

NEWSNOTES



Friday 12^h January 2018 25 Tevet 5778

Shabbat begins tonight at 4.01 p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 5.10 p.m.

Headteacher's message:

A warm welcome back to everyone, I hope we all have a great and prosperous 2018!

We would like to welcome Ms Milner into the Simon Marks family; Ms Milner joined us last week. Ms Milner is teaching our year 6 class.

The circus has been in! Children had the opportunity to watch Lucas Jet perform in assembly and each class had a circus workshop. This was received very well by staff and children and it was great to hear lots of squeals of laughter and joy throughout the day. Children had a go at many activities, including plate spinning and juggling!



We will be holding an Open day for your refurbished Early Years block- please see our advert which is in the press this week. We will also be starting up our 'stay and play' sessions for 2 year olds, please contact the school office if you are interested in attending either of these events.

Upcoming events:

We are really keen to get 'Friends of Simon Marks' parents association back up and running. Ms Pieters is the schools link teacher. There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 23rd of January** at 8.30am in the school hall- all parents welcome.

On **Wednesday 24th of January** we will hold our 'Bring a mum/significant female' into school morning. This will run from 9.00am to 10.15am.

Our theme day this term is Science- our science day presentations will be on **Wednesday 31st of January**. This will give you all an opportunity to look at the science work children have been doing in class and there will be some interactive activities for you to join in with!

Ms G Metin - Headteacher

Jewish News:

We are in the month of Tevet and our value this month is Kavod and Derech Eretz: Respect and Making good choices about our behaviour. Children who have shown respect for themselves, others and property have been honoured as guests at our Shabbat table.

The weekly Torah portion (parashat hashavua) is Va'eira, where we see how Moshe asks for his brother's help in speaking to Pharaoh and the process that will lead to the people of Israel being freed from slavery starts with the first plagues.

Ivrit Club

Ivrit club is taking place every Wednesday morning from 8am and is free until half term. The aim is to give children who already speak some Ivrit an opportunity to extend their skills. If you would like your child to take part, please send their names to the office by Tuesday morning.

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Beans for Tu be'Shvat

In preparation for Tu be'Shvat, the New Year for Trees coming up on the 31st of January, each child has been sprouting a bean in class and learning about how this process happens. We are looking forward to seeing the progress of all the beans by the end of January.



Sewing Club



Design and make a beautiful patchwork and quilted wall-hanging for Simon Marks School. We welcome all families at Simon Marks to make a patchwork square for our quilt. You will learn how to embroider and applique lots of different fabrics. Your child can join you at break time to help! Beginners to sewing are welcome.

Every Monday (term-time only) 9:05AM – 12:00PM

Starting next week: Monday 15th January 2018

Reminder

We have received complaints from the local community regarding traffic and dangerous stopping and parking. Can we please remind all parents and carers not to stop in the middle of the road outside the school gates as this causes traffic jams and prevents pedestrians crossing the road safely. This is not only dangerous for your own children but for other road users as well. The security guards have been instructed to remind parents not to stop in the middle of the road and will wave you on.

Facebook



Please take a look at our Facebook page [@simonmarksjewishprimaryschool](#)

After school clubs

Please remember that the after school clubs start next week. If you would like to enrol your child for a club please visit your Parentpay account where you can book and pay for your club online.



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EARLY YEARS OPEN DAY!

FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2018 BETWEEN 9.00-11.00AM

Simon Marks Jewish Primary School would like to invite you to our Early Years open day. This is a great opportunity to view our brand new Early Year's building. Please come along and have a look at our fantastic new facility.

Toddlers welcome!

FREE STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

STARTING FROM FRIDAY 26TH OF JANUARY 2018

Simon Marks Jewish Primary School is starting '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.