

# NEWSNOTES



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 10 Shevat 5778

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## Headteacher's message:

We have had an exciting two weeks. We had an overwhelming response to our 'Bring a mum/significant female in' morning. Pupils were delighted by the number of mums and significant females who joined us in class on Wednesday. We have had a lot of very positive feedback from both grownups and the pupils. A huge thank you for all of you for giving up part of your morning to join the children. We will have one more similar event in the summer term so watch out for further information. I also would like to thank the school staff as running lessons with lots of additional adults in is daunting- so well done grown-ups!



Friends of Simon Marks had their first meeting with Ms Pieters earlier on in the week. We are keen for parents and the school to work together in raising money. School and class councils have requested a shed for the playground and then for the shed to be filled with playground play equipment for ease of access.

## Upcoming events:

Our theme day this term is Science- our science day presentations will be **on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of January**. We will also be dressing up in the colours of Nature for Tu B'Shvat and asking for a £1 donation leading up to Purim.

Half term- **12-16<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of February- 8.30am**-Next Friends of Simon Marks meeting followed by **Parents Internet Safety coffee morning at 9.00am**.

All parents and carers welcome- we look forward to seeing you there!

Ms G Metin - Headteacher

## SMJPS Trust Update:

Many thanks to all parents and carers who are making regular voluntary donations to the Trust. The Trust donates all funds received to the school ensuring it can provide the Jewish curriculum and assist the school in maintaining the premises.

We would love to have the support of all parents and therefore are keen to encourage more of you to show your support for the school in this way. Any contribution that you make, no matter how small, is a valued contribution

If you have mislaid any of the standing order or gift aid forms, they can be found on the school website. Alternatively feel free to speak to Sue Zion in confidence.



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## Jewish News

We are in the month of Shvat and our value this month is Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World and Bal Tashchit: Do not waste or destroy. Every child in the school has been sprouting a bean since the start of term and we have been documenting and discussing how they have grown and will be presenting the results on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, which is Tu be'Shvat as well as our Science Day.



Children are invited to dress in the colours of the Almond Tree on Wednesday as that is the first tree to blossom in Israel in Spring. Colours are: Pink, white, green and brown – any one or a combination of these are allowed and please bring in £1, which goes towards the Tzedaka that we are collecting for Purim.

The weekly Torah portion (parashat hashavua) is Beshallah, where the people of Israel thank Hashem for leading them to freedom through the Sea of Reeds. From this we learn to always say thank you to others for everything they do for us.

## 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.

## **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: 0208 806 6048 or alternatively you can email us at

[info@simonmarks.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:info@simonmarks.hackney.sch.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you to Simon Marks.

## Useful contact details

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