

THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

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Our Community Helpers

For our first project of the year, Chitah and Tamar have been looking at people in their life and in the community that they see as heroes. They have been interviewing their 'heroes' in their own lives (both within Gesher & outside) also meeting lots of wonderful people who help shape their community. To begin the second half of the project, they have been taking part in various volunteer activities. After interviewing our very own Gesher volunteer Michael and his therapy dog Toby, they learnt about the traits that volunteers need, which are very similar to the types of people we class as heroes. They then spent the week volunteering around the school by reading with our early years classes, helping Miss Caroline in the kitchen and also completing tasks for our Admin. team. We went one step further, and the pupils went to our local park on a mission to clean it up! They volunteered their time and walked the whole length of Roxbourne park with litter pickers and



bin bags, and did an amazing job. Next week we will be baking cakes for a local care home, and some of us will be supporting their coffee morning by going along, helping serve teas and coffees and taking some time to chat with the residents.

"I have really enjoyed volunteering around the school, and was surprised by how amazing it felt to clean up the park. We didn't even go to the playground. We did something just for the park, not for us. That's what a volunteer is, helpful and kind." Olivia



Student Voice

We're excited to announce the newly elected Student Council members: President Bea, Vice President Bobbie, Secretaries Liam/Rafael, and Class Representatives: Hodaya-

Rafael, Tiferet-Jack, Gevurah-Chaim/Shimi, Keren-Aaron, Tamar-Olivia, Chitah-Natty, Rimon-Ariana, Gefen-Eli C., and Zayit/Seorah-Arj. We will be celebrating this milestone on November 13th, where parents can pin the official badges on their children!

Therapy Corner

In P.E., we have been focusing on dressing independence and targeting physical skills like fine motor coordination, balance, strength, and cognitive processes such as sequencing, problem-solving, and attention. Our goal is to support students in mastering these essential life skills, while

fostering confidence and autonomy. Below are practical strategies, visuals, and tips to help teach your child dressing skills at home, including a "beat the clock" game for practice. Holidays and weekends provide great opportunities to practise, and once mastered, it can reduce the stress of getting ready for school each morning. [Parent resource page - Dressing link](#) [Beat the clock dressing game link](#)

Kodesh Corner

The past month of Chagim (festivals) culminated with the completion of the yearly reading of the Torah on Simchat Torah last Friday and then an immediate restart of the Torah beginning with the creation of the world. This reminds us that our learning in life and connection to Hashem is never complete and we shouldn't rest on our laurels when we have accomplished something, rather we should continue moving forward and strive for further and deeper growth and connection. This provides us with an excellent opportunity to begin delving into the weekly Torah portions in our Kodesh lessons to attain a deeper understanding of the key stories, characters, morals and values which form the basis of Judaism (and other religions) and make them relevant to the modern world.. Wishing you a Shabbat Shalom.