



## A time for discovery



### Special points of interest:

- \* A reflective and somber mood to start the term
- \* Joyful times are celebrated once more
- \* Teddies are the order of the day
- \* Scaling the heights in the wet and the dry - a new adrenalin rush
- \* The wonderful world of work
- \* Sleepy times followed by fruits of success
- \* Respecting our elders
- \* Learning in role
- \* Be in it to win it
- \* A competitive edge
- \* Celebrating who we are

Welcome to the final issue of WIJPS — 'STARS' Newsletter for the academic year 2018-19. Another year has flown by and this time, it has not always been such amazing weather (for dancing) when we needed it, but the rain has not stopped play at WIJPS. It has been another year of growth and success! Some well-known faces may have left for pastures new, but our new staff have joined fresh-faced and eager and our school has continued seamlessly building on our ambitious aims and high expectations. Our pupils never cease

to amaze us with their high levels of respect, engagement in their learning and personal ambitions for the future. This is regularly seen across the whole curriculum from Jewish Studies events to Enabling Enterprise initiatives and life-skills. Equally it can be observed when celebrating festivals or personal achievements. This all blends together to form a perfect mix and I am sure that, as you read on and digest the content of this newsletter, you will feel as proud of the children and the

school as I am. Some events will no doubt bring back fond memories and others a hint of envy that for those of us, over the age of 11 years old, we can't experience some of the challenges, adventures and personal success stories that our pupils have the chance to engage in today. Long may it continue.



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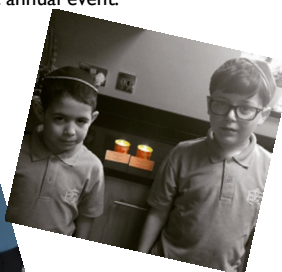
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### YOM HASHOAH UK COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

In school, children reflected on the sombre events of the Holocaust remembering those who die by lighting yellow candles of remembrance (at school and at home). Later the WIJPS Choir joined together with other primary schools to form a children's choir at the Yom HaShoah UK Commemoration Ceremony at The Holocaust Memorial (in The Dell, Hyde Park), in the presence of the Chief Rabbi, the Mayor of London and Holocaust Survivors. They sang 'Never Again', a song composed in memory of those who perished in the Holocaust, and 'Oseh Shalom'. The choir, consisting of pupils in Years 4-6, were honoured to be a part of this important annual event.

"In today's world, if we see something wrong, we should stand up and speak out. Stand up for what is right and protect those that are weak. It is easier to look the other way, but if you do, then terrible things can happen."

WIJPS Year 6 House Captain, Yom Hashoah 5779).



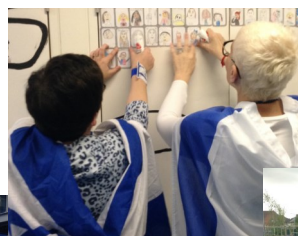
## From the somber mood of Yom Hazikaron to joyous celebrations with Yom Ha'atzmaut

We commemorated Yom Hazikaron in school with a special assembly and the lighting of a candle in memory of those who have lost their lives fighting for the State of Israel and victims of terror. We were delighted to welcome Oded Gvaram, our Community Shaliach, who spoke about his experiences in the Israel Defence Force (IDF).



### Yom Ha'atzmaut

Yes - it rained on Yom Ha'atzmaut but it didn't dampen our spirits! Pupils enjoyed a day of arts and crafts working together to create a whole school wall collage. The rain held off so we could enjoy our picnic lunch and we even managed to dance in the playground. In the evening, our Israeli Dance Group put on an outstanding performance at the RJCC Yom Ha'atzmaut Gala Show.





## Lag Ba'Omer

Pupils enjoyed a further opportunity to bring their teddies out to play, and this time, there was also a treat of drinks and biscuits courtesy of our Friends/PTA Committee in celebration of Lag Ba'Omer. Our younger pupils enjoyed a Teddy Bears' Picnic whilst older pupils took part in fun, interactive quizzes. Even the Jewish Studies giant teddy enjoyed a turn on the slide!



