

THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

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School Council Votes Are In

From campaigning to voting! Gesher's School Council has once more taken students on an authentic experiential journey of exploring the world of democracy and advocating for oneself. This term, students got to demonstrate their oracy skills and creativity by campaigning through making posters and presenting to different classes on why they should be voted for. We want to say a big congratulations to Liam Nunez-Hall who was voted president and Poppy Schneider and Ben Schneider who were voted first and second Vice Presidents respectively. We look forward to an exciting year with all our new representatives.

The School Council is also excited to announce that after much debate and once more voting to reach a consensus on our school pet, we are happy to have Godzilla (our school pet hamster) who will be joining our Gesher family.



Well done to our outgoing School Council representatives who served us well last year.

Therapy Corner

A question we are asked by many parents is "Why is my child having difficulty using a knife and fork and how can we support these skills at home?" Self-feeding is a highly skilled and difficult skill to master and requires good postural control, fine motor and eye-hand and bilateral coordination.

There are many reasons why children find using cutlery difficult; including:

- Postural control difficulties
- Lack of experience
- Movement and coordination difficulties.

Any games or activities that encourage your child to hold one hand still whilst moving the other hand will help with the foundation skills for using cutlery. Getting children to help with food preparation is also a great, fun and motivating way to support cutlery skills.

For more information on how to teach bilateral knife and fork use please see the video below made by Sheffield NHS or come to our Therapy Workshop on the 30th of November.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cau5cevLg2U>

Kodesh Corner

Mitzvah Day is just around the corner. This Sunday, communities around the UK and other countries will be participating in Mitzvah Day, an initiative that encourages everyone to engage in mitzvot for their community and the outer communities. Gesher is also running our own Mitzvah Day at school on 21st November. The children will be participating in mitzvot activities all day to help people around the world with their products that they are making. In the afternoon from 1.30-2.30 there will be a bake sale fundraiser for which parents are invited to come in and decorate biscuits with the students to sell to others. The money raised will be going towards a charity voted for by the Gesher students.

Whilst we are sadly not in school for Chanukah this year, we are excited to be hosting a Chanukah Extravaganza which will consist of many activities for staff, parents and students to engage in. The activities will be themed around all things Chanukah. We have sent a letter out about this, so please do respond either via email to admin or via Seesaw to Miss Shoshie.

Gesher FC Recruits 22/23 Team

We are delighted to introduce you to Gesher FC, our very own football team! Our players have officially signed their contracts for the 22/23 season and are raring to go! We are hoping to do some fundraising for equipment to take our team to the next level and are planning a letter writing campaign to teams across London in the hopes of getting some equipment donated. If you know anyone who might be able to help, please get in touch! We're all unbelievably excited and can't wait to see what the future holds for Gesher FC!

