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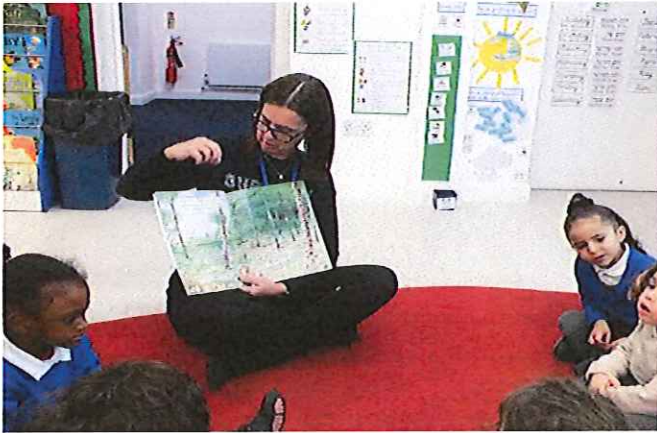
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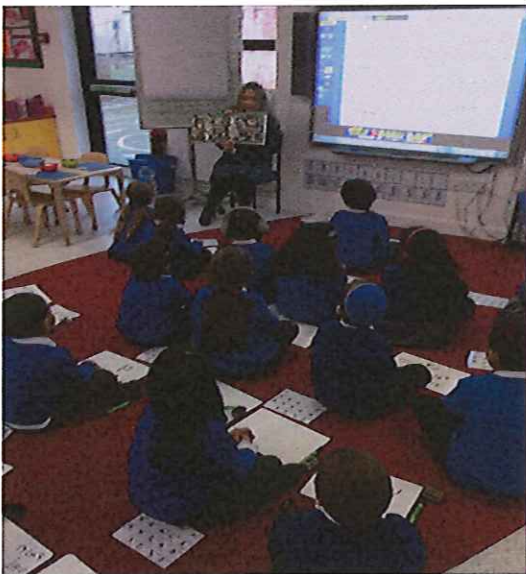
Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was National Storytelling week. All staff were busy reading even more stories to pupils. Staff thought about their favourite stories and shared them with pupils. My Favourite is 'Not Now Bernard'. Sue chose her all time favourite and read the Gruffalo to Nursery pupils.



Helen was reading 'Where the wild things are to Reception class. This is one of her favourites. Everyone everywhere was reading. We all had lots of fun!



Year 1 and 2 went on board HMS Belfast. They were looking at different types of ships and making comparisons with Historical ships.



It was a cold but bright day and lots of learning took place.

And then... we had a visit from the Police Horses division.



All pupils had the opportunity to get close to the horses, they learned about the jobs involved in being a police horse, we learned about all the training they undertook. Pupils then had the opportunity to stroke the horses and some were able to feed them carrots which we discovered was an absolute favourite for horses. A huge thank you for Ms Harkness who arranged this visit for us.

On Wednesday we held our annual 'Bring a dad/significant male into school day', this was very successful throughout.

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Dads had the opportunity to take part in maths and literacy lessons, they played alongside our younger pupils and even did some artwork!



There was a little time for refreshments and a group photo. Thank you to all our significant males for joining us and making a difference. We will be hosting an event for mums and grandparents later on in the year so watch out for information on this.

There are lots of photos of this event on our website- please take a look in our school news.

Ms Morgan will be taking maternity leave next week. We would like to wish her and her family all the best. We would like to welcome Ms Anita Vallance as our nursery teacher. Ms Vallance will be in next Wednesday morning to say hello and to have a handover session with Ms Morgan.

Upcoming events:

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

Class and other key assemblies:

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:

Last week Year 6, accompanied by pupils from the Olive school, took part in the Annual Hackney Holocaust Memorial ceremony. The children sang two songs, 'Eli Eli' and 'No wars will stop us singing', to the distinguished invited guests. I would like to thank the children for all their hard work preparing for the ceremony.



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As we now enter the first month of Adar, Yes this year is a Jewish leap year with an extra month of Adar. Adar is the official "happy month," as is written: "As soon as Adar begins, increase in joy!" In a leap year, we have two months of extra happiness!

The children have worked hard continuing their work about various key Tefillot and episodes in the Chumash. They have continued to develop their Hebrew reading and delving into the joys of the Parsha.

Next week we are delighted to welcome Orna Porat Theatre company. The group all the way from Israel will be performing their production of 'Wild Fire' for the children in KS2.

Our Purim Megillah Reading (Book of Esther).

We are delighted to announce that on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm, Simon Marks will be joining with Hackney United Synagogue for the reading of the Megillah. It will be led by our very own Rabbi Goldmeier. Families are invited to come ready to raise the roof with noise makers and costumes. This is a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together and enjoy some of the Mitzvot of Purim with school friends.



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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