

NEWSNOTES



Friday 25th May 2018 11 Sivan 5778

Shabbat begins tonight at 8.46 p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 10.03 p.m.

Headteacher's message:

Half term is here! We have been extremely busy over the last two weeks. Year two and year six have now completed their SATs testing. Pupils were in good moods and approached the papers with enthusiasm and motivation. Well done to them all! After half term it's year ones turn- they will have phonics screening!

We celebrated Shavuot last week and Rabbi Mason joined us for our special assembly.



Children made lots of flowers in the morning and dairy based foods in the afternoon. It was a busy day!



Earlier this term, a group of enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 mathematicians took part in the UK Mathematics Trust's Junior Maths Challenge. This challenge was for pupils in Year 8 and below so it was amazing that pupils in Year 5 and 6 were giving it a go. The challenge involved solving some very complex

Mathematical problems and all pupils accomplished impressive scores. The following children achieved awards in the challenge:

Leona Lewis – Bronze

Lea Marshall Yurman – Silver

Joe Thorne – Gold

Extra congratulations to Joe who gained such a high score that he qualified for the next round of the challenges!

This week we had pupils from neighbouring Colvestone Primary school visit our school.



They have been learning about Judaism. Our year five pupils were able to tell them a lot! All children were able to talk about similarities as well as differences. We discovered our curriculums were very similar and more importantly they could all talk about life in Hackney.

Earlier on in the week, you should all have received a 'Reading Champions' volunteer signup sheet. Please let us know if you help out for an hour a week with either Hebrew reading or reading in general. Let's work together in getting our children to become fluent readers in both Hebrew and in English.

Upcoming events:

25th May- half term - 3.30 close.

4th June- photographer in- class photos (full summer uniform please)

11th June- Relationship and sex education (RSE), workshop for parents-9.30am

14th June- **Simon Marks Has Got Talent event** (more details to follow)

22nd June- **Sports Day!** (details to follow)

24th June (**Change of date**)- Summer Fayre

12th July- Parents evening

Friday 20th July- End of term- 1.30 finish.

I wish you all a very peaceful and restful half term.

Ms G Metin – Headteacher

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Jewish News

Our value for the month of Sivan is Limmud: Learning. Learning is not just something we enjoy or something we have to do in school but it is a Jewish value to learn as much as we can. We learn by listening, investigating, questioning and evaluating.

On Shavuot we are reminded that G-d gave us the gift of Torah and it is our duty and pleasure to learn Torah all our lives. As Ms. Metin mentioned, we celebrated Shavuot in school with the lower school making flowers as we learn that Mount Sinai flowered when the Torah was given and the older children made a variety of milky and fruity foods to remind us that the Torah is as spiritually nurturing as milk is to a baby and also that the people of Israel brought their first fruits as offerings to the Temple on Shavuot.

I was very proud of Year 5 on Tuesday: They spoke with confidence and clarity, presenting aspects of Jewish observance and answering questions from their peers from Colvestone Primary. We all had a taste of matza and said a bracha on a piece of fruit together. It was a very enjoyable and informative afternoon and helped Year 5 prepare for the Etgar quiz in June.

JEWISH SPEAKERS CORNER • BAGELS & KOSHER ICE CREAM • JEWISH ESCAPE ROOM • KRAV MAGA
KIDS' ACTIVITY ZONE • ARTS AND CRAFTS • HANDS ON WORKSHOPS • CRUFTS SHOW



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- Come along to the Big Jewish Summer Fete on 10th June 12-5pm
- Decorate a balloon and sing along with Avivit on our very own Simon Marks stall
- Fancy volunteering on our interactive stand?
- Contact Karen & Avivit on 07958 910288 or pr@simonmarks.hackney.sch.uk

Look forward to seeing you there!!

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 info@simonmarks.hackney.sch.uk We look forward to welcoming you to Simon Marks.

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