

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **3rd July– whole school to Clissold Park Splash pad**
- **11th July-Parents evening**
- **14th July– Sports day**
- **(Sunday 16th July – school Summer Fayre (more details to follow)**
- **21st July– End of term –1.30pm finish**
- **School reopens Wednesday 6th September**

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תורה עם דרך-אור

30th June 2023

11 Tammuz 5783

Parasha: Chukat-Balak

Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 9.07pm and ends Saturday at 10.26pm

Last week we had a VIP visit from Lord Simon Marks 3rd Baron of Broughton and grandson of the original Lord Marks who founded Tesco. He spent some time in classrooms learning new things which as he said 'weren't in the curriculum when he was at school'.



Lord Marks is with the red tie, our other guests were trustees of the school.

Lord Marks was very impressed by the learning taking place and by our pupils impeccable behaviour.

Last week we also had a group of our Eco Warriors/ Green team go to Grazebrook school for a climate protection event.



They worked alongside other Hackney schools and with the climate change team.



Yesterday year 1 and 2 had an energetic dance session. Ms David led and coaches from an Israeli Dance group visited our schools. Lots of clapping and co-ordinated fun was had by everyone who took part!



Ms Metin and the Simon Marks team.

In Ivrit Year 5&6, had a fantastic picnic where they were able to talk about the food and chat in Hebrew. This gave them the chance to feel what life is like in Israel.



In Jewish Studies pupils have learnt about the Parashat Hashavua, the weekly Torah portion, in addition to the Chumash, Tefillah and Brachot topics in their respective Year groups. Over the next couple of weeks the children will be focusing their Jewish learning on the importance and relevance of the period in the Jewish calendar known as 'The 3 Weeks'. The children will learn about 'The 3 Weeks' from an historical perspective, as well as exploring the laws and customs of this very sad period in Jewish history, when the 2 Batei Mikdash which stood in Jerusalem were destroyed. First in 586 BCE by the Babylonians and then in 70 CE by the Romans.

Shabbat Shalom
The Jewish Studies Team.