

# THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

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## Happy Rosh Hashanah

We have been back at school for less than 2 weeks and it's like we have never been away. Friendships have been rekindled, focused learning has resumed, and routines have been restored. But with a new year, comes a wonderful air of positivity and possibility. With new teachers, new T.A.s, new students, new classes, new initiatives, and new mindsets, there is a new vibe around the school, and it is exciting! No more so than with the recent Rosh Hashanah Enrichment day where the students took part in the Jewish Olympics; tried various apples and various honeys; attempted (and succeeded in some cases) to blow different types of shofars; making 'dreams and goals' jar; and making a chocolate and pomegranate fudge tart. The key foundations, which are in place within the school, have been cultivated and nurtured, and we are now seeing the fruits of our labour thrive and prosper - the staff are excelling, the students are maturing and the school is evolving. Creating strong foundations and nurturing them in order to thrive and prosper is the epitome of the upcoming Jewish festivals. Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), which begins tonight (Friday 15th), is an opportune time to start building these foundations. By acknowledging our past deeds, good and bad, we can identify how we can create a better future for ourselves. This is followed by an intense period of reflection and



can nurture our foundations and build key relationships. Finally, we have the holiest day of the Jewish year - Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) where we see that only with patience, perseverance and positive actions, will we have the opportunity to thrive, flourish and evolve in our future. These 10 days give us an insight as to how the rest of our year should be. By doing our Hishtadlus (required efforts), reflecting on our actions and building solid foundations, we are all capable of growing and thriving in life. This is a key ideal that we aim to imbue in all our students and, with each passing year, it makes

us so proud to see how much they have matured and embraced this philosophy in their lives. May we all go from strength to strength and have an abundance of opportunities to grow and positively flourish throughout this year. Shana Tova U'Metukah - Have a Happy & sweet new year.



### Therapy Corner

"Hello my name is Miss Hannah! I am the new Speech and Language Therapy Practitioner at Gesher. I've recently moved to the UK from New Zealand where I was working as a Speech and Language Therapist in a range of different early year and school settings. I'm so excited to get to know you and your children over the next few weeks, and to get started on supporting their language and communication through fun and creative ways."



### Welcome to a new term at Gesher

Welcome to this year's first issue of the Geshe Gazette. We look forward to sharing whole school highlights with the parent body and wider community through our fortnightly school newsletter. Look out for

our celebratory events, outstanding work and top tips from our therapy team as well as upcoming events and key dates to diarise. Have a lovely weekend and a Shana Tova U'Meutkah, Tammy & Niekisha.