

# THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

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## Gesher FC New Kit Arrives

The Gesher football teams have made a fantastic start to the new season, with both the girls' and boys' teams showing great promise in their opening matches. This season, the girls' team is new, and they've already made a strong impression in their first group of games. They won two of their matches whilst attending the SEN Schools League at the Middlesex FA last week, with impressive scores of 3-0 and 7-1 demonstrating their skill and teamwork. Although they were unlucky in their third game, which ended in a 6-4 defeat, their performance overall was outstanding. Bea & Tami proved impossible to stop, assisting and scoring all of the goals between them. A special shoutout to Michal must also be given who was impressive as the goalkeeper. The team has shown real potential and determination, and it's exciting to see how they will continue to develop throughout the season. The boys' team, entering its second year, has continued its successful run from the previous season. They won all three of their opening fixtures with results of 2-1, 3-2, and 3-1. These victories highlight their resilience and strong team dynamics as



they build on last year's successes. A big thank you goes out to the group of students from JFS who raised money for the teams' new football kits for their Bar Mitzvahs. Their generous contribution has played a vital role in ensuring the players have the equipment they need to perform at their best. The support from the community has been truly uplifting, and we are greatly appreciative.



### Student Voice

Last Monday we had our first full school council meeting, where all the class representatives attended and we discussed the Hanukkah Door Decorating. Classes are now creating their designs and giving Miss Hollie a list of the supplies they need.

#### Standout Moment of REACH Values

*Shout out to Raf in Hodaya class for showing confidence this week by never being deterred by work. Well done!*

#### Student Quote of the week

*"The best quotes are the ones that go deep to the heart" - Rafael D.*

### Therapy Corner

At Gesher, part of our work is to help prepare the students for life in wider society. A key part of this is around developing independence around travel. The therapy team are always available to support with more personalised approaches to this (i.e. social stories, trips out of school, etc.), but we would also highly recommend you look into obtaining the following resources for your child: Zip Card: These special Oyster Cards

allow your child to get free journeys on London buses, and discounted tube travel, [link to apply](#). The Freedom Pass: Some individuals with additional learning needs are eligible for a Freedom Pass which provides free public transport across London. Check to see if your child is eligible at the following [link](#). The Sunflower Lanyard: The Sunflower Lanyard "Hidden Disability" scheme is widely recognised across the UK as a means to subtly alert the wider public to an individual's additional needs or neurodiversity. please see this [link](#). to buy your packs

### Kodesh Corner

In Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers 4:1), it says "Who is wise? Someone who learns from everyone". In the Talmud (Taanis 7a), Rabbi Chanina expounds on this saying "I have learnt a lot from my teachers, more from my colleagues, and the most from my students". There are not many professions more rewarding than teaching, and I have no doubt that a reason we become greater and wiser teachers is because of our interactions and observations of our students. Their way of thinking can bring a whole new perspective to discussions and topics, whilst their support, care and attention towards each other reiterates the key fundamentals of beautiful friendships. The quote from Pirkei Avot is something we can all take to heart: Who is wise? Someone who learns from everyone, including our children! Shabbat Shalom.