

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- ◆ 12th October—photographer in for book photos for those who have given consent
- ◆ 13th October year 5 and 6 class assembly, 11am (entry to school is masks only)
- ◆ 18th October individual photos
- ◆ 20th October year 3 and 4 class assembly, format tbc
- ◆ 20th October—Art day exhibition, format tbc
- ◆ Friday 22nd October— school closes for half term. Pupils return Monday 1st of November
- ◆ 3rd and 4th November— parents into lunch days—more information to follow
- ◆ 5th November— short Fridays begin (1.30 closure until the Summer term)



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jewish primary school  
חוריה עם דודר-ארץ

8th October 2021

2 Cheshvan 5782

Parasha: Noach

**Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 6.08pm and ends Saturday at 7.07pm**

**Busy! Busy! Busy!**

This week we held our democracy day. Pupils were busy writing manifestos, debating issues and electing their school council representatives. All pupils from year 1 to year 6 went to the ballot boxes and voted. It was a fantastic experience and our children now have a better understanding of a key British and international process.



And here are our elected school council members.



Simon Marks have been awarded Green Flag standard for our work on environmental issues. Our Eco warriors and Eco Masters have been very busy ensuring that we are all

more environmentally aware and are careful with what we do in and around school. They have been recycling, litter picking and looking at how we can be more energy efficient around school.



A huge well done to everyone!

Today we welcomed dads and significant males into school. They all joined in with our mornings activities and had a taste of Simon Marks from a pupil perspective. We hope our significant males had a great time and enjoyed learning with us!



Mums and significant females will be welcomed in our next round!

Ms Metin— Headteacher

This week the pupils have been enjoying their Ivrit and Jewish Studies lessons. The children have been looking at rainbows and flooding in relation to this weeks Torah portion, Noah. They have also been learning and understanding our morning prayers and why they are just as important today as they have ever been. Please remember it is tradition at school to give a few coins for charity on Fridays for Shabbat. Helping others is one of the central pillars of Judaism. The children will also be bring home details of how to access and log in to 'JI tap' an interactive Jewish app that the school have subscribed to. Children can learn about all aspects of Judaism as well as create their own Jewish themed activities .

Shabbat Shalom from the Jewish studies team.