



Special points of interest:

- Reception pupils enjoy meeting PC Bear
- Y4 'dig' archaeology! Whilst Y1 & 2 get back to nature
- A trip or slip of a lifetime?
- Baking for the community and racing for life
- Quizzing knowledge and playing safe
- Let's celebrate— with many colours - Y6 Siyum
- Politically speaking...
- Sports Day
- School information & awards.

A time for discovery

Welcome to the final issue of WIJPS — 'MY STARS' Newsletter for the academic year 2016-17. The summer term was glorious, providing us with lots of opportunities to venture out and discover new places, deepening our subject knowledge of topics researched in school. New links were made with our local community - with visits from local police officers and older friends of the school from JLGB, and pupils

made some new friends out and about at The Great Jewish Cake Day.

Sport has been high on our agenda from engagement with neighbouring schools for athletics and our own newly themed sports day - courtesy of Mr Stearry and the Friends/PTA.

Charity and giving stayed a key focus with our "Race for Life", and individual charity events which remembered those who are less fortunate.

Our pupils have continued to put in hours of study and we are particularly pleased with our results for reading this year that match local authority outcomes and exceed national expectations.

Plans are already in place for 2017-18 to ensure that our writing and maths matches the same high level of expectation across the whole school.

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Throughout all, a clear commitment has shone through to persevere, show ambition, energy and enthusiasm. Well done to all!



Community police officers visited our reception pupils and introduced PC Bear



... the pupils loved dressing up in role - hello WPCs!

Year 3 and 4 archaeologists dig visiting the British Museum

Pupils enjoyed finding out for themselves the true facts behind their topic of Ancient Egyptians and reported back their findings for all.



Have you ridden on an elephant Miss?

Who has walked down these steps before us?

To whom does this tomb belong?

They used to call it wall art - now they tell us it's graffiti!



Year 1 & 2 adventures at Fairlop Waters

If they're Canada Geese what are they doing here?

Aren't they funny - can we walk like that!

We make a better picture altogether!



'WIJPS STARS' Newsletter

Year 6's embarked on their trip (or is it slip) of a lifetime!

In June, our Year 6 pupils headed away from home to test their skills and their stamina at Kingswood Outdoor Activity Centre.

All pupils showed their metal and exemplary behaviour, as they experienced the thrills of the high-wire and the leap of faith, egging each other along and showing the true family spirit they have cultivated and grown over the past 7 years at WIJPS... And yes, they all tackled the leap of faith...



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Generation Sinai!

Ten families extended their learning beyond the classroom by participating in a special pre-Shavuot learning programme.

As with all events, they were a credit to the school and joined in with one voice.

Our pupils, together with their parents, spent time together learning about the mitzvah of having a Mezuzah using specially prepared materials from Generation Sinai and London based SEED.



IN MEMORIAM — Race for Life

Once again we remembered past members of the community — this time with enthusiasm, passion and stamina as pupils ran together with their classmates in our annual event of Race for Life, in memory of Kay Cohen.

Zac and Mia Cohen were proud to start the races with the banner.



Year 5 pupils made light of the task presented as they pitted their wits at Etgar 2017

Year 5 pupils studied hard for this challenge, using the resources produced by Etgar, a richly illustrated, highly-engaging, handbook of Jewish general knowledge.

One child quoted "I have learnt more this year than all my years at school put together!"

Now in its 5th year, over 80 children from 27 schools across the UK participated and whilst we did not win on this occasion, pupils returned from their efforts exhilarated by their success in being able to hold their own and respond to all the questions.



Whilst our older pupils in Year 5 got to grips with the serious business of cramming for their general knowledge...
Year 1 took a much lighter approach!

Year 1 giggled their way through the very serious issues of road safety.

In its final year (due to Local Authority funding cuts), Redbride Local Authority provided a comprehensive programme about crossing the road safely, whilst still ensuring that for pupils in Year 1 learning should be fun.

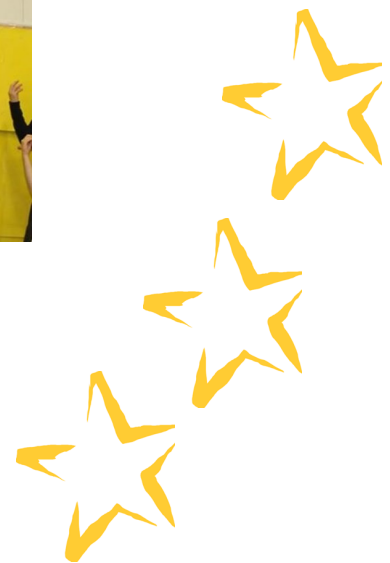


Our Siyum special this year saw Joseph in his many colours, presented by Year 6 to our guest of honour - The Lord Levy - a valued friend to our school



With so many words to learn and so many actions to demonstrate, our pupils rose to the occasion raising the roof with renditions from Joseph and quips above and beyond their age.

Encores were plentiful as pupils clamoured for more without flagging in either spirit or showmanship. A fantastic and fitting end to the school year.



Democracy reigned as Year 6 met with newly elected Wes Streeting MP to discuss their views on politics and future needs for Britain



Year 6 showed their true colours once again as they presented their mock election to Wes Streeting during his victorious visit to WIJPS.

