

WHATS ON – DATES AND TIMES

- **Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June**
Half term
- **Sunday 11th June**
Maccabi Fun Run
Allianz Park
- **Thursday 22nd June**
2pm
YPS Sports Day
Parents welcome to watch
- **Tuesday 4th July**
3.30 – 5.15pm
Non uniform day and
PTA disco
- **Wednesday 5th July**
8pm
Transition to Kitta Aleph
Meeting for Parents

Looking at Learning

It was lovely to see our children return to school with such enthusiasm after the Pesach break and to see how excited the children were about getting straight down to learning. Although this has been a very short half term, every minute has been used to strengthen and develop core skills and teach new ones. We have been so impressed with the amount of progress our children have made this year. They are working hard on their daily challenges in all areas of the curriculum. These challenges are to support the children with their transition to Kitta Aleph in September 2017.



It is really important to us that our children learn to read for pleasure and it has been wonderful listening to the children discuss ‘what makes a good story’. They have learnt to retell new stories word perfectly using the ‘Talk for Writing’ technique. The children in Hachana particularly enjoyed reading ‘The True Story of the Three Little Pigs’ where there was a class debate to determine whether the Wolf in the Story was telling the truth. The Wolf and the 3 Little Pigs argued their case. One child



claimed that the wolf was lying and backed her argument up by explaining that if the wind didn’t knock the house down, then neither would a sneeze. However, the Wolf won her case when she was able to provide the court with a doctors note showing she had a bad cold. The pigs were sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Our trip to see ‘Room on a Broom’ at the Radlett Centre was a wonderful way to end our topic and to enthuse our children to develop their literacy skills. The children in Hachana have enjoyed looking at stories so much that they have decided to turn the Zeraim role-play corner into a library.



In maths the children have continued to build on their skills through practical games and activities. A chocolate aroma filled the building as the children followed a recipe to make chocolate scented playdough. The children looked at sharing their playdough cakes into equal pieces, learning the mathematical vocabulary half and quarter. Some children challenged themselves further by playing doubling and halving board games or fraction bingo.

Our children have been looking after the plants that they planted last term and were delighted to pick some dill to take home . The children wrote down how to cook the dill . They discussed how delicious dill is on top of salmon.



Yom Ha'atzmaut



We had a wonderful time celebrating Israel's 69th birthday. We were delighted to welcome students from the north of Israel to our Kabbalat Shabbat just before Yom Ha'atzmaut. The ruach (spirit) in the room was really special as the children in Hachana and the Israeli teenagers sang together. The students ran a workshop for our children where the children learnt a new Hebrew song. In preparation for the celebration our children made decorations using repeating blue and white patterns which they hung in their classrooms. On Yom Ha'atzmaut, the children in Hachana danced into school in their blue and white clothes to Israeli music and enjoyed a carousel of activities that included singing, dancing, baking, making flags and learning about the geography of Israel from the Negev (desert) to the Kinneret Lake (Sea of Galilee) in the north.



Farm to Fork Trip to Tesco

It was fascinating to learn where different fruits and vegetables sold in Tesco come from. Our children were given the task of finding certain fruits or vegetables on the shop floor and discovering their origin. They were surprised to see that tomatoes are imported from so many different countries and how many varieties of apples you can buy. After a discussion on whether certain fruits and vegetables grow on trees, bushes, on the ground or underground, every child was given 50p to buy some fruit or vegetables. It was amazing to see how resourceful our children can be. One child bought a bunch of bananas for 49p and gave her change to her friend who wanted to buy a packet of Kiwi fruit costing 51p.



Alan Senitt Community Leadership Programme.

The children in Hachana enjoyed making crowns and hats during an activity run by a group of Yavneh College students as part of the 'Alan Sennitt Community Leadership Programme' run by Streetwise. The focus of the session was to raise awareness of alopecia. Children listened carefully to a story about a little boy with alopecia. Thank you to all families who donated a hat to this worthy cause.



