

THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

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New MakerSpace Launched

This term we are very excited to showcase our newest space in the school, our very own Makerspace, which offers a range of opportunities for learning, collaboration and exploration. The space is made up of four different zones, with each zone allowing students to engage in a different kind of activity, each an integral part of the project process. The Factory Zone - a manufacturing space putting the 'make' in MakerSpace, this is where students bring their ideas to life and invite learning with their hands. The space is home to a laser cutter and 3D printer for designing, and creating along with a range of hand tools for tinkering and making. The Reflection Zone - a warm, mindful space, allowing time to quietly focus, reflect and consider their next steps within their project work. The Media Zone - a multimedia space that supports students to freely explore the entire design thinking process and capture moments using a range of equipment to bring learning to life. The Collaboration Zone - a



space where students come together to share ideas fostering collaboration, communication and design thinking as part of a group. Students are encouraged to give presentations, take part in round

table discussion or group problem solving. We look forward to seeing all of our students in this space in the upcoming weeks, and sharing some of the work they have created within the Makerspace.



Kodesh Corner

For Yom Hashoah (Jewish Holocaust Remembrance day) last week & Yom HaZikaron (Remembrance day for fallen Israeli soldiers) this week, we held memorial assemblies which were extremely well-respected by all students. They also enjoyed making Israeli flags, the Israeli music during their breaks and an Israeli themed lunch for Yom Ha'Atzmaut

(Israel Independence day). This term we are excited to be collecting Tzedakah for Jewish Child's Day link <https://jcd.uk.com/> who help 25,000+ deprived, disadvantaged and neglected children throughout the world. You can read about their success stories [here](#). Please can you give your child some coins to bring in every week so we can buy 100 specialist phonics books to help these children with their language and learning difficulties.

Therapy Corner

Sensory circuits are a fantastic way to help alert and calm children whilst working on their gross motor skills. In school we run sensory circuits first thing in the morning however they can also be done in the home environment with minimal equipment required. The activities from the sensory circuit can be utilised at various times of the day to achieve the 'just right' level of alertness children need to prepare themselves for the day. They also provide a way for children to regularly receive controlled and consistent short and snappy sensory input.

Create simple sensory circuits at home by watching the following links:

<https://bit.ly/3VfEsAz>
<https://bit.ly/3oQtaXy>