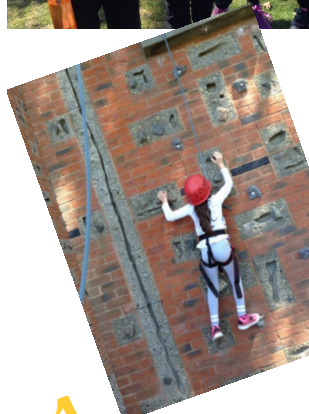




## School outings' roundup

### Year 4 expedition to Stubbers

Year 4 pupils had an incredible few days at Stubbers' Adventure Centre in Upminster where they enjoyed a variety of activities including: canoeing, high ropes, climbing, bell-boating, bush craft, grass sledging and more! For many of our pupils, this was their first time sleeping away from home. We were so proud of the way they challenged themselves to complete all of their activities and how they worked together and supported each other as a team.



### Meanwhile, Year 2 were making their own expedition to Hainault Fire Station

The class headed off on their own adventure, travelling by Underground train to Hainault Fire Station, as part of their Great Fire of London history topic.



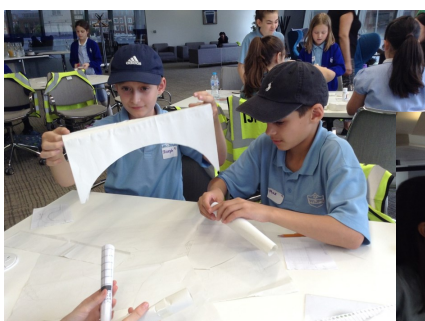




## 'WIJPS STARS' Newsletter

### Ventures new

**Year 5 discovered heady heights** both of business and tower blocks during their Enabling Enterprise expedition to Turner and Townsend, where they focused on building construction skills and working together in teams - leading their projects, listening to advice, presenting their ideas, outcomes of tasks and problem solving - as they created their own 'bridges for the future'.



**Meanwhile, Year 6 were also honing their skills for the future during their trip to Kidzania** where they discovered what life might be like in a range of different scenarios including: surgery, engineering as air- conditioning service agents, the delivery process and being 'on air' at Capital Radio.



## Special events

### Bedtime Story day

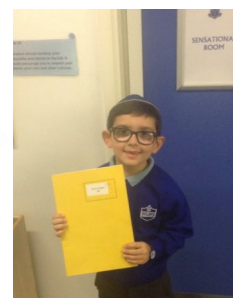
Bedtime Story Day was celebrated in style as pupils enjoyed revisiting their favourite books with their favourite bedtime buddies, as an array of cuddly toys took over the school for the day.

Later in the term - full of energy once more - children remembered others with their fun run - **Race for Life** combined with **London History Day**, as they dressed up as the characters they most admired.



### Reception Children have been learning all about transport and their journey took them to the Docklands Museum

The pupils discovered all the journeys that products had taken to reach London and even managed to fit in some maths and science - weighing themselves on the sack hoists and learning all about balance.



**Further fruits of success** were enjoyed by Archie Howell, who was praised by the BBC for his efforts in the "500 words" writing competition 2019. He didn't quite make it to the top 50, but the praise he received has spurred him on in his writing efforts. Well done Archie!





## Working with the wider community...

Year 5 pupils were invited to attend the Jewish Care Great Jewish Bake Day at RJCC. Pupils iced cupcakes with the day centre visitors and chatted with them as if they were old friends! The afternoon finished with the children singing some of their favourite songs; as we left, pupils were congratulated on their behaviour and manners. Well done everyone - you were a credit to yourselves and all at WIJPS.

Samuel Leeman said "thank you for having us, we had a wonderful afternoon".



## Generation Sinai

There was a wonderful buzz in our Jewish Studies room after school, as pupils from Nursery to Year 6 took part in Generation Sinai - a world-wide, pre-Shavuot parent and child learning programme organised in conjunction with SEED. We are very grateful to Rabbi Mendy Brukirer who joined us to lead the session.





## and... the wider community working with WIJPS



### TRIBE'S 'KOSHER APPRENTICE'

"Jell-o-cup ... Artaste! ... Eating Your Bets ... Sweet Victory ... A Taste of Israel ... Choco Headz" - these were the new kosher products created by our Year 6 pupils as part of Tribe's 'Kosher Apprentice'.

Working in groups, pupils were asked to create a new kosher product. They had to include information regarding kashrut, allergy advice, list of ingredients and expiry date.

