

THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

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Celebrating the Chagim

The start of the year has been a joyous time celebrating the Chagim (festivals). It is a busy and exciting time of the year providing us with many opportunities to come together and celebrate a new beginning.

We have had the chance to reflect on the past year and then look forward to the year ahead; setting goals that we wish to achieve, individually and as the Geshher community.

The school has been buzzing with celebrations and creativity with students participating in all the mitzvot that the Chagim bring: the sweetness of dipping apples in honey, hearing the shofar being blown, learning about and experiencing tashlich ('casting off') by the river in the park, and then coming together to eat in our beautiful sukkah and shaking the lulav and etrog.

Our celebrations have been enhanced through our PBL learning with students exploring questions that reflect the essence of this time of year. The students immersed themselves in exploring their identity asking: What does it mean to be me? What is important to me?



How does it feel to be part of a Jewish community? The students created beautiful artwork and representations in response to these questions. It was wonderful to have parents come in to experience it with us. It has been a truly sweet start to the year and we are excited for the weeks ahead!

Celebrating Black History Month

This month has seen us recognize and celebrate Black History Month as a school. It is an important opportunity to focus on a systemically underrepresented community, as well as to teach the next generation of young people how to be anti-racists and ensure that the history of oppression that black people have faced does not continue to repeat itself. This has included PSHE lessons around racism and the civil rights movement, as well as celebratory sessions with stories, art lessons, and a Black History Month-themed lunch where a number of dishes were created in recognition of our black members of staff and their countries of origin.

Therapy Corner

A question I am asked by many parents, many times, is 'Why won't my child tell me what he/she has done at school?' When you have been apart from your child all day it is only natural to want to know what they have been learning about, who they have been playing with and whether it was a good day! Here is a short clip detailing some lovely questions you can use with your children at the end of the day.

[Question Ask Your Child Video](#)

Disclaimer: The presenter advertises, at the end of the clip, for parents to contact her for more support etc. Geshher are not endorsing her work or recommending her services - the clip is purely for your information.

Kodesh Corner

This term our projects were centered around Jewish Identity and what it means to be Jewish. Click on the links below to see some of the videos they made:



[Rimon Honey Tasting Video](#)
[Rimon and Gefen visit Edgware Synagogue](#)
[Rosh Hashana with Tamar and Chitah](#)

