

NEWSNOTES

Friday 23rd November 2018 15 Kislev 5779

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and carers,

Our pupils have had an exciting couple of weeks. We had dance workshops last week and pupils danced to the theme of 'Alien invasion'.



Pupils enhanced their dance skills and had lots of fun!

Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to develop their debating skills further. We visited Olive school and Jubilee school pupils were also present. Our side of the debate was that Government should invest more into schooling rather than housing- we may not all agree with this but debating something you may not agree with is also a great skill.



Our pupils demonstrated that they were very strong debating even with limited time to think about the arguments they made. Well done debators!

As part of our wellbeing and safeguarding program we invited the NSPCC to visit our school. They took assemblies and set up workshops in classrooms. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to talk about issues that they have/had experienced and to further raise their awareness of keeping safe.



All pupils now have a log on to Jewish Interactive package. This is an online program, and Mr Jacobs has already set some tasks for pupils to complete.

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.

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Upcoming events:

Each class will have a short class assembly.
Thank you to all parents who joined year 5 for their class assembly.

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:

This week's Parsha is Vayishlach.

In the Parsha this week, we see Yaacov and Esav coming face to face after so many years apart. Esav is still angry with Yaacov and confronts him with an army of 400 men. Yaacov therefore takes action; he splits his camp in two, so that if one camp is attacked, the other can escape. Yaacov then prays to G-d following which he prepares to send gifts to his brother to try and appease him. Yaacov's prayers and actions work and the brothers meet and depart in peace.

It has been another busy fortnight at Simon Marks, the children are continuing to practice and prepare for their Chanukah assembly on Friday 7th December. We have been asked to sing at the Hackney Chanukah lighting event on Sunday 2nd December. If your child would like to attend and support this school and community event it would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to say a big thank you to everybody who has donated a toy or game for the Camp Simcha charity, helping children who are extremely sick. There is still time to donate if you can, up until the 28th November.

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.

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