



END OF TERM NEWSLETTER 2019

We have come to the end of Term 1 already and as always there has been a lot to celebrate and be proud of.

We came back after our Summer Holiday (which seems such a long time ago) and settled straight back into our school year and Yom Tov Period. Reception have done extremely well and the reality has hit home that they have to come to school everyday, all day and most recently even saying goodbye to their parents from the Reception gate independently. We are really proud of the children (and parents as this is a huge milestone).

We are very lucky to have welcomed Adi and Amit into our school who are our UJIA Shinshinit this year and are running activities about Israel. We are really looking forward to taking our first cohort of Year 6s to Israel in May for their UJIA Hemed exchange trip.

We owe a huge thanks to our 2018/19 School Council who have done an incredible job driving positive change such as reviewing our Behaviour Policy as well as fundraising. We look forward to working with our new School Council who were elected last week.

All the children and staff have really got involved in this year's House Music competition which crowned Lloyd Rakusen the winners of 2019 thanks to their spectacular performances to 'The Best of British.' Every child in school, from Nursery 2 to Year 6 had the opportunity to perform on stage and they put on an incredible show enjoyed by everyone including our star



judge panel made up of Cllr Dan Cohen, our very own Nicola Fletcher and Sandy Bowman and radio's finest, Rich Williams. House Music is one of the many highlights of the year and we would like to thank all of the staff who make this possible.



Due to your generosity, we raised tzedakah for The British Legion in order to mark Remembrance Day and we held a commemoration service in the memorial area where the whole school gathered and held a silence led by Rabbi Kleiman who encouraged us to think about a peaceful future for the world. This term we also raised money for Chai Cancer Care and Children in Need. Please support us in educating our children the importance of giving to those in need by bringing in some money for tzedakah every Friday.

Nursery 1 & 2 have been busy decorating bags for children at St Martins house, St James hospital and the LGL children's wards. These bags are going to be filled with toys that have been donated by the community.

We would like to thank our wonderful PTA, The Link, led by Nikki Cohen, for all their hard work fundraising and providing some valuable resources in school including interactive screens. We really do rely on their fundraising so if you would like to be part of this then please get in contact.

A huge thank you to all of our families who have brought us a gift from our Wishlist. Please do not buy during the holiday as the site is closed but please feel free to shop again once we open in January. Thank you to Lisa Lee for all the hard work setting this up for us.

As always we like to make the children's learning come to life by taking them on trips or inviting companies in to run workshops. This term, Year 3 have visited the Jewish Heritage Centre and Year 6

have been on a residential for one week in Buckden. The cost of events such as this do not extend to our school budget therefore we have to rely on your financial support in order to do things like this.

Over the course of the term there have been some memorable assemblies each with their own theme showcasing the children's breadth and depth of knowledge. Reception excelled in their Chanukah show and we enjoyed Year 4s Siddur presentation which included what the children have been learning in their Space topic.

Our EYFS and Year 2 Shabbatot were well attended by children and their families and showcased all they have learnt in their Jewish Studies lessons so far.

We are continuing our work with EFI (Educating For Impact) which is a charitable initiative in order to drive forward the future sustainability of the Leeds Jewish community. We have now entered Phase 2 of the project where we are working on the priorities for how our school can strive towards the overall aim of a thriving community for future generations.

Arnold Ziff House were rewarded for earning the most Team Points this term and enjoyed a cinema morning complete with pop-corn!

Message from Dr Jason Broch- Chair of Governors
As we approach the end of a busy first term at Brodetsky, on behalf of the Governing body, I would like to say thank you to all our fantastic staff. The governors have spent lots of time in school and are endlessly impressed by their dedication, creating a truly happy and nurturing environment where the children not only learn, but enjoy the benefits of a thriving Leeds Jewish Community.

Message from Miss Jagger - Executive Headteacher
It has been another amazing term at Brodetsky. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our families who have continued to support us in all areas of school life. It is only due to this partnership that we can do the best for the children.

Well done to the 3 classes with the highest attendance in school this term: Year 4/5 - 97.7%, Year 2 - 96.6% and Year 4 - 96.5%.



Our PE provision continues to be a real strength of ours due to the work of Mrs Benton and Mrs Moore and we are proud of our achievements both in and out of school. Lots of our children are participating in clubs and representing the school in City wide competitions: thank you to all families for transporting and supporting children at events. We have achieved the Silver School Games Mark which is a prestigious recognition of our work.

As ever we are extremely grateful to the large group of volunteers who come in to school every week to help our children with all aspects of school life from listening to readers, escorting on trips, running the library, helping in class, running workshops and much more.

We would also like to thank our Governors who offer us so much of their time and support whilst also challenging and holding us to account.

There were lots of highlights during Chanukah week including daily assemblies, latke-making workshops and of course doughnut eating! The doughnuts were kindly sponsored by Cllr Dan Cohen to whom we would like to say a huge thank you as they were delicious. Nursery 1 celebrated Chanukah in style with very special and interactive parties for the children and their families.

This term, the children have also learned about another festival of light; Diwali as well as learning about the story of Christmas. We are all proud of being part of a special Brodetsky family where we can all respect each other and celebrate together. We are looking forward to more exciting things to follow next term. Whether you are lighting candles of a chanukiah, a Diwali diva, a Christingle or an advent candle or celebrating anything else that is special to you- let's all continue to shine together.

Have a happy, safe and healthy holiday and see you on Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.30am bright and ready to build more memorable moments!

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