



Weekly Newsletter (165) – 13th May 2011 – ט' אייר תשע"א

WHAT A FABULOUS YOM HA'ATZMAUT!



Once again we celebrated a fantastic Yom Ha'atzmaut in school. All the children and staff looked fabulous in blue and white and we raised £94:00 for the JNF. All the classes were involved in Yom Ha'atzmaut activities all day.

We had an Ivrit only 'shuk' set up in the portakabin for the day. Each class learnt the names of fruits and vegetables in Ivrit, They used shekalim to buy and sell the fruits and vegetables. Last week they made beautiful decorations for the shuk:

- Reception coloured fruits and vegetables that they have learnt in Ivrit
- Y1 designed a healthy fruit bowl
- Y2 designed Israeli flags using different colours
- Y3 designed their own shekalim for Yom Ha'atzmaut
- Year 4 wrote inspiring poems about Israel



The children enjoyed playing a guessing game of 'which fruit/vegetable am I holding?' by solely using their touch and smell senses. Nursery, Reception and

Year 1 bought fruits and vegetables in the shuk by correctly matching their shekalim to the price tags. Years 2, 3 & 4 bargained for their fruits and vegetables in Ivrit using shekalim and created a truly amazing Israeli atmosphere.



The children also all enjoyed our annual Israeli Army assault course. They had lots of fun and made loads of noise climbing over cones, jumping hurdles and ladders, and doing energetic squats and speed bounces.

Nursery made passports and flew off to Israel for the day. They visited a kibbutz, a safari park, sang Israeli songs and danced Israeli dances. In the afternoon they squeezed oranges and drank the juice, and cut up tomato and cucumber to eat with pitta bread and humus before flying home.



Reception had lots of fun learning about Yom Ha'atzmaut. They made shekalim to use in the shuk, designed Israeli flags, wrote and decorated birthday cards for Israel and tried to draw Chagall's 'I and the Village' using different media.

Year One had an exciting day making Israeli flag magnets, icing biscuits with blue and white icing, writing and illustrating postcards from Israel and making flags. The children also studied the map of Israel and photographs of Israel and shared their experiences of holidays there with the class.

Year Two also had a fantastic day celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut. They created fabulous Chagall windows which will soon be

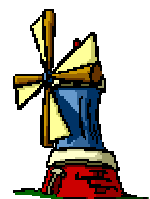


displayed in the classroom. They also enjoyed a maths challenge in the shuk. In kodesh, they spoke about the places in Israel that they have learnt about in Sedra. In groups, the children wrote a summary about the different places. They then plotted these places on a wall map & illustrated the map using various craft materials.

Year Three had a fantastic day on Yom Ha'atzmaut! They started off the day learning about Israeli inventions and then became inventors themselves. The children had to design a Jewish invention, for example, an electronic siddur or an automatic Negel Vasser cup. The children thought of great inventions. They also learnt about the Jewish 'Florence Nightingale', Selma Meyer. They watched a PowerPoint of information about her and then played a fun bingo game answering questions about her life.



Year Four planned trips to Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut. The children had to decide what to take to Israel with them and how much money they would need. They checked the current exchange rate in order to convert their pounds sterling budget into shekalim. The task was to plan a trip to Israel, including North and South Israel for five days plus Shabbos, with a different activity for each morning and afternoon. The trip needed to include religious sites, historical places, nature resorts, museums, cultural places, tzedoko activities and fun activities. The children then created adverts to persuade others to join their tour, and presented them to the class.



Thank you so much to all the staff who, once again, made sure everyone had a great day.

EJPS PTA FUN RUN AND FUN DAY



We are very excited that this Sunday 15th May is the first 1km Fun Run plus Fun Day taking place at 11:00am at EJPS (gates will be open from 10:50am). Fun Run fever is filtering through the school & the children are all gearing up for a great day. Bring a rug and a picnic and enjoy the afternoon with your family and friends. The Run and Fun day will still be taking place whatever the weather. 20 extra house-points are up for grabs for the house that raises the most sponsorship for the school so please encourage your children to collect sponsorship money. We are looking for adult helpers for the day so if you are able to lend a hand please email suzannevantin@onetel.com All sponsor money should be brought to school next week in a sealed envelope and put in the PTA box in the school entrance lobby. We are looking forward to raising lots of money for the school which will go towards purchasing a stage for the new school.

SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRES

Please return your parent and child questionnaires if you have not already done so. Thank you to the 55 families who have so far returned theirs.

KOL HAKAVOD! to our oneg assembly participants this week and last week.

Shabbos Imma & Abba: Jessie Yawitch, Yoni Kosiner, Avi Merrill and Jake Kushner.

Kiddush: Gali Kosiner and Ben Merrill.

