

# NEWSLETTER



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 10 Adar 5780

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## Headteacher's message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently had a strong presence in the media. Following our article in the Jerusalem Post we then featured in the Observer newspaper and the Guardian online. Both these links can be found on our facebook page. Following this we had the BBC in school yesterday with journalist Luke Hanrahan, we will be featured on the 6.30pm London news sometime next week. We will know when exactly next week and I will keep you all updated. Thank you to all of you for supporting us through this and helping to share our message about the uniqueness of Simon Marks Jewish Primary school. We have further media interest- I will keep you all updated.

## Sustainability work

As part of our ongoing work on sustainability and caring for our planet, we have been using old plastic water bottles to create 'bottle art'.



Our schools 'Eco Masters' team work on recycling every Friday, they also check energy efficiency.



Thank you to everyone who took part in this homework project.

Last week Early years went to visit Hackney City farm.



They had lots of fun with the animals and learned a lot about their lifestyles and habitats. Seeing animals close up helped some of our children to overcome their fears of animals.

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Yesterday we had a visit from the co-author of Hilarious Hebrew Yael Breuer. Yael spent time with all pupils giving some excellent tips and word association clues to help remember lots of words. Many thanks to Hagi Boland for the introduction.



## Jewish Studies department

During the past few weeks the children have been learning about Purim. The younger children have been making crowns, to symbolise the crowns worn by King Achashverosh and Queen Esther. Other Purim learning has included knowledge about the 4 Mitzvot of Purim (Hearing the Megillah, Giving food gifts to friends, charity to the poor and a Purim meal), how key messages in the Book of Esther are still relevant nowadays and the differences and similarities between the Purim and Chanukah miracles.

Thank you very much to all parents who have donated for our Mishloach Manot (Purim food gifts).

## Coronavirus

Please use the links I sent you earlier in the week for regular updates on the situation in London. Also see attached flyer. I am not aware of any suspected cases linked to our school at present.

## Upcoming dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March- Purim assembly 9.15 am- school closes at 1.30pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of March- Parents evening

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April- Early years and KS1 Pesach- 2.30pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- KS2 Pesach 1.45pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April- End of term 1.30pm finish

Ms Metin- Headteacher

**Hackney United Synagogue** proudly present

**Purim Megillah Reading**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
6:30pm - 8pm  
Simon Marks Jewish  
Primary school Hall

**Hackney United Synagogue**  
**would be delighted for Simon Marks' Families to join them for their Megillah party**  
Refreshments, Reading, Entertainment