Shavout

We have had a wonderful time getting ready to celebrate Shavout. The children have made their own flower arrangements using coloured sand and tissue paper. These flowers are to resemble the flowers that covered Har Sinai (Mount Sinai) when Moshe (Moses) received the 10 Commandments. To celebrate the festival, the children enjoyed making cheese cake and learning songs.



Israeli Guide Dogs

We were delighted to welcome Martin Segal –executive director of the Israeli Guide Dog Centre for the Blind, Bracha Ben Avraham and her guide dog Dinka to Yavneh Primary School. Bracha spoke to the children about how a guide dog helps her to be independent and solves the problem of not being able to see. Bracha showed the children her white cane and explained how it helps her to find her way. The children noticed that Dinka was wearing a special harness and Bracha explained that this shows the dog is a guide dog. Bracha explained how guide dogs are specially trained, they don't bark, or bite and only do good things. The children learnt that you cannot pet a guide dog when it is working.



Yavneh College Performing Arts Enrichment.

The year 9 Performing Arts Enrichment Group have been running a weekly programme for the children in Hachana. The workshops have been themed using the story of Tiddler by Julia Donaldson. Our children have used musical instruments to compose an underwater tune. They have danced to 'Under The Sea' from the Little Mermaid and created their own sea pictures. These sessions are planned under the guidance of the Yavneh College performing Arts department and the Hachana teachers and our children have shown how creative they can be.



PTA

On Sunday the 14th May the PTA ran a film event for pupils and friends of Yavneh Primary School. All money raised during the event will be used to install a stimulating and safe playground for the children of Yavneh Primary School. The event was well attended by current and prospective Yavneh families. The atmosphere was electric and the children loved the Troll activities organised prior to the film viewing. Thank you to Squires Estates for sponsoring the event, to the PTA committee and to all the parents who helped out on the day. The event was a great success and raised £1270.



Kitta Aleph - September 2017

We are delighted to be adding new teachers to the Yavneh Primary Team in September 2017.

- Miss Feiner has been appointed as Head of Limmudei Kodesh and Assistant Headteacher. Miss Feiner joins us with a wealth of experience and has been working as Assistant Headteacher and Head of Limmudei Kodesh in a local school for the last five years. She has a masters degree in Education and has led training sessions at Jewish Curriculum Partnership (JCP) and at the National Conference for Jewish Studies teachers. Miss Feiner was short listed for best Assistant/Deputy Headteacher in the Jewish School Awards 2017.
- Miss Tollman will be teaching in Kitta Aleph with Miss Wright. Miss Tollman is an experienced teacher currently working in a local school.

As we continue to nurture and grow our 'buds and seeds' our new classes will be called **Kalanit (Poppy) and Nurit (Buttercup)** – both small, pretty flowers like our children that we can continue to nurture and grow as they move through Kitta Aleph.

Current Class	New Class Teacher	Class Name
Nitzanim	Miss Tollman	Kalanit
Zeraim	Miss Wright	Nurit

Miss Feiner will be teaching Limmudei Kodesh to children in Kalanit and Nurit. Miss Tollman spent the day with us before Pesach. She is working closely with Miss Wright to ensure that there is a smooth transition from Hachana to Kitta Aleph. You will have the opportunity to meet Miss Feiner and Miss Tollman during our 'transition to Kitta Aleph evening on the 5th of July 2017.

Hachana Mitzvah Tree



Congratulations to Amelie Fox, Asher Sibley, Bella, Isabella, Jessica, Max Groyer, Mia Oliver, Coby, Mia Adler and Zachary who all have leaves on our Mitzvah tree this month. It is such a delight to see our children being so kind and caring.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our current whole school attendance figure is 96.4%. This is an improvement from last month and we are so delighted to see our children in school every day. Thank you for continuing to work with us in ensuring that your child is both punctual and in school every day.