Tribe were extremely impressed by the standard of the work and the amazing team work. Well done to the winning team - "Eating Your Bets."

The Jewish Studies (JS) department arranged for RJCC to bring in a special food tasting event for the pupils in Year 5! "A taste of Israel!" Pupils were able to revisit the notion of taking a holiday in Israel and experiencing an Israeli market (which they started at Yom Ha'atzmaut with their pictures on the JS "aeroplane" display - to fly to Tel Aviv) and now were able to taste foods that some children may not have been fortunate enough to have experienced elsewhere. They tasted fresh dates, dried figs, pomegranates, apricots, grapes, Elite milk chocolate, Osem Bissli (grill flavour) and biscuits.



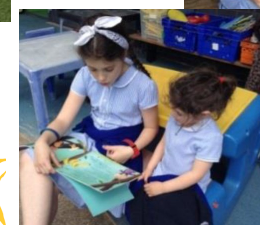
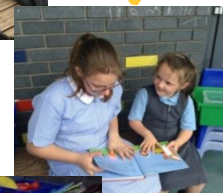


## Caring is sharing - old and young students share their knowledge across the campus

### Reading and achieving

Year 6 teamed up to share their reading expertise with Reception children and Year 4/5 with Year 2 pupils. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and broadened their taste in books selected together.

Year 6 said this was the highlight of their week on a Friday afternoon. Pupils choose their own books and find a quiet area to read with each other, either in or outside school. It is something that all pupils look forward to and enjoy.



Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fun filled morning at Kantor King Solomon. They took part in a variety of lessons including PE, Psychology, Science and Technology. We were informed by KKS staff that *"they were a pleasure to have and we look forward to seeing them again in a couple of weeks at our Primary School Sports Day."*





## Attendance matters!

Children were delighted to receive rewards for their attendance this year - 98, 99 and 100%, for being: Here, Everyday, Ready, On time - HEROes



Year 6 entertained their families and staff with their Siyum - flying us away on their flying carpet with the wonderful rendition of Aladdin which was "absolutely marvellous!" Olympic hurdles champion and guest speaker Hughie Teape inspired the children to keep believing in themselves and have "no problems, only solutions!"



Then it was Year 6's turn to be whisked away to Kingswood Residential Centre and learn new skills, teamwork, laser tag and much more, before donning their finery for the weekly disco!





## Good sports all round!

Sporting opportunities abounded this term, as Run for Life, sports day and the “A mile a day” events all fell within a week or so of each other.



Pupils rose to every occasion, bringing out both competitive and supportive natures in equal measure, making all events a positive success. Even the sun put in an appearance - for a short while.



Reception to Year 6 showcased their sporting skills as they competed in their class teams - going head to head in traditional sports day events including hurdles, relays, long jump and the egg and spoon race. Pupils exercised great sportsmanship, showing determination for themselves and support for others, even at challenging moments. The day was full of laughter and excitement thanks to engagement by all. The day was rounded off with a high-spirited adult race, the winners of which were Mr David Blitz and Miss Tassie Lopez-Dias.



Meanwhile Kobi Lachs managed to break the school record with the furthest long jump recorded to date - to the very end of the measuring mat! Well done Kobi!





## Chagigat Siddur and Chagigat Chumash Celebrations



Once again 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 Meyer (Executive Director of PaJeS— Partnership for Jewish Schools) , 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 faces and hi-vis jackets as they embarked on their journey to 'Mitzvah Land' and discovered the importance of learning from the Torah.

Rabbi Meyer thoroughly enjoyed his visit, saying: "Thank you for inviting me to join the year 3 Chumash celebration. It was a delight to see the children singing and presenting so confidently. They participated with gusto, delivering a musical presentation that was wonderfully choreographed by Mrs Deborah Harris. It was a pleasure to see the school thriving and credit must go to Mrs Elliker and all the staff."



Year 1 also produced a sensational performance for their Chagigat Siddur (as below), celebrating with their parents, grandparents, teachers, local Rabbonim and Governors. After taking the audience on a journey through Siddur and prayer, pupils were presented with their first Siddur by Dr Steven Wilson, Chief Executive of the United Synagogue.





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### VISION STATEMENT

WJIPS 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

