

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 20th December
1.30pm School closes End of Term
- 7th January
School reopens for pupils
- 9th January– Individual pupil/sibling photos
- 13th January– Clubs open
- 23rd January– Bring a parent/significant adult into school morning
- 14th February
- 1.30 finish– half term

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תורה עם דרך-אור

Friday 20th December 2024

19 Kislev 5785

Parasha: Vayeishev

Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 15.38 and ends Saturday at 16.48

A huge 'Thank You' to everyone that joined us for our Chanukah disco. We all had a wonderful time, there was laughter from pupils, which is what it's all about. Your energy, enthusiasm and dancing of the Hora was beautiful to observe.



We raised £550.00 to put into school councils fundraiser

Elsewhere across school,

Year 5 visited the Science museum to help them consolidate their learning on 'Properties and changes of materials' following on from Science day. They also had a chance to experience the Wonderlab .

The museum commented on how engaging and well behaved our pupils were.



There's always so much to learn !

Chanukah is the time of year when the Jewish people remember how the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem was rededicated in the year 163 BCE. It was at the time of the 2nd Temple, when the Ancient Greeks tried to make all the Jews follow the Ancient Greek religion and completely forget about their own religion. No one could stand against them, until Matityahu and his sons rose up and

drove them from the Land of Israel. When the Jewish people re-entered the Temple, they saw the mess the Ancient Greeks had left behind. They could not even find enough oil with which to light the Menorah. However, enough oil was found, for lighting the Menorah for just one day and it would take 8 days to produce new oil. A miracle occurred, and the oil lasted for 8 days, until new oil was produced and delivered to the Temple. The Chanukah lights, which we start lighting on Tuesday night 24th December, remind us of the 2 great miracles; 1. The miracle of the oil and 2. the miracle of the small band of Maccabees defeating the huge Ancient Greek army. Chanukah Sameach to everyone!!

**Ms Metin and the
Simon Marks Team**