

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ◆ 9th October - Simchat Torah school closes at 1.30
- ◆ 14th and 15th October- Parents into school (virtually)
- ◆ 20th October Flu nasal program
- ◆ 26th-30th October- half term
- ◆ 2nd November school reopens
- ◆ 6th November- short Fridays begin – 1.30 finish until the summer

Parents evening is on the 3rd of December (format of this will be confirmed nearer the time).



simon marks
jewish primary school
תורה עם דרך-ארץ

9th October 2020 21 Tishrei 5781 Shabbat & Yom Tov starts: 6.06pm and ends: 7.03pm Sunday

Shabbat time:

We remain Covid Free!

Thank you to everyone for keeping facial masks on and being patient about seeing staff!

Our children are really getting on with their learning and I can see lots of fantastic work and discussions taking place as I walk around the school.

We are very slowly starting to enhance our curriculum by allowing very vetted and risk assessed tutors and coaches to come into school. This week we had a Middlesex County Cricket coach join us and everyone had the opportunity to further develop their cricket skills. It was great to see pupils playing cricket as a result in our playground.



In Year 2 there were some exciting new developments as our butterflies emerged from their cocoons!



It was fascinating to watch and releasing them was really exciting for our children!



This week we held our annual Democracy day in order to elect our school councillors.. Children learned about writing manifestos, campaigning, then were invited to vote in booths as would grown ups. Our new councillors have been voted in and our results have been shared with the whole school. School councillors make sure pupil voices and choices are heard even louder!

Sukkot Special Edition



Here are year 5 and 6 busy writing their manifestos. Unfortunately we will be unable to visit Parliament this year, let's see if we can do this next year!

Our network rail safety lead has sent us this message : 'I am writing to all schools in the vicinity of the railway in Hackney because Network Rail has received recent reports of young people going onto the railway tracks in your area. Each time a young person takes the decision to go down onto our railway, it can result in injury and even death for the young people involved – either from the 25,000v(AC) of electricity in the overhead power lines or from a collision with a train .' She has also provided a link to a railway safety film: <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/angliasafety>

Ms Metin

Jewish Studies team

As we head towards the end of a very busy time in the Jewish calendar, we reflect on all the festivals that have been celebrated, both here at school and in many homes.

A few weeks ago, the children started learning about Rosh Hashana, the Jewish new year and reflected on the past. Then we focused on

Yom Kippur, learning about the varied and rich laws and traditions associated with this important and Solemn day. As we headed towards Succot, five days later, the children learnt about the Succah, the Arba Minim, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, when we celebrate the completion and restarting of the Torah (the 5 Books of

Moses) which are read in the Synagogue every Shabbat morning.



Starting from next week, each Year group will be focusing on a different area of the Jewish Studies Curriculum. (Brachot, Tefillah, Chumash. Parasha)

Sukkot

This week has been a fun -packed, educational experience for all the children at Simon Marks.



Each Year group had the opportunity of saying the blessings for eating



and drinking in our beautifully decorated

school Succah, as we enjoyed biscuits and drinks. In addition, the children had the opportunity of saying the blessings for shaking the Arba Minim and they all had a turn shaking the 4 species (Lulav, Etrog, Hadassim, Aravot). The children have been learning about the significance of the Arba

Minim. We compared each one of the Minim (Species) to different



types of people, with different qualities, all coming together and working as one. We also explored the reasons for sitting and eating inside a Succah during this festival.



The children were very excited, as we had a visit



from the 'Tribe Van', a specially designed Succah

van. The van parked in the playground and all the children enjoyed waving Simchat Torah flags, singing songs and listening to interactive stories from the Tribe Madrichim (Leaders).



We wish everyone a Chag Sameach.