

NEWSNOTES

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Headteacher's message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a phenomenal sports day. Thank you for joining us and making our day really special. We were all winners and everyone tried a different sporting activity. Congratulations to the parents who won the adults tug of war!



Children definitely learnt techniques in the sack race. Observing all our children in the skipping activity was interesting- we certainly need to further develop skills in this area. Look out for our 'Skipathon' and please donate any spare skipping ropes you may have- we will need them!

Last week our grandparents and significant elders were in school – they joined in with everything!



Arts and crafts were a favourite activity throughout the school. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a special day.

Friends of Simon Marks worked so hard putting together our Summer Fair. The organisation and the activities were splendid. We really stood out as one community, one family, so much so that I didn't mind getting the sponge in my face!



A huge thank you to everyone that missed!

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Our year 6 SAT's results became public this week and we achieved higher than the National averages in every area with Spelling and Grammar at 100%.

Well done to all our year 6 pupils and the year 6 team –we are very proud of you.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Ms Khatun who will be starting her travels around the world with her first stop in the United Arab Emirates.

Mrs Jones will also be leaving us at the end of term. We would like to wish them both all the best in their future endeavours. They will be missed and always welcome to visit us in the future.

We currently have a vacancy for an Apprentice Teaching assistant starting September 2019. More information on our website under 'Vacancies'.

Upcoming dates for your diaries:

Thursday 18th July- Yr 2 Chagigat Hasiddur assembly
Friday 26th July 9.15 am Yr 6 leavers assembly
Friday 26th July- End of term- 1.30pm finish
Wednesday 4th September – Children return to school

Ms Metin- Headteacher

Message from our Jewish Studies Department:



This week the Year 5 children had a fantastic experience at the Etgar quiz in Wembley Stadium. They joined hundreds of other Year 5 children from Jewish schools across the UK for the finale of their Jewish General Knowledge learning. The joyous atmosphere at this event reflected the children's enjoyment in their learning.

Year 1 and 2 started to learn about the forthcoming period of time in the Jewish calendar known as 'The Three Weeks', when we remember the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem some 2000 years ago. The children learnt about how the people were not nice to each other and how this disharmony led to the eventual defeat of the Jewish army and ultimately the destruction of the Jewish Temple. The children discussed and recorded ways of showing respect and appreciation of each other. We are looking forward to Year 2's Siddur presentation next Thursday afternoon.

Year 3 and 4 continued their learning of the prayer known as the Amidah, focussing specifically on the blessing which asks G-d to heal us. We focussed on the use of the third person 'us' in the blessing and the children wrote ideas about how they are responsible for everyone in the world.

Year 6 studied and discussed the meaning of one of the Mishnayot in Avot and recorded their opinions.

We wish you all a Shabbat Shalom.