



## End of Term Newsletter December 2017

**A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL FESTIVE PERIOD TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES**

It has yet again been a busy and exciting term at Brodetsky and we can't believe how quickly it has flown by. There is a lot to celebrate and be proud of; Reception have now accepted that they have to attend school EVERY day and the crying in Nursery has also stopped.

We have had lots of workshops and trips to make the children's learning come to life- these things can only happen with your on-going support. Rabbi Pink has been in to make doughnuts and olive oil with us which we really enjoyed. We have enjoyed the Reception and Year 3/4 assemblies as well as the choir performances at The Town Hall and MAZCC.

The current School Council have done a remarkable job over the last year providing valuable feedback and leading school improvement from a pupil's perspective. Elections took place again recently and the current School Council have handed over to their successors this week- welcome to you!

As well as in school, we have lots of talented children out of school. This term we have heard of many achievements in the Arts and Sports. We are proud of all of our children's achievements so please do continue to share these with us so that we can celebrate them in school too!

As ever we are giving tzedakah (charity) generously. This term we raised £185 for Children in need and £209.30 for The Royal British Legion as well as bringing in lots of yellow bags for the LJWB Bag Appeal and items for the Homeless at Christmas appeal.

The PTA (Brodetsky Link) with your support continue to raise valuable money for the school which helps us to enjoy things that our school budget does not extend to. The Fireworks event was enjoyed by lots of families and the Friday Challah is going down well too as did the doughnuts for Chanukah- thank you!

Finally, a huge thank you to all of you for your support and positivity this term and the lovely gifts for the staff. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year on Wednesday 3rd January 2018. Please have a lovely holiday and a well-earned rest.

Mrs Bhogal

**Nursery 1** celebrated Chanukah with a fun morning with their families. We did lots of different activities and then we all had yummy fish fingers and chips for lunch kindly provided by our chef, Charles- thank you to you!



In **Reception** we have been learning about space and the solar system and we even had a visit from an alien called Ziggy Zap. We thoroughly enjoyed our dressing up day when we all had to be different characters from outer space! We had a great day making moon rock cakes and flying to outer space and even laughed at the teachers' dressing up clothes! In Hebrew we have started to read Hebrew letters and we are starting to be able to blend some of them with Hebrew vowels. In January we will start being dropped off at the gate outside our classroom which means we are going to be all grown up and walk into school by ourselves!

**Year 1** have really enjoyed our Music lessons this half term. We have been using musical instruments to accompany different pieces of music and we have been specifically listening to the different sounds the instruments make. We have loved experimenting and singing along to the music at the same time.



**Year 2H** have had a fantastic half term! We've been focusing on our Robinson Crusoe topic, making our own boats and shelters and writing about how to survive on a desert island. The children have really impressed us this half term as they have learnt how to use the formal column addition and subtraction methods and

used these to solve tricky problems. We ended the half term immersing ourselves in Chanukah activities; doughnut making, dreidel painting and menorah designing.

**Year 2MB** have really enjoyed their topic this half term of 'Treasure Island' and have read a children's version of Robinson Crusoe and then we wrote survival guides and diaries. In science we had great fun designing and building shelters for our desert island, a boat to escape from the island and baking hardtack biscuits!

"Treasure Island is my best topic I have ever had. I have enjoyed all the activities. The book that we have been reading is amazing. I loved it!" Daisy W

"I loved our boats that we made for the escape!" Raffi

"The best thing about the topic was making a shelter for Robinson Crusoe." Louis S

"I enjoyed making the biscuits because it was fun." Andre



**Years 3 and 4** performed an assembly to parents and the rest of the school. It was based on all the topics we have covered throughout this term including; the Stone-Age, the class text-Stig of the Dump by Clive King and our Science topic of Rocks and Soils, as well as, playing some music. We all enjoyed acting and singing to showcase what we have learned this term. They have also enjoyed pottery work this week, making stone-age pots! Emilie commented on the workshop led by Rabbi Pink, "Rabbi Pink was teaching us how to separate the special oil from the olive juice. He put it in a machine and it separated. The other man taught us how to make doughnuts. These foods are important for Chanukah because they remind you of the miracle of the oil, where it lasted for 8 days even though there was only 1 day worth of oil."



**Year 5** are taking part in a joint interfaith project with some of the children from nearby Allerton C of E Primary School. Earlier this month, we walked to their school to take part in a festival of light celebration. Our children sang some songs and performed a play to explain the meaning of Chanukah, while the Allerton children shared work they had done this term on festivals of light

from a variety of different cultures. The children from the two schools also had a chance to work on a task together and share their ideas and experiences. The children had a lovely time and look forward to welcoming the Allerton pupils to our school next term.

**Year 5** also enjoyed a superb trip to the Keighley Star Centre... when we finally got there! We were amazed by the star dome where we learned all about the constellations and the night sky. After that we were in mission control where we used computer simulations to try and land our rockets on different planets. We had to help each other to complete the various missions. Dressed as astronauts, we scoured the surface of the moon looking for aliens, whilst others got to grips with the controls of space rovers and robots. We had a fantastic day, learned an awful lot and thankfully the return journey was shorter than the journey there!



The highlight of this term for **Year 6** has to be their trip to Buckden in November, where they experienced many activities they had not done before like caving, ghyll scrambling and high wires. They stayed for a week in Buckden house, sleeping in dorms with their friends and had a great deal of fun. Here are some comments from the children.

Lottie, "We were all living together and had to work as a team to get things done. The house was very comfortable and the village was surrounded by beautiful countryside. It was an amazing experience and I want to go back".

Lucy, "The highlights for me were the evenings when we had hot chocolate and listened to all our parents' messages written on the blog".

Mathew, "The most challenging task for me was ghyll scrambling because I had to face my fears. Teamwork was involved in the Buckden Challenge especially where we had to fill a container with water which had many holes in it. It was a successful trip because everyone including the teachers had fun".

