to make sure that it has no place in our world today).

We are also counting the omer towards Shavuot, measuring the journey made by the people of Israel as they left Egypt and travelled towards Mount Sinai where G-d would reveal Himself to them and give them the Torah. This makes us reflect on taking the time to be better: it takes hard work to make a difference and it does not happen overnight.

Next week we will be celebrating Yom HaAtzma'ut in school with Israeli dancing, an assembly and a birthday cake for Israel's 70th birthday. Classes will also have a competition to make Israeli flags with prizes for the most original designs. Please continue to play the Israel 70 games online: https://countdown70.lookstein.org

Enter our school code: 246227

Some classes will be visiting the Machane Yehuda Shuk, the famous Jerusalem food market, which is coming to London on the 22nd and 23rd of April. Families can visit the market on Sunday the 22nd at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre.



FREE STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Simon Marks Jewish Primary School runs free 'stay and play' sessions for 2 year olds. These will be held every Friday between 9.00am and 11.00am. This provision is free. This is a great opportunity for young children and parents to get together and use our Early Year's facilities and getting young children ready for school.

If you are interested in joining us for any of these events then please contact the school office on: 02088066048 or alternatively you can email us at <u>info@simonmarks.hackney.sch</u>. We look forward to welcoming you to Simon Marks.

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