

NEWSNOTES



Friday 9th November 2018 1 Kislev 5779

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and carers,

The last couple of weeks have been packed with concert rehearsals, thank you for all parents who joined us for our dress rehearsal; it was great to have an audience before we performed on our open day to new parents and other guests.



We had a 'friendly' football match against the Olive school- our girls team did very well and won their match.



We now have a fully trained team of 'Peer Mediators' in our playground. Pupils had to complete an application form, collect two references, be interviewed for the responsibility and then trained.



Well done to our successful candidates!

We will shortly be introducing 'Jewish Interactive' to our pupils. This is an online program, pupils will have log on details and we hope this will enhance our Jewish studies homework. Please look out for this great home opportunity!

GOVERNOR IN THE HOUSE! Every Tuesday, our Governor, Deborah Syme will be in school from 3.10-3.40pm. Deborah would love to meet you, have a chat and answer any questions you have about the school. Please come and say hi, you'll find Deborah sitting in the hallway in front of the Dining Hall.

Our Facebook page- If you are a Facebook user- please like our page and invite your friends to like us! We would love to reach out to a wider audience.

This week Simon Marks features in both the Jewish Chronicle and the Jewish news. Please look out for us!

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Upcoming events:

We have our annual Book Fayre next week- books on sale Monday and Tuesday after school.

Each class will have a short class assembly. Year 5 class assembly is coming up.

Year 5- 22nd Nov

Year 4/3-6th Dec Year 2/1-20th Dec

Please join us if you can.

Monday 26th November Science day-3.45pm

Autumn term parents evening: 6th December.

Chanukah Assembly;/ Friday 7th of December at 9.15am- All Welcome

Ms Metin- Headteacher

Message from our Jewish Studies Department:

Welcome to the month of Kislev. Kislev is not only the month of Chanukah but it is also "The month of dreams". This reflects the weekly portions about Joseph which are traditionally read on Shabbat morning this month. With this in mind, we will be joining with hundreds of other schools and groups around the country for national Mitzvah Day on 20th of November. Simply put, a mitzvah is doing a good deed. We ask all members of our community to take time out of their day to help others in need. This could be: visiting a care home; helping out at a homeless shelter; giving blood; or any other way of helping others who are less fortunate. If you could send any photos of mitzvot / acts of kindness done for Mitzvah Day, we would love to mention them on our Facebook page. We have chosen as a school to support Camp Simcha. This is a Jewish charity that helps children who are seriously ill. They support both Jewish and Secular children and families.

We are taking part in the Camp Simcha Toy Drive. This will give children in hospital the opportunity of

receiving a new toy for Chanukah/Christmas. We therefore kindly request any new toys you would like to donate to this extremely worthwhile cause. All the toys need to be unopened and new; no soft toys please due to the risk of infection, toys for new-borns and teens are especially appreciated.

We look forward to you joining us for our Chanukah assembly on Friday 7th December at 9:30am.

Message from our PR team:

We are so excited to receive lots of coverage on our eventful Open Day. We are featured in the Jewish Chronicle and the Jewish News.

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.