



'WIJPS STARS' Newsletter

July 2018



Special points of interest:

- * Our first ever whole school picture for Yom Ha'atsmaut
- * Improving attendance and celebrating with the royal family
- * Dressing up without over-dramatizing events
- * In a party mood and getting stuck into the mud
- * Remembering roots and learning together
- * Adventures outdoors and indoors
- * Speaking our minds and running for our lives
- * Awe and wonder from start to finish
- * Stars all round from starting orders to years of success

A time for discovery

Welcome to the final issue of WIJPS — 'MY STARS' Newsletter for the academic year 2017-18. The start of the summer term provided us with more glorious sunshine and the chance to celebrate Yom Ha'atsmaut with whole school dancing on the playground. With such a joyful start to the term, every week brought us greater successes and celebrations, including: improvements to attendance and impressing on pupils that every moment in

school and learning gained, impacts on their life opportunities for the future. Every moment of sunshine was savoured with visits far and near. Focus was outdoors, the garden, playground and KKS sports field, for a whole array of activities. Possibly the most exciting, being delivered with no planning, as we were regaled during our lunchtime fly past for RAF100 commemorating 100

years since WWI. Our own school memories and traditions were, as ever upheld, with moving and respectful events throughout the term including our wonderful Chagigat Siddur and Chagigat Chumash celebrations led by the JS team. Sport featured highly with indoor athletics, Race for life and of course, sports day. Final celebrations rounded the term

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off with our Siyum and visits for Year 6 and recognition of 35 years dedicated service by Mrs Susan Senett, as the term ended as it started in glorious sunshine.



Attendance matters!

All the pupils in the Green and Harris families have 100% attendance. We hope these will be added to in the years ahead, alongside individual achievements and a range of personal certificates and awards.



From top to bottom the pupils have been demonstrating their learning through tests and group learning opportunities. Year 6 kicked off each day with a brain boosting breakfast, whilst the Reception children came in fresh faced from breakfast club to demonstrate their knowledge of phonics. All aimed high and all achieved their best! We wish Year 6 every happiness for the future and Reception children continued success as they move through the school.

A right royal focus!

Staff and pupils seized the opportunity to celebrate in style with a Royal Wedding with a difference, as Mr Mallach and Mrs Fortag “wed” under the watchful eye of their pastor Mr Stearry! The pupils loved the celebrations and produced some great royal bunting too!



Top 3 competition entries winning “British caps” for their efforts!

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School outings roundup...

YEARS 3 & 4 VISIT TO THE VERULAMIUM MUSEUM

Pupils had a great time learning about life during the Roman period at the Verulamium Museum. They saw Roman mosaics, visited the remains of a hypocaust and even got to dress up as Romans and go shopping in a Roman Market. Everyone enjoyed spending time in the park and having a picnic lunch in the beautiful sunshine and enjoyed some great audio selections about a book snatcher and 'spybrarian' at Fullwell Cross Library

And... Enjoying more dramatics courtesy of KKS BTEC drama students.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lag B'Omer

Pupils in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Picnic to celebrate Lag B'Omer, whilst all pupils enjoyed a drink and biscuit which was kindly provided by the Friends & PTA Committee.



They have been having fun making 'ice cream' cornets for Shavuot, and have also been practicing writing Ivrit words. They really enjoyed making Shavuot crowns and models of Mount Sinai.



NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK

To help celebrate National Gardening Week, the pupils have been busy planting some flowers at the front of our school. The plants were kindly donated by B&Q in Newbury Park and we wasted no time at all, preparing a flower bed and getting stuck in the mud! Thank you goes out to the Wohlman family who helped to create our flower bed.



WIJPS choir made an impact on the crowd at Hyde Park

Our Choir were honoured and privileged to sing at the Yom Hashoah Ceremony at The Holocaust Memorial, The Dell, Hyde Park. Together with 50 pupils from other London Jewish Primary Schools, our choir sang 'Never Again' and 'Oseh Shalom' in the presence of Holocaust Survivors and their families, Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and the Chief Rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis. We remembered the six million Jewish women, men and children who were murdered in the Holocaust.



We reminded the pupils of the sobering thought, that if we held one minute of silence for every one of the six million victims of the Holocaust, we would be silent for eleven and a half years.

Generation Sinai

Once again, Generation Sinai was a huge success as parents came together with children for our pre-Shavuot learning programme.

Parents and grandparents joined their children after school to learn about the mitzvah of Tzedakah. We are very grateful to SEED and Generation Sinai for giving our WIJPS families the opportunity to participate in this programme.

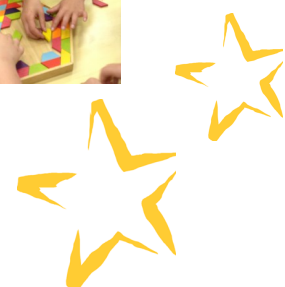


Out and about - our Year 6s celebrated their skills and tested their nerves during their residential trip to Kingswood, whilst year 2s mission was a bit closer to home and the ground at Fairlop Waters! Puzzles out of doors were then replaced with more challenges provided by the Happy Puzzle Company - indoors!



