

THE GESHER GAZETTE

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World Book Day Celebrations

Gesher's World Book Day celebration was a resounding success, with a host of educational activities aimed at fostering a love of reading among students. The day's highlight was 'The Big Write,' a collaborative story-writing exercise where each class contributed a part to create a whole-school story. The students' enthusiasm and creativity shone through as they worked together to weave a compelling tale. In the afternoon, the classrooms were transformed into magical worlds inspired by some of the best books, allowing students to immerse themselves in their favourite literary worlds while learning at the same time. This thematic approach to learning provided an engaging and exciting experience for the students,



You can read 'The Big Write' story on the Gesher website.



who left the day feeling motivated and inspired to continue reading and learning. The celebration of World Book Day highlighted the transformative power of books in transporting us to new worlds, sparking our imaginations, and broadening our perspectives.

From classic literature to modern-day bestsellers, books have the ability to inspire, entertain, and educate us. By reminding students of the magic of storytelling, we were able to emphasise the incredible

impact that books can have on our lives. Overall, World Book Day was a great success, fostering a love of reading and inspiring students to continue exploring the wonders of literature.



Therapy Corner

Mr. Chris is taking an Animal-Assisted Therapy course to introduce animals in school to support mental health and wellbeing. The course highlights the benefits of using animals for emotional regulation and psychological growth. Gesher has a golden retriever therapy dog, Toby, who visits every Monday and supports students with reading, engagement, and confidence building. Godzilla, a hamster, rotates between classes weekly, teaching students about animal care and respect for living things. Fish in the secondary provision also help with similar learning. Pupilinda, the therapy-dog-in-training, supports issues including emotional regulation, anxiety management, and school refusal. Staff and students enjoy having non-human friends in the school and are excited about expanding this provision in the future.

Kodesh Corner

We were very excited to welcome back the Israeli Theatre company last Friday morning for the 'UK Festival of spoken Ivrit.' They performed a play in Hebrew and English about 'The Fisherman and his Goldfish.' The students engaged with, and really enjoyed, the show and loved the goldfish which interacted through

the screen. We are just over half-way through collecting for this term's Tzedakah which is a wheelchair for Laniado hospital. Please can you continue giving your child £1 to bring in on Fridays/Mondays so that we can reach our target by Pesach. Thank you! With Purim in a few days, we wish you all a Chag Purim Sameach and look forward to seeing you in your fancy dress for the Purim festivities on Tuesday morning.