Questions challenged Mr Streeting at all levels, from housing, the NHS, transport, safety and education and a topic close to all of our hearts - funding for schools!

Mr Streeting was kept on his toes throughout and commented on the maturity of the pupils, interested and fascinated to learn about their own newly created parties and policies to ensure we work towards a better future for all.



Chagigat Siddur and Chagigat Chumash Celebrations

Years 1 and 3 rose to the challenge of learning complex songs and actions as they prepared for and presented their learning to parents at their Chagigat Siddur Chagigat Chumash celebrations presided over by Rabbi Chapper and Rabbi Sufrin as our respective guests of honour.

As ever, they were a real credit to the school, word perfect and polished in every respect including their happy shining faces.



Jewish Care Cake Bake!

Meanwhile, as with all good Jewish celebrations, food was the order of the day as a group of 11, Year 5 pupils worked with Jewish Care to serve and support our local community with the annual cake bake at Redbridge Jewish Community Centre where they helped the Day Centre members to ice and decorate cupcakes.

An entertainer sang, while the members, staff and pupils danced to a mixture of modern and popular songs.

We are proud of every one of our pupils both for their presentation and their caring for others.



Final Celebrations this term

Every school dreams of having pupils that are respectful and leading the way forward. We have achieved the first element of this, and are delighted that WIJPS has recently gained the Recognition of Commitment - our first step to becoming a Rights Respecting School.



The Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) is an initiative run by UNICEF UK, which encourages schools to place the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the heart of its ethos and curriculum.

Having gained the ROC (Recognition of Commitment) we will commence the next phase of the journey and, for the next twelve months or so, we will be working hard to gain the RRSA level one award. The award recognises that we will be putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into the heart of all that we do at WIJPS, within the school gates and beyond.



Meanwhile Year 6 turned into budding entrepreneurs, as they pitched their kosher snacks to the Tribe 'Kosher Apprentice' judges! They created their own tasty snacks, designed their own packaging and marketed their products.

There were so many great creations and everybody worked so hard. Well done to our winners who each received a popcorn maker.

We were very grateful to Tribe for organising this event and their time given to judging outcomes. Thankfully we didn't have to judge, as they were all so good.

Yo-yo skills were at a premium following the NED show, a character education programme focusing on:

Never giving up
Encouraging others and
Doing your best.

Pupils were delighted to see a whole range of Yo-yo skills demonstrated and a chance to try for themselves, as they learnt about PSHE and making the right choices.

Our winner of the afternoon with the best responses was Max Hart, rewarded for his efforts with his own super duper Yo-yo.



Sports Day 2017

Parents and pupils thoroughly enjoyed the range of competitive activities provided for pupils this year as they were put to the test demonstrating a wide range of athletic prowess.

Mr Stearry (PE Lead) was delighted to have the support of young students from KKS organising activities and recording events and has been inspired by outcomes to plan ahead already for an Olympic themed sports day for 2018... keep an eye out for future issues to read more.



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VISION STATEMENT

WIJPS is a 'seedbed of learning', where 'everyone is a leader'. Within our school we ensure that every child is provided with an opportunity to enjoy success and achievement.

To achieve this, we:

Work to ensure that the school is a positive, challenging and stimulating learning environment

Encourage high standards in all aspects of school life

Promote a positive commitment to modern orthodox Judaism and a sense of identity with Israel

Foster self respect, respect for others and the wider community

We believe in:

Encouraging the enjoyment of learning

Working together as a staff to develop a common sense of purpose

Setting targets for success

Providing quality teaching consistently in all subjects

Monitoring and evaluating the achievement and attainment of pupils and the quality of education provided by the school

Striving continuously to raise standards in every aspect of school life

Encouraging parents to work in partnership with staff

Developing the school as a community and its relationship with the wider community

Supporting staff in developing their own knowledge, skills and capabilities

Ensuring that the school environment is clean, bright, well-maintained and providing a stimulating climate within which pupils are motivated to learn

Encouraging awareness and pride in the Jewish heritage and culture

Developing in each pupil a commitment to Judaism and a sense of identification with the state of Israel

Encouraging trust, self-respect, honesty and confidence, recognising their own strengths and areas for development

Providing opportunities for pupils to widen their horizons and increase their self-confidence

Encouraging achievement as defined in the broadest sense

Developing pupils' awareness of the environment and British values through cross-curricular activities, that reflect political, social and economic life in Britain today and prepare our children for their future lives as British citizens

Providing opportunities for pupils to contribute to the wider community

Instilling pupils with a sense of pride in the presentation of themselves and their work

Ensuring that all aspects of school life are managed efficiently, effectively, fairly and with a sense of purpose

Encouraging everyone working within and with the school to give of their best at all times



School awards – Further information, as it emerges, will be available on our school website:

<http://www.ijpsonline.co.uk/>



Pajes outstanding teachers awards: Mrs Lisa West; Mrs Deborah Harris; Mr Michael Mallach (2016) & Miss Naomi Harris (2017)

Sustainable Travel Awards LGFL - 2012-2017 - Bronze Award & Sainsbury's Games Bronze - 2012-2017



Rights Respecting Recognition & Commitment - 2017

