

THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

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Unveiling Our 18ft Chanukiah

With Chanukah just around the corner we got celebrations underway this week with the unveiling of our 18 foot tall, LEGO Chanukiah. We were hugely fortunate to have the Chief Rabbi visit to officially cut the ribbon and present our students with their own mini versions to build over the Chanukah holidays! This project has been in the pipeline for a while and was inspired by our student's love of LEGO and finally came into fruition through one of our Teaching Assistants, Danny Cazzato, who in a previous role, worked at LEGO. Work started on the project back at the start of the year with Danny coming up with a design for the Chanukiah and presenting to our students for feedback. Then, at the end of the November the build began with students spending an afternoon at school constructing the nine candles for the top of the Chanukiah. These were sent away to a factory to be glued together and have their lights installed.

With the candles complete, construction also began on the base and the main stem, this time by a LEGO Master builder. Once complete, these 5 large pieces were transported to Geshher and constructed in less than a day!



[Scan me, to watch how it all came together.](#)

Watch this space as in the new year we hope to offer the Geshher community the chance to buy a brick of the Chanukiah in our sponsored build-a-thon (with roughly 80,000 bricks there are plenty to go around!)

Kodesh Corner

This term we have celebrated Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Mitzvah Day, and now Chanukah with our Geshher community and it has been AMAZING. We would like to thank those on the PTC who were involved in helping us with our fabulous Mitzvah Day and Chanukah event. Thank you to those from the Pinner community who came during Sukkot, as well as our amazing Hebrew Reading volunteers and staff who have been so dedicated and incredible this term in enriching the children's Jewish education. We are looking forward to next term; welcoming Mr Bradley to the team and celebrating Tu Bishvat, Purim, and Pesach. Wishing you all a Chanukah Sameach!

The Stone Age



Our PBL project was all around The Stone Age. We explored their way of life and how it relates to us today. For our exhibition, we wanted to create an immersive experience for people to enjoy how we have been learning. We transformed our hallway into a 'cave' filled with cave paintings, stories, weapons, and tools all created by the pupils. The pupils then showcased their stone-age clothing in the presentation of a runway fashion show. We created an essence and mood which was electric, and were able to create a feeling of being taken back into that time.

Therapy Corner

And just like that, it's Chanukah and Christmas time. With the festive season fast approaching, the to-do list is expanding and the sorting of gifts may seem daunting. The therapy team has put their heads together to create a gift guide, age & stage friendly.

EYFS/Lower KS1

Snap/Pairs, Lotto, Dress up clothes, Pretend play - food, doctor, vet, garage etc, Small world people and toys e.g, Happy Land, Pop up Pirate, Pig Goes Pop, LEGO, Puzzles, Marble Run, Orchard toys games/puzzles,

KS1/KS2

Snap/Pairs, Top Trumps, Uno, HeadBandz, Bop It, Simon, Pop Up Pirate, Pig Goes Pop, LEGO, Chess, Junior Colour Brain, Mapominoes, The Logo Board Game, Charades for Kids, Face it!, Guess Who?, Soundiculous Kids, Connect 4, Brainbox - any category, Magnetics, Kinetic Sand, Pokemon toys

Upper KS2 and Secondary

Bop It, Simon, Frustration, Chess, Monopoly Deal, Uno, Top Trumps, HeadBandz, LEGO, Soundiculous Kids, Junior Colour Brain, Tension, Mapominoes, The Logo Board Game Charades for Kids, Face It!, Guess Who?, Mindful colouring books.