

LK Spring Newsletter

Since the last newsletter (November 2016), there has been a lot happening in the LK department and all around the school.

Chief Rabbi Visit

We were very honoured to have the chief Rabbi, Rabbi Mirvis, come and visit our school. He was delighted to see and hear all the children take part enthusiastically in our morning assembly. He told a story about his own experience as a child, being embarrassed about wearing his Tsitsit in a football tournament, and how his friends viewed them as 'lucky strings' rather than something to be embarrassed about. In Brodetsky, we now refer to Tsitsit as 'lucky strings'.

Chanukah Competition



During the annual Chanukah competition, all the creative energy came forth, as well as a display of knowledge of what a Chanukiya needs to be in order to be Kosher. Mr and Mrs Dunford who came for a visit, had the honour and responsibility to walk around with Mrs Engle and help select the winning Chanukiya from each class.

Israeli Dancing Day

The Israel Dance Institute came to visit in Leeds, and one of their professional instructors taught the whole school a few dances. The most popular one was 'Jungle'. Israeli Dancing is being incorporated into the

dance unit of PE, so by the time we get to our annual Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel dancing, we will all be ready (save the date: 2nd of May 2:30-3:30 PM) all welcome!



Mitzvah Day and Wizo Scavenger Hunt

Many children participated in raising funds for Wizo by doing extra good deeds around home and the community. Prizes were drawn for the children who accomplished the most mitzvot.

New staff



We are very happy to welcome Rabbi Shimon Glickman to our Brodetsky family who is replacing Mr Scheftz. Rabbi Glickman has very big shoes to fill, literally! He has hit the ground running, and is

already taking on different projects around the school.

Y2 Ivrit Book Presentation



This term we held a very moving book ceremony for Year 2. The children showed off their abilities in the four skills of Ivrit

(Modern Hebrew) and also sang very successfully the song which makes up the content of their first book interlay in Ivrit. Year 2 also demonstrated good resilience qualities as they were asked to wait for their book for quite a while until these eventually arrived from Israel!

Tu Bishvat

With the great help and initiative of the Leeds Kollel, Tu Bishvat was celebrated through creativity and responsibility. The Key Stage 2 children were assigned to lead, explain and help the Key Stage 1 children with a Tu Bishvat art competition which depicted the 7 special fruits and grains of Israel. Children were also able to self-assemble their own fruit kebabs at the end of their lunch.



Purim



Even though Purim fell on Sunday this year, we in school, continued the festive spirit for another day. The

children and staff all had a great time dressing up, and doing activities in House teams.

A great thank you to Mr Y who organised the entire event.



Since it was not really Purim, instead of giving Mishloach Manot to each other, we decided that this year we would make a collection of food to donate to a food bank.



10 boxes of non perishable foods were donated to a local charity, and was very well received.

Writing of the Sefer Torah



We had a very special, once in a life time event in school towards the end of term. Witnessing a

Sofer Stam (a Jewish scribe) write the first words of a Sefer Torah, right in front of our eyes. The Sefer Torah, when completed will belong to the schools.

Thank you to Rabbi Daniel Levy and Elisha Levy from LJFS for all their hard work and fundraising to make the writing of this Sefer Torah possible.

Matzah bakery

The all-time favourite Matzah bakery came to school again. The KS2 children really stepped up to the challenge,



and helped the KS1 roll out their Matzot, as well as assessing their knowledge and understanding of why the Jewish people eat Matzah on Pesach, they also discussed the difference between Chametz and Matzah.

Pesach Mock Seders

Over the last week of term all children in the school had the experience of a mock Seder. A big thank you to all the staff and

volunteers who took the trouble to plan shop, cut, mix, set up, wash up, etc, and to the children, who took part, and learned about Pesach.



The reception children received their first Haggadah at the end of their Seder. This marked their first milestone of their Brodetsky journey.

Thank You

Many thanks to all of the volunteers, Rev Harris, Shelia Collins & Neville Pacter, who come in to read with the children across the school. Your help is very much appreciated by staff and children alike!

Ivrit

Y6's project to learn how to present themselves and ask questions about people has culminated in them sending little clips about themselves to their friends in our Israeli partner school, Hemed.

Y5 have continued learning about describing their room, and Y4 about what they are eating. Y3 have been learning about family and birthday parties, continuing with strengthening their reading and writing, and learning lots of different Hebrew songs.

KS1 have all added new sounds and words to their written and reading vocabulary. We had wonderful feedback from Pajes (Partnership for Jewish Schools) regarding our new methodology for teaching KS1 to

read and write. Our school is now a leader in the UK and we will be sharing our approach with other schools nationally.

Parashah and Chumash



Every week we have a different 'visitor' who comes from the past to tell the children the story of the Parasha.

The visitors very often look a bit like Mrs Engle, sound a bit like her too, but always have an interesting story to tell.

Kabbalat Shabbat

Mr Y has introduced a new and exciting Kabbalat Shabbat format. The children come into the hall and sit in their houses and participate in various house competitions as well as going through the Friday Night services.

Nursery



In Nursery 2 we have been learning lots about all the fun Jewish festivals which have been going on over this term. For Purim we made puppets and told each other the story of how Esther saved the Jewish People.

For Pesach we have been learning all about the 10 plagues by putting together 10 plague bags and tasting the different foods which we eat on Seder night. Some of the children even took seconds of the Maror!





Save the Date

2/5/17 @ 2:30

**All are welcome for Israeli Dancing for
Yom Ha'atzmaut**

25/5 /17 @ 2:30

Generation Sinai

**Parents and grandparents are invited
to join their children in a joint
Shavuot learning activity**

