

NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th January 2020 13 Tevet 5780

Shabbat begins tonight at 3.58 p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 5.07 p.m.

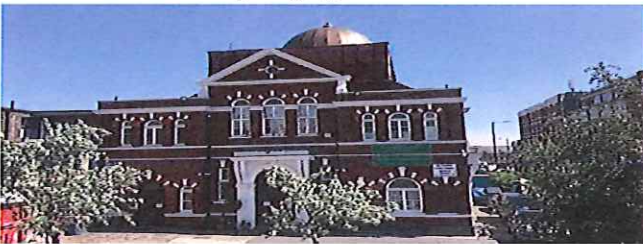
Headteacher's message:

Dear Parents and Carers,
A warm welcome back to everyone and we would like to wish you all a Happy 2020. Pupils are back and settled in class, you will shortly be receiving your curriculum newsletter about topics and projects covered this half term. This week's focus is on our Jewish studies work on learning about other faiths and their connections to Judaism. Our Jewish studies team will tell you more about this.

Ms Metin- Headteacher

Message from our Jewish Studies Department:

The highlight of our week was visiting the Mosque. As we stood outside, ready to enter, Mr Jacobs pointed out the Foundation Stone on the building which told us that it had originally been built as a Synagogue.



Mr Gilani then explained why we were about to take our shoes off before entering the Mosque. He told us that before Moses approached the burning bush, through which G-d appeared to him, he was told to take his shoes off as it was holy ground. Similarly, the prayer room in the Mosque is holy ground and so we also take off our shoes.

Once we were inside the Mosque, Mr Jacobs showed us the lectern from which the Imam speaks and leads the prayers. This was facing towards Mecca.



The children also saw a selection of clocks, which displayed the different times of prayer. We learnt that Muslims pray five times a day and of course, on their holy day of the week, Friday.

It was most interesting to learn that the Muslims pray to the same One G-d as the Jews.

The children were given questions so as to focus their attention on the variety of artefacts and features displayed around the building.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Guney, who invited us to visit his Mosque and all the parents who gave up their time to accompany the children to and from the Mosque.



This term promises to be another busy term, with the celebration of the festivals of Tu B'Shevat (New Year for Trees), Purim and Pesach (Passover).

Rabbi N Goldmeier – Consultant Rabbi