

THE GESHER GAZETTE

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British Values Celebrated

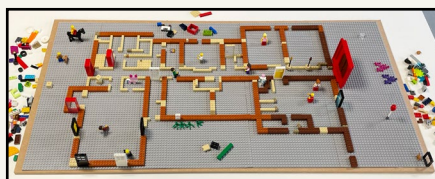
The British Values of democracy, the rule of law, liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs are very important to us in Gesher, and are shown throughout the school in many different ways. These last few weeks we have been really busy at Gesher learning about many important British Values events. The first of these was Guy Fawkes. The students were introduced to the history behind Guy Fawkes and the reason we celebrate this day. They then participated in different enrichment activities which included fireworks pictures, quizzes and creating their own class models of the Houses of Parliament which they then did a controlled experiment to blow them up! Last week we learnt about the important Hindu festival of Diwali. We were very fortunate to have Mr and Mrs Rajpara, parents of a student in our year 5 class, who came into school to talk to the children about Diwali. The students really enjoyed finding out all about the festival and looked at the different costumes and artefacts that they brought in. Finally, we recognised Remembrance Day last week by remembering the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who fought



for our country in times of war, protecting the freedom and values that we hold. The students took part in different poppy making activities and held a minute's silence after learning about the importance of the day. We will be holding more enriching and engaging British Values events in the near future!

LEGO Club Launch

At Gesher School, creativity and collaboration come together in the form of the LEGO Club, where students engage in the exciting task of constructing their school out of LEGO bricks. This unique initiative fosters a sense of community and teamwork amongst the students, as they collectively bring Gesher to life on a much smaller scale. The LEGO Club serves as a platform for students to channel their imaginative energies while developing crucial skills such as problem solving and communication. Through this



hands-on experience, students not only build a physical representation of their school but also construct a sense of camaraderie amongst themselves. From the Sensory room to the Hall we will attempt to build an amazing representation of Gesher that will hopefully be on show for many years to come.

Kodesh Corner

We are pleased to announce a new collaboration with Streetwise, a branch of the CST (Community Security Trust for Jewish organisations), who will be offering monthly PSHE sessions to years 6-9 focusing on personal safety and boundaries, leadership, and antisemitism. This week they taught Gevurah and Tiferet about healthy

friendships on and offline which was very well received by the students. We are also excited to launch our Textual Chabura (learning group) with Rabbi Kurzer next week. These weekly sessions will extend students in their Jewish learning and help develop their Hebrew skills. This Sunday is Mitzvah Day ('Good Deed' day). If your family would like to be involved, here is more information - <https://bit.ly/47kXKKm> - Shabbat Shalom.



Therapy Corner

As Chanukah and other festivities are rapidly approaching, we thought we would put together a list of games that we have in school that are the most popular with our students. These games are not only fun and enjoyable, but they also target so many skills, including fine motor skills, turn taking, memory, word finding, resilience, strategic planning, winning with grace and... not winning and coping! Most of these can be found on Amazon or in department stores. If you would like any further advice please do contact one of your child's Therapists and they will be able to help you with what your child specifically enjoys playing with in school. Enjoy! Link - <https://bit.ly/3suNXIL>