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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us on Friday to celebrate our Chanukah performance. A huge thank you to our Jewish studies team, Mr Jacobs and Rabbi Goldmeier for dedicating a lot of time and effort to make this a really special occasion. And here are some snapshots of the day....



We started off together with our introduction song.



Nursery and Reception classes sang 3 Chanukah songs- they sounded beautiful! Well done to Ms Harkness, Ms Morgan, Mr Wayne and Ms Bianca!



Year One and Year 2 sang and danced as part of their performance. They knew all their words and rocked the hall! We have some talented dancers in our younger classes. Well done Mr Durak and Mrs Jones for choreographing them!



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Yr 3 and 4 reenacted the story of Chanukah with a battle won at the end. Great acting and creative performances! Well done to Mr Gilani and Ms Sev for putting this together.



We can't help but notice the great piece of Artwork that represents the Greek God Zeus! Huge thanks to Dov and his family for their extra-curricular project work! Zeus looked amazing, what a great prop to have in our play.



Some really great performing by year 5, they kept us gripped with the story of the 'Little Chanukiah', we all wished for and got a happy ending. Well done to Ms Khatun and Ms Sabiha for this one.



Year six reminded us of our core values and assigned a value to each of the candles on our Chanukiah. This truly summed up our integrated school and all of our Jewish/ British values. Well done Ms Milner and Ms Libby

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Melita and Nina performed a duet at very short notice. They were very brave and very talented! Well done Ms Osborne for supporting them.



Rabbi Goldmeier lit our Chanukiah and welcomed in Shabbat for us. As always Rabbi Goldmeier asked lots of questions and as always our children were able to respond with confidence. Thank you Rabbi Goldmeier!

Our pupils are amazing and a special thank you to all of them for putting all the effort in. They were louder and prouder when they saw all their family and friends in the audience. It makes all the difference to them. It was lovely to see them sneaking in a little wave or secret smile to those watching in the audience.

Many thanks to FOSM (Friends of Simon Marks), for taking the time to set up refreshments and a huge thank you to Simone for the doughnuts! We loved them.

We didn't forget our neighbours either! Mr Jacobs took some pupils to the Olive school and we gave them a Chanukah Hamper to spread the joy.



Ms Parks (Olive school Headteacher) thanked us for our gesture.

