

**DATES FOR YOUR  
DIARY**

- **Week beginning 27th of May– Half term**
- **Monday 3rd June – school reopens**
- **Friday 7th June– Class photos day**
- **12th and 13th of June– Shavuot– school closed**
- **28th June– Whole school visit to Walford Road Synagogue**
- **Friday 12th July– Sports day at Springfield Park**

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24th May 2024

16 Iyar 5784

Parasha: Behar

**Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 20.44 and ends Saturday at 22.01**

Today we held our Cultural Diversity day. A huge thank you for all our parents who signed up and spent time in a number of classrooms enhancing our pupils knowledge of world cultures. Here's a snapshot of what happened.

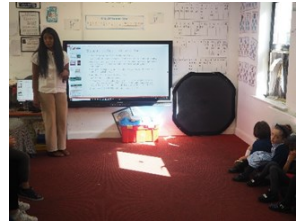
This is Edo with year 5. He's telling them all about growing up and going to school in Italy.



Miriam was educating pupils in year 4. She was telling them all about her school days when she grew up in Mauritius.



Lynette grew up in South Africa. She shared her growing up experiences with all pupils. She prepared a powerpoint presentation for our pupils with photos so they had a visual experience.



Diana told us all about school life in Romania. I was impressed by the 'fold up' beds she presented in her powerpoint.



Abdoulaye shared his experiences of school in West Africa with year 6.



Manya told us all about her childhood in Israel and what it was like going to school there.



A huge thank you to all our parents.

This Saturday night is the 33rd day of the Omer, known as Lag B'Omer. It is a day on which the Jewish people celebrate by having barbecues, lighting bonfires and going on outings. It is a very joyous day because Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai told his students to rejoice when he passed away, because he had achieved so much in his lifetime. He wanted all his achievements to be celebrated.



**Ms Metin and the  
Simon Marks Team**