Dvar Torah: Yoni Shaw, Judah Yawitch, Ari Kosiner, Zak Kushner and Rebecca Kushner.

PEOPLE WHO HELP US WEEK

This week has been 'People Who Help Us' week.

The children have been learning about all the different people and jobs in the school community. There will be a full write up in next week's newsletter. As part of the week, T&B contractors who are building

our new school, visited both assemblies today and spoke to the children about 'Keeping Safe on a Building Site.' The children have all brought home a T&B badge.

Please search your purses and handbags for any extra Tesco vouchers before we send them off. Please still keep collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. We are collecting for playground equipment.

TOP ATTENDANCE!

Well done to EJPS who achieved the top attendance in Barnet from September 2010 – February 2011.



SCHOOL CARROT CAKE RECIPE!

By special request, Barnet have given us their top secret carrot cake recipe that is a hot favourite at school. The amounts below are enough for 40 children's portions.

Ingredients

1.2lb Demerara Sugar

15 fl oz oil

1lb Wholemeal flour

2 oz Baking Powder

4 teaspoons Cinnamon

1.25 lb Carrots

8 Eggs (size 180s)

Method

- Wash, peel, top and tail and grate the carrots.
- Mix all the ingredients in one mixing bowl.
- Mix well & pour into 2 shallow or semi deep baking trays.
- Bake at 180 degree centigrade, gas mark 4, for approximately one hour until cooked.
- Cool in tin and then cut into portions.
- Make a brocho and enjoy.
- (Headteacher's tip – even better with custard)



GREEN WASTE BIN IN THE PLAYGROUND

Please note that many parents are putting crisp packets and drink cartons etc in the green waste only bin in the playground meaning that Joe our caretaker, has to take them all out. Please can you use the regular bins for non-food waste.

FREE FRUIT IN SCHOOL (N – Y2)

We are now receiving free fruit and vegetable morning snacks in school for the Nursery – Y2 children via the NHS School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Children need no longer bring in a morning snack if they do not wish to. Please note there is not a choice as each day only one type of fruit or vegetable is sent. There may be rare occasions beyond our control when it is not sent.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS CLOTHES

In order to reduce the number of bags being brought to school, from now on, children who need to change for after school clubs (for example, gymnastics, football) should change into their PE kit. They should not bring alternative clothing to school. Football club participants should bring in a non spiked football boots and shin pads (if they have them).

SCHOOL OUTING LUNCHES

Please note that when children attend a school trip, we deduct the cost of the lunch for that day from that invoice or the next half term's invoice if the trip had not been planned at the time of the invoice.

EAYC LADIES' LEARNING

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Tuesday 17th May – The mystery of Lag B'Omer

Wednesday 25th May – Shavuos: Who was Ruth?

Wednesday 22nd June – Korach: The meaning of friendship

Tuesday 28th June – Dreams

The shiurim will take place at Rebbetzin Lieberman's home (62 The Grove) at 8.30pm till 9.30pm. All ladies are welcome.

For more information please contact Sara Curtis: sara@familycurtis.net

Thursday 9th June – EAYC ladies Shavuos shiur – details to be confirmed nearer the time.

EAYC LADIES' MORNING SHIURIM

EJPS Mums are invited to our regular Monday Morning Ladies Shiur at the EAYC. The next shiur is Monday 16th May, 9.15am - 9.55am in the EAYC Beit HaMidrash Heichal Moshe by our guest speaker, Chaim Hoch. Children and babies are welcome. For further details please contact Shuli Levy on julianandshuli@gmail.com

FLOWERS FOR GIFT FOR SHAVUOS

We will be participating in the GIFT Shavuos flower distribution scheme this year. Please can every child bring one flower to school on Thursday 2nd June. Each class will make up a flower arrangement for GIFT to give to a needy family for Yom Tov. Thank you.



DRAMA AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.

Drama after school club (Y2 – Y4) has not yet started as it needs more bookings to make it viable. If there is sufficient interest, it will be held on Tuesdays (not Wednesdays as previously advertised). Please contact Miss Darvish to secure a place. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Reception to Y1 drama club remains on a Monday.

WELCOME! to Yonatan Drey and Ya'akov Benouaich who have joined Year Two.

WELCOME! to Mrs Sue Braham who has joined us this term to teach Y1 Kodesh.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to Faigie Bilus (5), JJ Drucker (7), Uriel Fishaimer (5), Talya Stewart (6) and Seth Goldman (4).



MAZELTOV! to Mrs Barbara and Mr Paul Westbrook on the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Mr Kevin Swaine.

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Shabbos begins at: 7:50pm

Shabbos ends at: 9.42pm

I wish all our staff and families a Good Shabbos. Sara Keen (Headteacher)