

20th December 2019

## WHATS ON – DATES AND TIMES

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
School open for all children.  
Tuesday afterschool clubs begin.
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
9.30 am  
Kitta Aleph – Chagigat Ha Siddur

## A Look at Learning – Limudei Kodesh

Limudei Kodesh (LK) at Yavneh is exciting, engaging, meaningful and fun. The teachers work really hard to bring learning alive for our pupils in order for them to develop their knowledge and skills.



In Parashah lessons, the children are introduced to the wonderful stories written in the Torah. This is done in many exciting ways. In Hachana children enjoy lots of practical and hands on activities which are linked to the seven areas of EYFS learning. In Kitta Aleph and Kitta Bet the children are becoming experts at working out how the Parashah postbox clues link with the content of the Parashah! They have learnt lots of new facts. In Kitta Gimmel the children have learnt how to write a summary of the Parashah which includes some Hebrew words. This is preparing them for being able to write a Dvar Torah (Torah speech) for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.



Lots of emphasis is placed on Hebrew reading as gaining this skill is the key to being able to read and learn many beautiful tefillot (prayers).



In Hachana, children are introduced to the sound each letter makes through fun stories and rhymes. The sounds of the letters are reinforced through games such as Hebrew reading twister and Aleph bet bowling. Children in Kitta Aleph have been focusing on becoming more accurate and fluent



Hebrew readers. They have also been learning a variety of new tefillot (prayers) and are looking forward to receiving their own Siddurim during the Chagigat HaSiddur in January.



Friday morning is a very special time at Yavneh. Hachana, Kitta Aleph and Kitta Bet all enjoy their own special Kaballat Shabbat. Each year we introduce more songs to Kaballat Shabbat so that the children are constantly developing their repertoire. In Kitta Bet the children now know the first four verses of Lecha Dodi as well as the whole of Shalom Aleichem. Kitta Gimmel love their new Oneg Shabbat. Each Friday morning they go to Yavneh Shul and four children lead the rest of the class through Shabbat morning Shacharit, taking out the Torah and parts of Mussaf. This is then followed by Kiddush and Israeli dancing. Oneg is a highlight of the week in Kitta Gimmel. It is a really fun experience which also helps the children to develop their tefillah knowledge and skills as well as their leadership skills and confidence.



## Chaggigat HaChumash

We were delighted to welcome so many relatives and friends to Kitta Gimmel's Chaggigat HaChumash. Before being presented with their chumashim, the children from Te'ena and Zayit took the audience on an imaginary journey to the 'Torah Factory' where they met 5 talking chumashim who taught them all about the wonderful stories that we find in the Torah. We are so proud of the children in Kitta Gimmel who delivered their lines with confidence and sang so beautifully.

The children celebrated this special occasion with a celebratory Kiddush.



## Faith and Belief Forum

Pupils in Kitta Bet had a wonderful day meeting their new friends from Krishna Avanti school in Edgware. The children took part in a variety of activities that focused on their interests and their similarities and differences. The children worked together to make a jigsaw puzzle which when pieced together shows the things that are the same about both schools. The children developed friendships and enjoyed spending time with their new friends.



## Maccabi Torch Relay

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming a group of Israeli scouts from Maccabi Tsiar to Yavneh. The scouts spent time with our children teaching them Chanukah songs and playing some great Chanukah activities as part of their Maccabi Torch Relay.



## Assembly

We were entertained in assembly this week by our school choir run by Mrs Gerrard on a Wednesday lunchtime. We were so impressed with how beautifully the children in the choir sang. Assembly takes place for children in Kitta Aleph to Gimmel weekly and is not only used for the children to showcase their talents but to learn and discuss important information and messages. This month we have focused on the NSPCC Pants Rules and the importance of personal hygiene. School assemblies are often interactive and give the children the opportunity to discuss ideas or share their views.



## How to be a Journalist

To enhance their literacy topic of newspaper writing, Mr Jacob's (dad of Mason and Blake) and Fran Wolfisz (journalist from the Jewish News) came to speak to the children about working for a newspaper. The children took notes during the presentation and were interested to see how a real journalist uses the features of a newspaper recount to write an article.



## Chanukah Door Competition

Well done to Kalanit class who won our Chanukah door competition this year. The creativity shown by each class impressed the judges who gave marks for; originality, creativity, pupil input, Chanukah information and links to National Curriculum skills. There was a fabulous buzz around the school as pupils in each class worked together, keeping their ideas top secret until their work was displayed.



## British Values – Democracy

Children across the school learnt about the British Value of Democracy when they focused on the general election that took place last week. Some children shared their experiences of going to vote with their parents. The day after the election, the children in Hachana turned their classroom into 10 Downing Street. They wrote letters to Boris Johnson asking lots of important questions.



## Chanukah at Yavneh

Despite not being at school for Chanukah this year, the children have had a wonderful time learning and getting ready for Chanukah. The sound of Chanukah songs can be heard throughout the school. On Thursday, the day started with a live band where the children had fun singing and dancing. After this the children took part in a carousel of activities that included edible dreidel making, Chanukah bingo, Maccabi shield making and Chanukah biscuit making!



## Disco and Doughnuts

Thank you to the PTA who arranged a party after school last week for children in all classes. After enjoying a delicious doughnut, the children danced and watched a funny magic show.

## Attendance

Thank you for continuing to work with us in ensuring that your children are both punctual and in school every day. Our current whole school attendance figure is 98.2% 55% of our children have accomplished 100% attendance across this term.

Year Group	Attendance
Kitta Gimmel	98.3%
Kitta Bet	98.5%
Kitta Aleph	98%
Hachana	98.1%