

# THE GESHER GAZETTE

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27th June 2025

## SECONDARY RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO NEW FOREST

Hello, I'm Bea, on our trip in the New Forest we got to do many things like rock climbing, archery, crate stacking, some problem solving activities, water rockets, toasting marshmallows, making smores, cooking meals etc. One of my favourite memories from the trip was when we went to an inflatable waterpark on the way back to school, it was so funny and is something I will never forget. I also loved the second evening when we had a campfire, there was a beautiful sunset and it was just a really good vibe. One of the problem solving activities we had to do was stand on a log and order ourselves by shoe size, but we couldn't speak or step off the log, that whole activity was filled with everyone laughing, it was really good. One of my more personal highlights was when Tianna, Tami and I were being circled (summoned) by birds during dinner, we got to laugh at Tianna lots. I am very grateful that Gesher made this trip happen for us, it was very special. Liam and Poppy have written a poem about their perspective of this trip.

*The bus is here everyone cried  
The holiday awaited for has finally arrived*

*The rock climbing was great and archery fun  
But the trip has just barely begun*

*To eat we often BBQed burgers and fries,  
And we smiled out into the skies.*

*When it got dark we started making smores,  
It was a wonderful midnight galore.*

*Late at night some people began to laugh to chat,  
Accompanied by the sounds of wild bats.*

*In the night we have a good laugh,  
We disrupted the sleep of many good staff.*

*When we got to the waterpark we loved to watch the  
water flow  
Although we had a great time we eventually had to go.*

*The water park was fun and we had a splash,  
Even though the trip was fast these memories will always  
last.*

*The last day sun finally arose,  
But unfortunately it meant that this fun trip has to come  
to a close*



## Kodesh Corner

With a very delicate situation in the Middle East and the Ukraine-Russia conflict still bubbling in the background, it is very pertinent that we reflect on a key teaching of Rabbi Hillel - **'Ve'Ahavta Le'Re'Acha Kamocha - Love thy neighbour like yourself'**. This fundamental concept, which is also the main ethos and value underpinning everything Gesher does, is intrinsic in each one of us. How? Because Hashem created Humans 'B'Tzelem Elokim - In the Image of G-d', and as Hashem is Omnibenevolent, we also have an unlimited capability of loving kindness within each and every one of us. What is happening in the wider world is tragic and awful, and our hearts and prayers should go out to all those affected, BUT, if we take a step back and show a little bit more attention, care and love to those around us - our friends, colleagues, acquaintances or even people we have never met - maybe, just maybe our little positive act and G-dliness can bring more loving kindness into the world and be a ripple effect to help make it a better place for us all to live in. May Hashem create peace throughout the world speedily in our days. Shabbat Shalom.

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## CAREERS DAY

For Careers Day this past Tuesday, our students had several opportunities to learn about what it takes to work in different industries. Early in the day, members of the local community came to Gesher to host tables for a lively careers fair in the hall. Tables included catering and cooking, animal care, medical care, graphic design, social work, law enforcement, DJs, and education. Every student who visited the careers fair had a chance to talk to and learn from the professionals who were sitting at each table.

After the careers fair, each class was invited to participate in activities which gave them more insight into several potential fields of employment. Some of these activities included animal care and grooming, setting up and participating in an air travel experience, carpentry, fashion/tie-dye, learning to record a radio intro and working with DJ equipment, hospitality, mock interviews, dentistry, learning to set up a professional photoshoot. Some of the older students helped facilitate the experiences for the younger ones by supporting them during various activities. The students asked many questions and had the chance to try and see which of the many options might be a fit for them one day. We're very grateful to Miss Jodi and Mr Aymane who organised and ran this fantastic day and to our volunteers who brought a wealth of experience to our school.





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## Therapy Corner

Following the success of the sessions with our therapy dogs, Toby and Puplinda, we are pleased to have been able to expand this provision this year with the addition of two further furry friends: Echo and Lenny. Echo is a greyhound who lives with our Art Therapist, Miss Hollie, and Lenny is a poodle who supports Danielle, one of our newer volunteers. All four dogs and their owners support the students in different ways, from developing reading skills to emotional regulation support. Mr Chris is also an Animal Assisted Therapies practitioner, and alongside Puplinda, has been able to work through more nuanced issues such as dog phobias with a number of our students. We are very grateful to all our therapy animals for the patience, affection, and love they bring to the school whenever they visit, and look forward to developing this approach further in the future.

## Announcements:

### Staffing:

We are very sad to see some of the team leaving us at the end of the year.

Miss Rearne leaves us as she heads back to Australia next Friday, 4th July. We will miss her greatly and are excited for Miss Tianna and Miss Alissa to take over the Life Skills development. The students have all been informed and have received support during this transition, as well as during their goodbyes. Miss Alissa and Miss Tianna have had a thorough handover and have spent time with all the students in the lesson.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Stephanie, who leaves us at the end of the year. We want to thank her for all of her support over the years and wish her all the best in her next adventure.

After 8 years of dedicated service to the school, Mr Jakub is leaving to pursue a role in a different sector as well as to further his studies. We'd like to thank him for keeping us all safe over the years and always being on hand to help. We wish him all the best in this exciting next chapter.

All parents should now have details of their class teacher and information about the teaching assistants working in the class. We will share further details, with opportunities to meet the new teachers and teaching assistants.

