

# THE GESHER GAZETTE

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## WORLD DAY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

World Day of Cultural Diversity is an important event at Gesher, providing students with opportunities to celebrate and embrace our school community's rich array of cultures. This week highlights the significance of understanding, respecting, and appreciating diverse cultural perspectives, ultimately enhancing students' educational experiences.

We aim to foster a learning environment where students feel represented and valued, developing a sense of belonging within the school community. This week we hosted an interactive exhibition featuring food tasting, learning new languages, exploring cultural attire, dancing, and discussions to engage students and deepen their understanding of one another. These activities helped students appreciate diverse traditions and histories, while encouraging critical thinking and meaningful dialogue about cultural differences.



## Student Voice

In our last meeting all class representatives gathered to discuss what ideas our classmates had to improve our experience in the school. Some excellent ideas were discussed and will be shared with the teaching staff. We also discussed our next whole school event hosted by the School Council, a BBQ lunch! We brainstormed the possible menu for the upcoming BBQ and what responsibilities each class representative would have on the day.

Exciting things that have happened in Summer 1. Hodaya has been fortunate to attend a couple of Career Fairs. They were fun, and it was a great opportunity to chat with professionals from a range of disciplines.

Chef Caroline started a new menu this half term, some favourites on the new menu include sushi, salmon and the arancini balls.

## Student Quote of the Week

Excited for the holidays!! - Raf - Silly summer session starts now! - Liam

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## Kodesh Corner

With the Chag (festival) of Shavuot (Receiving the 10 commandments) straight after half term (2nd and 3rd June), the students have been learning about various aspects of the Omer (the 49 days between Pesach and Shavuot) and trying various dairy foods including Cheesecake. They have also been learning about the importance of following rules and identifying what they consider are important rules to have at school, within friendships and in the wider society. Furthermore, on Lag B'Omer (33rd day of the Omer) the students really enjoyed the opportunity of giving Mr Bradley Conway a shave and haircut with an electric razor and clippers respectively in order to learn that one should not cut hair prior to the 33rd day of the Omer. They did a very good job too. Wishing you all a Shabbat Shalom, a wonderful half term and Shavuot Sameach (Happy Shavuot).

## Therapy Corner

Journalling can be a powerful tool for supporting mental health. By writing down thoughts and feelings, individuals can gain clarity, process emotions, and identify patterns in their thinking. This self-reflection can reduce stress, enhance self-awareness, and promote a sense of control over one's experiences. Journalling provides a private, judgment-free space to express difficult emotions, which can be especially helpful in managing anxiety or depression. It also encourages mindfulness and gratitude when used to track positive events or progress. Over time, journalling can foster emotional resilience and serve as a valuable coping strategy for maintaining overall mental well-being. This activity can be as long or short as you would like it to be (bullet points or paragraphs), or could be a simple drawing. Why not give it a go to start the day feeling calm and prepared.

## Announcements:

### Staffing:

We are delighted to welcome our new Speech and Language Therapist to the team, Natalie Shofer. Natalie will be running a range of additional interventions for the rest of the term and, from September, will take on a caseload of classes. Natalie is really looking forward to getting to know the students and parents over the coming months.

We are thrilled to share the news that Miss Ciara welcomed a baby boy, Rian, into the world last month. Congratulations to the family!

## Parent Teacher Community (PTC):

### Maccabi Fun Run

To coincide with the fundraising campaign on 22nd June, Gesher will be taking part in the Maccabi Fun Run at Allianz Park Mill Hill. We will have a stand at the event providing a great opportunity to promote the campaign. The children/parents can take part in the races (there is a 1k, 5k, and 10k) and any sponsorship can be directed to our charity extra fundraising pages. It will be great to have as many of you involved as possible as it's such a key date for our school. We will need parent volunteers for the stand and, of course, runners! Please contact Stacey (07967711119) if you think you can help or would like more details

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## Reminders and Save the Date:

### **Save the date: Match Funding Campaign Sunday 22nd June - 23rd June 2025**

Gesher School is holding a 36-hour match funding campaign on Sunday 22nd - Monday 23rd June 2025 to raise critical funds to support our core activities and help us expand our provision to meet the evolving needs of our growing and maturing children and young people

### **Save the date: Gesher Summer Fete 6th July 2-5pm**

Fun afternoon of BBQ, stalls, entertainer, pony rides & soak the teacher!  
Please see the attached flier for details of how to buy tickets and tokens!  
The PTC needs your help in planning the event, or on the day.  
Please get in touch with Lucy [gesherptc@gmail.com](mailto:gesherptc@gmail.com)

### **Save the date: Non-Uniform Day - Friday 27th June**

We are collecting small donations for the primary and secondary Tombola/Lucky Dip stall at the Summer Fete and would be very grateful if you have any unwanted gifts etc at home that you might consider donating. Like last year, we are collecting for both a primary and secondary Lucky Dip and would be very happy to receive new items like:

Ideas for Primary:

A small new book, toy, collectables, stickers/minifigures, balls etc.

Ideas for Secondary:

Badges, football stickers/merch, music merch, key rings, stationery, toiletries, make up etc.

Please send any donations in with your child on Friday 27th June. Thank you.

### **Second Hand School Uniform Sale**

We will also be selling pre-loved school uniform at the Fete, so if you have any uniform your child has outgrown, please do send it in to school at any time.

Thank you so much and see you at the Fete on Sunday 6th July!



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## **GESHER SUMMER FETE 2025**

### **SUNDAY 6TH JULY**

### **2PM-5PM**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**  
**FACE PAINTING**  
**HAIR BRAIDING**

**TOKENS TO SPEND**  
**AND MORE AVAILABLE**  
**ON THE DAY**

**RAFFLE**  
**BEAT THE GOALIE**  
**SOAK THE TEACHER**  
**FIRE ENGINE**

**TICKET PRICES**  
CHILD £8  
CHILD+20 TOKENS £18  
ADULT £12  
ADULTS+20 TOKENS £22  
FAMILY £30  
FAMILY+20 TOKENS £40

**PONY RIDING**  
**INFLATABLE GAMES**  
**RICHIE RICH**  
**ENTERTAINER**  
**NAME THE TEDDY**

**BBQ**  
**SOFT DRINKS**  
**SNACKS**

## **AND LOADS MORE FUN**

**Tickets go on sale 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
**Any queries**  
**Email: [gesherptc@gmail.com](mailto:gesherptc@gmail.com)**

**GESHER'S SUMMER FETE IS PROUDLY**  
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**AND OSHER**

**RAFFLE TICKETS**  
1 TICKET £3  
4 TICKETS £10  
10 TICKETS £20