With so many exciting activities for Year 6 to complete, it is hard to find just 2 that sum up their nerve and spirit, but abseiling from the tower and leaping from height provide a really good taste of their achievements. Years 1 and 2 meanwhile went on a bug hunt to Fairlop Waters climbing over and under a variety of obstacles to achieve their quest, before letting down their hair a little in 'Owl's' playing area.

Whilst fun was enjoyed in the open air, it was also pursued in school with mathematical posers testing the pupils' wits during a day of working with the Happy Puzzle Company. Much trickier than it looks!



Democracy reigns as Year 5 met with Mr. Wes Streeting, local MP, as part of EqualiTEAS week and discussed their views on ways in which we meet these values in school. This followed a previous day of debates and dressing up in role to celebrate women's rights to vote and famous London characters, recognised across schools in London, as part of London History School Day, organised by the Mayor of London.



Sport hits new heights - with pupils soaring to success in the indoor athletic tournament.

Year 4 enjoyed an indoor athletics taster session at KKS where they competed in a variety of athletics events including relay, long jump, high jump and speed bounce, and took on the 200 metre running challenge. Our pupils were excellent ambassadors and we are very grateful to the PE staff and students at KKS for a fantastic morning...



... with further opportunities to test "personal bests" during our annual **"Race for life"**. Running for 15 mins and raising money for Cancer research. Well done to all!



Chagigat Siddur and Chagigat Chumash Celebrations



Once more, Year 3 rose to the challenge of learning complex songs and actions as they prepared for and presented their learning to parents at their Chagigat Chumash celebration presided over by Rabbi David Singer of Ilford Federation Synagogue as our guest of honour.

As ever, the pupils were a real credit to the school, word perfect and polished in every respect including their happy shining faces and their hi-vis jackets as they retold their journey of discovery of the importance of learning from the Chumash.



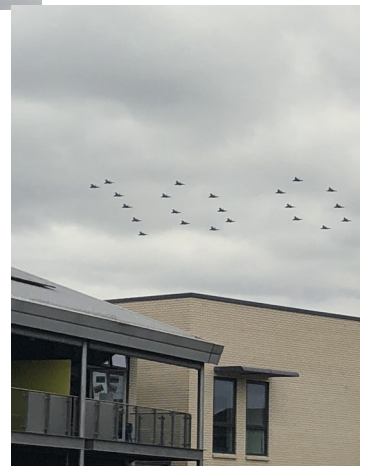
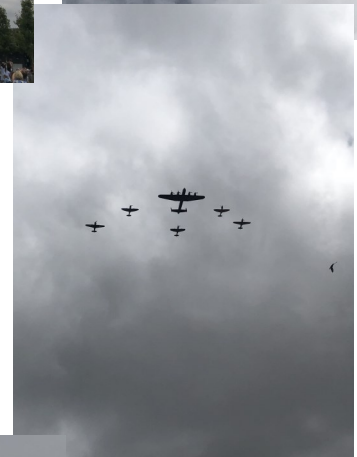
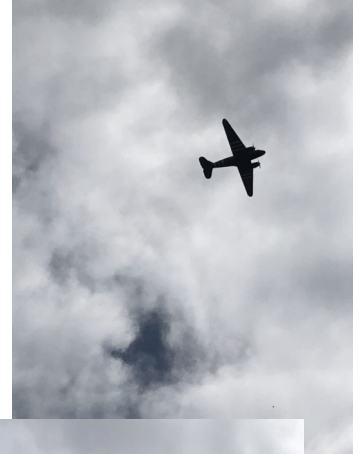
Year 1 also produced a sensational delivery of their songs with so many actions at times they made the audience dizzy. All received their Siddurim reverently and enjoyed a whole class reading session finding key words and letters they had learnt. Our thanks once more to Rabbi Dansky as our guest of honour.



Not to be left out - our Reception pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit with Rabbi Mendy Brukirer to the KKS Shul and discovered they knew all the letters of the Torah and could find their names using the Yad very professionally.



Final Celebrations this term: Nursery children enjoy a moment keeping fit before their graduation day to Reception and an unexpected treat for all... as WIJPS was in the direct flight path for RAF100 celebrations. Before Year 6 descended on Parliament for their last outing of the year. We say our fond farewells and wish them every success for the future.



Highlights of infant sports day - 2018

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.



Our biggest star - celebrated... Mrs Susan Senett

The quietest of colleagues revealed a big secret - 35 years with WIJPS. Celebrated at a special assembly on the last Monday of the year, and supported by her husband Len and grandchildren. Congratulations from all on this massive achievement and fantastic service to our school. We have recognised this with another leaf in our foyer... can you spot it?



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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 & Miss Naomi Harris



Sustainable Travel Awards LGFL - 2012-2017 - Bronze Award & Sainsbury's Games
Bronze - 2012-2017 & International School Award - Foundation Stage 2018



SENCO Award - Mrs G. Hart 2017

Rights Respecting Recognition & Commitment - 2017