## Parent Teacher Community (PTC):



The fundraising campaign may have been postponed but Geshher still very much had a presence at the Maccabi Fun Run on Sunday 22nd June. Geshher was one of 98 charities involved in the event and over 1500 people took part. We had plenty of passers-by to our stand, some being lured over by the candy floss & popcorn and others who wanted to learn more about our wonderful school. It was a great day and hopefully next year we can get more children and parents to run for Team Geshher!

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## Reminders and Save the Date:

### Match Funding Campaign

In light of the current escalation and deeply concerning situation in Israel, we have made the considered decision to **reschedule Gesher's fundraising campaign to October 19th - 20th 2025**. This decision has not been taken lightly, but it reflects our commitment to placing the needs of our children at the heart of everything we do.

Michal will be in touch with you in the coming weeks with further details and we thank you all for your incredible efforts and commitment to making this campaign a huge success for our children!

### School Council BBQ - Wednesday 2nd July

The School Council are hosting a (meat free) BBQ for the students next Wednesday!

If your child usually has a packed lunch and would prefer to still eat their packed lunch, then please do send it in as usual. If however they would like to eat the BBQ food, then they will not need to bring in a packed lunch on Wednesday.

### 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 are looking for some volunteers to take a short shift on a stall on the day, or to help set up or clear down, Please get in touch with Lucy if you think you might be able to offer some time: [gesherptc@gmail.com](mailto:gesherptc@gmail.com)

### Sports Day - 21st July

Sports Day will be held on Monday 21st July at Roxbourne Park. Parents/Carers are very welcome and we suggest you arrive at 1.30pm.

Further specific details of where to meet etc. will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

### Lucky Dip Collection - Thank you

A huge thank you for all of your wonderfully generous donations to our Lucky Dip stall! Our primary and secondary Lucky Dips are going to look amazing and the students will be delighted with the prizes!

### Pre-loved 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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## Parent Survey

Please see below the link to our end of year parent survey. We really appreciate feedback and will always do our best to address actionable points, so please complete the survey by Tuesday 1st July 2025.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6NuIERTP53bmyqzhfkxNuLQmq\\_E39k7w\\_wr-wnXRsv9ndRw/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6NuIERTP53bmyqzhfkxNuLQmq_E39k7w_wr-wnXRsv9ndRw/viewform?usp=header)

All responses are anonymous, so if the questions prompt anything that you would like to discuss in more detail, please do contact a member of the senior leadership team.

A colorful poster for the Gesher Summer Fete 2025. The background is light blue with confetti and streamers. At the top left is the Gesher School logo with the tagline 'ENGAGE EMPOWER EDUCATE' and 'supported by the Roman, Wohl, Wallson Partnership'. At the top center is the 'OSHER' logo. At the top right is the 'Jewish Child's Day' logo. The main text in the center reads 'GESHER SUMMER FETE 2025 SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2PM-5PM'. Below this is a yellow circle containing 'TICKET PRICES'. To the left of the circle is a yellow starburst listing activities: 'ARTS AND CRAFTS', 'FACE PAINTING', and 'HAIR BRAIDING'. Below that is a grey box saying 'TOKENS TO SPEND AND MORE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY'. To the right of the circle is another yellow starburst listing activities: 'PONY RIDING', 'INFLATABLE GAMES', 'RICHIE RICH ENTERTAINER', and 'NAME THE TEDDY'. Below that is a grey box saying 'BBQ', 'SOFT DRINKS', and 'SNACKS'. At the bottom center, it says 'AND LOADS MORE FUN', 'Tickets go on sale 1st June', 'Any queries', and 'Email: gesherptc@gmail.com'. At the bottom left, it says 'GESHER'S SUMMER FETE IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY JEWISH CHILD'S DAY AND OSHER'. At the bottom right, a yellow starburst lists 'RAFFLE TICKETS' with prices: '1 TICKET £3', '4 TICKETS £10', and '10 TICKETS £20'.

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## SUMMER DRAMA CAMP

*Explore your creativity*

Calling all children finishing Year 6 and moving to secondary school: join us for a week of adventure and laughter, where we'll build confidence through fun and drama! This Summer Drama Scheme is designed to be a welcoming space for children who may need extra support adjusting to secondary school transfer.

Over five super fun days, we'll dive into the exciting world of drama, **creating our very own TV channel** with news, ads, talk shows, documentaries, and dramas all based on your ideas. We'll explore our creativity, meet new people, and learn some fun skills along the way.

We're all about supporting each other, building confidence, and having a great time as you get ready for your move to secondary school!

### Dates

August 4 - 8 2025  
10am-3pm, Mon-Thu; 10am-1pm, Fri

### Location

The Kloud, Kennedy Leigh Family Centre

### Cost

£100 per child for the week  
(concessions available, please enquire)

For more information or to register, please email us at [rebecca.redhouse@norwood.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.redhouse@norwood.org.uk)

*Limited spaces available. Please book early to avoid disappointment.*



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## **ROXY** *fest 25* **Family Funday & Dog Show**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 11:30-17:00**

Roxbourne Park, Pinner, Harrow



### **WHAT'S ON**

- Dog Show, Judged by Medivet Pinner
- Charity and Local Business Stalls
- Street Food
- Tea / Coffee Pavillion
- Children's Funfair and Entertainment
- Kids Face Painting
- Ice Cream / Candy Floss
- Live Music and much more...

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