

**WHATS ON – DATES AND TIMES**

- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Half Term**
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June - non uniform day for PTA**
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June- Hachana theatre trip**
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June - YPS Summer Fun Day 3.00pm**
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Kitta Aleph to Israeli Dance Festival**
- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Maccabi fun run**
- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day 2.30pm**

**A Look At Learning**

**What Makes Us Grow?**

The children in Hachana have enjoyed finding the answers to their topic question, ‘What makes us grow?’ They have spent this half term looking at what plants need to grow healthily and how to keep themselves fit and healthy. This week the siblings of some of our children came for a special visit. Prior to the visit the Hachana children had focused on child development and what children of different ages can do. The children planned activities for a specific aged child, wrote resource lists, set up the activity and explained to the parents and the siblings how to complete it. During and after the play session the children evaluated if the activity planned was age appropriate. Our children loved having their special visitors in school.



**Who’s Home?**

Children in Kitta Aleph have been learning about different habitats and the species of animals and birds that live in them. They have studied how animals adapt to survive in their habitats and learnt about the diversity of animals that live in the Savannah through their analysis of the book ‘One Day in Our Planet’ by Ella Bailey. They have used their own research to create their own non-fiction books on animal habitats including a contents page, glossary and illustrations. The Kitta Aleph children have also been learning to create suspension in their creative writing using ellipsis, reparation and exclamation marks.

**Crazy Hair Day**

The Yavneh Primary pupils have raised £103 for Chai Cancer Care by coming to school with crazy hair. We were so impressed by the creativity of our parents and the effort that all our children went to in order to raise money for such a wonderful tzedakeh.



## Maccabi Fun Run

Our staff and some of our children are in training for the Maccabi Fun Run which takes place on the 24<sup>th</sup> June at Allianz Park. Stacey Abendstern from Macabbi GB came to talk to the children about the Maccabi fun run. She explained the importance of exercise and keeping fit and healthy. We would urge as many families to sign up and run for the school as possible. The day promises to be fantastic and all money raised will go towards enhancing our PE equipment.

## Glee Club Comes to Yavneh

In preparation for entertaining family and friends at the Yavneh Primary Fun Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, the children have been working with the Yavneh College Glee Club pupils. With support from their teacher, the Glee Club Enrichment members have carefully planned fun activities to run for our pupils and have taught each class a song. The children at Yavneh Primary have really enjoyed working with the older children and have gained so much from the wonderful experiences that they have had.



## Midnight feast and PJ party with Rabbi Chapper

On the Tuesday before Shavuot all the children came to school in pyjamas for a special pre-Shavuot Midnight Feast! Rabbi Chapper joined us and showed the children a Torah scroll. He also read out some of the Ten Commandments from the scroll. In addition, Rabbi Chapper took part in a Shavuot quiz with the children and read a special story. The children enjoyed eating the chocolate rice crispy cakes which they had made the day before. The children also taught Rabbi Chapper some of the Shavuot songs which they had learnt. He was very impressed with their fantastic singing and with their Shavuot knowledge. We are looking forward to inviting Rabbi Chapper back for another exciting Succot activity.



## Shavuot

The children prepared for the festival of Shavuot by learning why we celebrate the Festival as well as learning about the customs of Shavuot. They learnt songs and enjoyed making their own delicious cheesecakes! Hachana enjoyed planning their dream milky meals. Kitta Aleph took part in a special Shavuot edition of "Who wants to be a millionaire?" and wrote Shavuot acrostic poems using the skills which they had learnt in Literacy.

## Walk to School

Can we please remind you that all parents driving to school are asked to park in the car park of Tesco Borehamwood and not on Hillside Avenue. Sadly we have had written and photographic complaints from local residents about Yavneh Primary parents parking on Hillside Avenue and blocking driveways. We teach our children to do things the 'Yavneh

Way' - always be respectful, kind, polite and courteous and we respectfully ask that you support us by showing the local residents the same qualities and ensuring that Yavneh Primary has the good reputation we are working so hard to build.

## Royal Garden Party

The children of Yavneh Primary, celebrated Prince Harry and Megan Markle's wedding with a royal garden party. The children arrived at school dressed in red, white and blue suitable for the royal occasion. Prior to the party the children in Hachana and Kitta Aleph made scones, cucumber sandwiches and iced biscuits which they enjoyed during their picnic lunch. The Kitta Aleph children sang a fantastic rendition of G-d Save the Queen during the party.



## Building Work

### Temporary Classrooms

The Kitta Bet classrooms are due to be installed on our temporary building during half term. Once they have been signed over we will be able to start using them which will give us some extra space for the end of the school year.

### Permanent Building

This month we have seen;

- The completion of the steel frame
- Installation of concrete beams with ventilation holes which will support the ground floor planks
- Installation of pop up drainage under the ground floor slab
- Installation of scaffold edge protection around the perimeter of the building at first floor and roof level.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for continuing to work with us in ensuring that your child is both punctual and in school every day. We thank parents for not taking their children out of school during term time. Our current whole school attendance figure is 97.4%.

	Attendance	% of pupils with 100% attendance
Kitta Aleph	97.5%	30%
Hachana	97.3%	25%