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REMEMBRANCE DAY - POPPIES SELLING POPPIES!







This week our two very own Poppies were tasked with selling poppies to the students. This is what Poppy H had to say about the experience:

'We sold poppies because it's Remembrance Day. It's an important thing - we think about the soldiers who have died. Me and Poppy worked together. She carried the items and I collected the money. We sold them in different classrooms. It is funny that poppies are flowers and we are both called Poppy!'

Kodesh Corner

This Shabbos the Torah portion is Chayei Sara, and Sunday is the AJEX parade remembering Jewish veterans who lost their lives serving in HM Armed Forces. Interestingly, despite thousands of years between the two events, there are quite a few connections. 1) Avraham shows honour to his recently deceased wife by buying her a burial plot in Israel to preserve her legacy. Similarly, the Jewish community has an annual parade of remembrance and reverence. 2) They both show the importance of passing on the baton to the next generation to continue our mission. Avraham gets his servant Eliezer to find a wife for his son Yitzchak, and, in the AJEX parade, parents bring their children to join the Jewish community to be inspired. 3) Finally, Avraham and his son Yitzchak demonstrate strength and resilience in times of challenges and difficulties, and the parade shows that the Jewish community continues to stand up in unity despite the current climate and events.

May we be inspired by these events and be blessed to show honour and preserve legacies of lost loved ones; inspire future generations; and find strength and resilience in times of challenges and difficulties. Shabbat Shalom.

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Chitah News

This term Chitah class went on an exciting school trip to the Battle of Britain Bunker. The students loved going underground to explore the secret tunnels. We got to see the incredible map room where officers once tracked enemy aircraft and helped defend Britain during the war. It was amazing to stand near the spot where the Prime Minister sat to help send off Britain's fighter planes in the Battle of Britain against Germany and their allies. After the tour, we visited the hands-on exhibition room, where we dressed up as different soldiers, pilots, and service men and women from World War II. The whole day was full of adventure and helped us imagine what life was like during one of Britain's most important battles.



















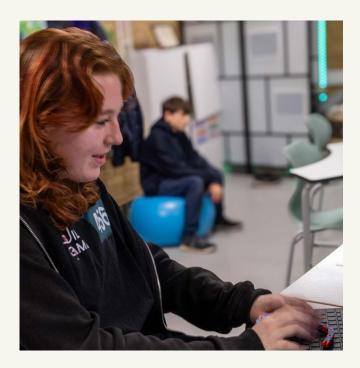




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Chesed News







In Chesed class, we've started the year with an emphasis on preparing for life after Gesher. Lessons, interventions and form times have been centred around independent study habits, improving skills such as typing and writing and other access arrangements to support in preparing for college, sitting exams and exploring potential careers. Something else we've been enjoying is having access to a broader range of elective subjects that are tied more closely to our interests and career aspirations.

Conversation Corner

The suggestions of Primary and Secondary conversation starters are for a guideline only, please do feel free to use both suggestions, whatever the age, if you so wish! Also if you have any great ideas for conversation starters please do send them in to Miss Victoria victoriarutter@gesherschool.com

Primary: Would you rather be a cat or a dog for a day?

Secondary: Would you rather be the funniest person in the room or the smartest person in the room?

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Announcements:

Call for Announcements:



Parents and families, we would like to feature your family announcements and any notable student accomplishments here in the Gesher Gazette. Please email any births, celebrations, bar/bat mitzvahs, special awards, sports wins or other merits to Content Manager, Zahra Axinn

(<u>zahra.axinn@gesherschool.com</u>) and we will include in a future edition.

Thank you!





Thank you, our incredible champions, for your remarkable efforts throughout the campaign! Your generosity has helped us surpass our goal and raise over £637,000 (and counting!) for our children and young people.

With these funds, we will be able to ensure that Gesher's outstanding provision is protected; that we can continue to develop key learning spaces throughout the school and further enrich our Life Skills programme.

Every message you sent helped make this possible and the outpouring of support stands as a testament to how valued Gesher's children are within our community!

Parent Teacher Community (PTC):

Message from the PTC:

If anyone is interested to get involved with the PTC, help with events or just would like to share ideas please email gesherptc@gmail.com