

# THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

2nd December 2022

## Celebrating Mitzvah Day

Last week on Monday 21st November 2022, the children embraced the Jewish value of giving and caring for others by engaging in Mitzvah Day. The students participated in different activities to support communities in both the UK and Israel. They made cards for the 'Save a Child's Heart' charity which helps young people who have either undergone or will undergo heart surgery. Also, they made collages for ADI which is a residential center in Israel that looks after children with profound disabilities. They all created their own bird feeders after learning that a lot of birds struggle to source food and water during the winter months and embellished tissue boxes for Jewish Women's Aid.

In the afternoon, we invited our primary school parents into Gesher to assist with decorating biscuits/cupcakes for the children to sell in the hall. Everyone enjoyed showcasing their creations and raising money for a charity of their choice.



The children voted to donate to the Israel Guide Dog Centre and we raised over £200! Through our new tzedakah initiative in school, we hope to continue to raise money for this charity until the end of term.

This initiative encourages the children to give tzedakah every Friday before Shabbat, which is an important mitzvah in Judaism that we want to practice within our school community.

## New Dining Tables Arrive

Our new dining tables have arrived! The children are very much enjoying sharing lunchtimes at the new tables, particularly our secondary students who were beginning to outgrow the old ones! A huge thank you to all of the parents for raising the money via the PTC for these tables, which are designed to be more conducive to a sociable lunchtime experience.



*Our sincere thanks to all the parents for their energy and commitment in helping the PTC achieve their goals by raising the funds to buy this equipment for our children.  
Lucy Hass President Gesher PTC*

## Therapy Corner



Hi, I am Isobel (Miss Isobel) and I am taking over from Miss Ashleigh as she goes off on maternity leave. I have already been in to visit the school and to start to get to know the staff and students. I really enjoy my role working as a Speech and Language Therapist in helping children to develop their communication skills. My previous experience has included working in the community, in children's centers, and in nurseries and schools. I will be starting at Gesher on the 9th of January. I am really excited to get started at Gesher and join an already amazing team.

## Kodesh Corner

We are excited to be hosting a Chanukah Extravaganza on Tuesday 13th December from 1.30 pm - 2.45 pm which will consist of many fun activities for everyone to engage in and get the students excited about the upcoming chag (festival) of Chanukah which takes place the following week. 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.