

NEWSNOTES



Friday 27th April 2018 12 Iyar 5778

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Headteacher's message:

We have been to visits Lord's cricket ground!

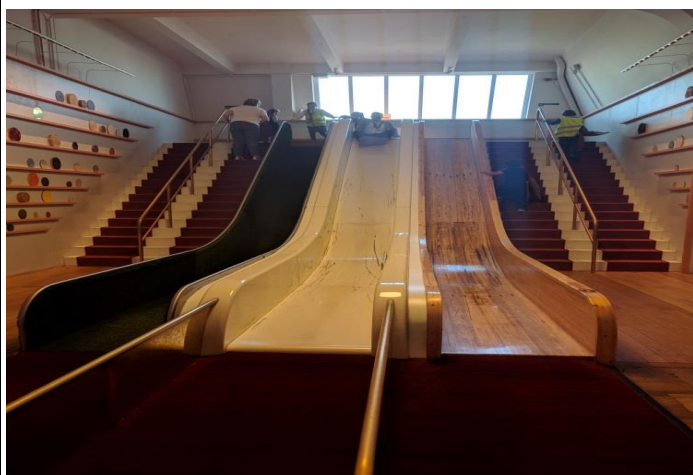
This was a truly spectacular day, pupils had the opportunity to sit and watch a cricket match along with 5000 other primary and secondary pupils who were also invited as part of a drive to inspire children and young people about cricket.

The museum was also booked and pupils were able to see the 'Ashes'. Some pupils managed to meet and get autographs off James Fuller and Nathan Sowter from the Middlesex Cricket team.



Just the feel and experience of being at Lord's was great. Thank you to all of you who supported us in making this a reality for our pupils.

Year 3 also visited the Science Museum last week as part of their topic work. Pupils and grownups tested different surfaces for friction!



Upcoming events:

3rd May- Lag Be Omer- barbecue event (lunch outside for pupils if weather permits)

7th May- School closed- Bank Holiday

Thursday 10th May 9.00-10.15am – Bring a grandparent/significant elder into school day. These events usually bring a lot of smiles to a lot of faces!

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 month of Iyar and our value is Chesed: Kindness. We are counting the omer for 49 days between Pesach and Shavuot and we are told that the students of the great Rabbi Akiva died in large numbers during this period in the 1st century because they did not show kindness to each other. It is not enough to be learned, we also need to show in our deeds that we are decent people.



We celebrated Yom HaAtzma'ut on Thursday and children participated in Israeli dancing throughout the day during the Ivrit lessons. We also had an assembly where we sang songs in Ivrit, Year 5 did a presentation about the history of the State of Israel and we lit the candles on a large cake for Israel. Every class made their own flags of Israel with Year 5 and Year 1 winning the prizes for most original flags.

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Year 1-5 also had the opportunity on Monday to visit the Machane Yehuda Shuk (market) in London and we all had a wonderful time tasting and experiencing the various Israeli delicacies in the shuk.



Next week Thursday is Lag BaOmer and pupils will be having a barbeque lunch in school along with some Lag BaOmer activities.

Message from Friends of Simon Marks:

Friends of Simon Marks Summer Fair

Planning has begun and we are keen to hear your ideas! We are trying a new after-school time slot for the Fair - **Thursday June 21st - 3-6pm** That way, we can have teachers attend :) and everyone will already be at school!

We've only a short time to prepare so we'd love your help! If you have any of the following, we'd love you to please get in touch:

- Kosher catering ideas (from professional certified kitchen)
- Ideas for stalls or activities
- Special skills or kit you'd like to share and think we could use

To get involved, please email us on fosmideas@gmail.com

There will be music, food, fun and activities, all the while raising money for our school.

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. We look forward to welcoming you to Simon Marks.

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