

NEWSNOTES



Friday 16th March 2018 28 Adar 5778

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Headteacher's message:

We have a fantastic couple of weeks with lots happening in school!

Year's 1,3,4 and 5 have kept the National History Museum busy- yr 1 visited the dinosaurs!



Year 3 had the 'earthquake' experience!



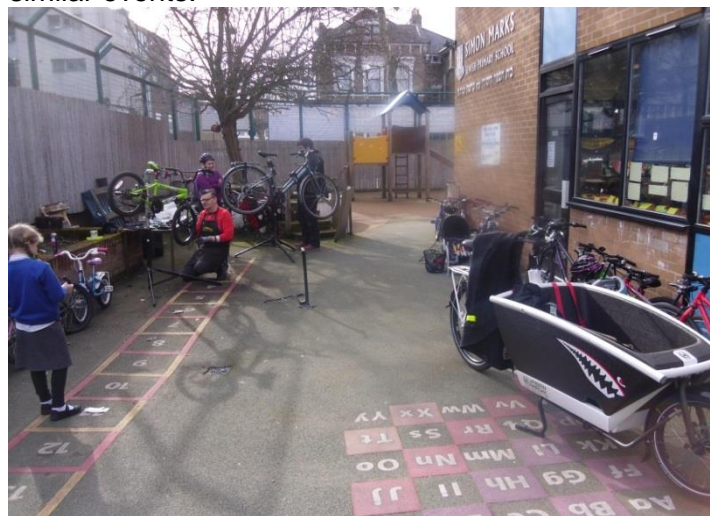
We held an 'interfaith tree planting' session, sponsored by Faiths Forum 4 London, we invited local community schools. The Olive School and Hoxton Garden Primary school children joined us. Rabbi Gluck led the ceremony.



We have a new tree in our playground!

Our first Dr Bike session held on Wednesday morning was very busy and very successful. The team managed to repair 20 bikes within their time with us!

We are really keen to develop our cycling and link up with other Local authority cycling initiatives. I hope you found this event useful, we hope to host many more similar events.



Pupils were busy preparing for our Great British Monarchy quiz, each class nominated two champions to take part. It was intense! All champions did exceptionally well and they knew more facts than some of the grown-ups! Our proud winners were Nina and Reuben from year 4! Well done!

We have managed to raise £500 pounds for our selected Purim charities. We will be donating £250 to GIFT and £250 to The North London Action for Homeless. Thank you for all your donations.

Our next charity fund raising event will be for Sports Relief.

Upcoming events:

PHSCE exhibition of work takes place on **Tuesday 20th of March at 3.30**. Please pop in and find out about what our children have been learning.

Parents evening will be **Wednesday 21st of March**- please ensure you have made arrangements to see your child's class teacher.

Friday 23rd of March is our Sports relief event- dress in sportswear day. Donations can be made through parent pay.

End of term is **Thursday 29th of March at 1.30pm**

Ms G Metin – Headteacher

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Jewish News

This is the last week of the month of Adar where our monthly value has been: Emunah and Bitachon (Faith and trust in Hashem). We show that we know there is a purpose to our lives by having a positive attitude and accepting that we can learn something from everything that happens to us. Children who have shown this attitude have been invited as guests to our Shabbat table throughout Adar.

We also celebrated the festival of Purim in the school, starting with a communal Megillah reading and party on Purim night, followed by an enjoyable celebration with various comedy skits and songs and a dressing-up parade and disco on the day. Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils volunteered to learn to lein the megillah and they were able to read Chapter 5 of the Megillah to us on the day – one of many highlights. The teacher skit was another memorable event – who knew that there was such intrigue in the Simon Marks kingdom!

The weekly Torah portion is Vayikra, where the people of Israel are told about the various offerings to bring to the Mishkan (travelling temple). One of the offerings is the guilt offering which teaches us that a person needs to admit when they did something wrong in order to make amends.

Pesach

We are preparing for Pesach and our three school seder celebrations as follows:

Monday 26th March 2.30 – 3.30pm: Nursery and Reception Seder.

Tuesday 27th March 2pm – 3.30pm: Year 1,2 and 3 Seder.

Wednesday 28th of March: 2pm – 3.30pm Year 4,5 and 6 Seder.

Please help us to cover the cost of food and other requirements by paying £4 via Parentpay.



We are publishing a Simon Marks Seder Companion with photographs of all the children celebrating Pesach. This can be used at the Seder

table and is a lovely souvenir of schooldays.

As we are doing a limited print-run and copies are likely to cost £7 each, please let the office know by Monday the 19th how many copies you would be interested in buying so that we can have an indication of numbers for printing.

Israel 70

In order to prepare for celebrating Israel's 70th birthday, the Lookstein foundation have developed a series of 70 interactive online games about Israel.

These can be accessed at:

<https://countdown70.lookstein.org/> where pupils should

1. Click on 'Student'
2. Enter the school code 246227
3. Create a nickname and enter their birthday (These details will be their ID for logging in every day)
4. Choose the grade they want to play – (Elementary1 for Years 1, 2 and 3 and Elementary 2 for Years 4, 5 and 6.)

GROWING the School – A job for a friend or parent of Simon Marks Jewish Primary School

Are you good at making links, forming friendships, connecting with people, building networks?

Simon Marks Jewish Primary School is looking for a consultant / self-employed Marketing and Networking Specialist to raise the roll and profile of our high achieving and popular school. We anticipate the project will run for 9 months subject to results and based on 2.5 days a week.

Remuneration and hours are attractive and negotiable according to experience.

If you are interested or know someone this role would suit please email info@simonmarks.hackney.sch.uk Subject: **Marketing and Networking Specialist**, to request a job description and details of how to apply for the role.

The deadline for application and submitting a proposal is midday March 29th
Interviews will be held in the school between 9th -13th April.