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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school has been buzzing with 'Culture Boxes' and talk of all our cultures and similarities. Pupils have bought in some precious memories and artefacts to share with each other and parents. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event, and a special thank you to Ms Morgan who never thought her idea would grow into a big event. As a school we are really proud of our cultural identities and our unique life experiences.



And more from our exhibition:



Last week I was joined by my Headteacher for the morning winner. This was a school council led initiative in order to raise money for the NSPCC- we raised £70.00 from ticket sales.



Our winner did a fantastic job; he even led a whole school assembly for me! Well done Headteacher and well done school council for leading this!

We have been working in partnership with the JNF (Jewish National Fund); we have been able to secure a Theatre Production led by the Ornah Porat Theatre from Israel. It is part of a wider Festival of Spoken Ivrit program. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our Junior pupils to use and apply their language skills. More information to follow!



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We have a new and re vamped school website, please take a few minutes to have a look. Some bits still need to be finished but we are almost there!

Upcoming events:

28th January- Parents coffee morning 9.15-10.00am Focus: Emotional well-being.

6th February: **Bring a dad/significant male into school event 9.00-10.15am**

18th—22nd February- school closed- half term break

Class and other key assemblies:

7th February - EYFS class Assembly

28th February - Yr 5 class Assembly

14th March- Yr 3&4 class Assembly

21st March - Purim Assembly

4th April - Yr 1&2 class Assembly
Please join us if you can.

Ms Metin- Headteacher

Message from our Jewish Studies Department:

The Parashah this week is Yitro. Telling the time of the Jewish people receiving the Torah from Hashem. It reminds us all of the importance of freedom as well as the need for guidance and a righteous path to follow.

The school is looking greener than ever. With Tu B'shvat still fresh in our minds, the children have all been growing their own bean stalks. They are now growing strong and the first leaves are beginning to show. The children are all very excited.

Bulbs, brought in by pupils are now dotted around the school bringing a fresh, scent and a colourful beauty to the communal spaces.

In Years 1 and 2 we are focussing on different blessings which are said for a variety of different reasons. In Years 3 and 4 we are focussing on the morning prayers and the meaning behind these Tefillot. In Years 5 and 6 we have started Unit 2 of the Chumash curriculum, focusing on the quarrel between Avram's and Lot's shepherds. We particularly focussed on how it is always best to help resolve an argument. In all Year groups they learn and understand key aspects of the weekly Torah portion and see what lessons we can apply to our own lives.

Next week is National Story Telling Week and in Jewish Studies lessons we will be reading stories to the children, with a Jewish theme.

Hackney has launched a School RE Calendar competition. Children can make a colourful picture about a Jewish artefact e.g. Shabbat candles, shofar, menorah or Jewish foods and bring it into school with their name on the back, to be entered into the competition.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be starting to learn about the upcoming festival of Purim.

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