

# THE GESHER GAZETTE

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## FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



The first school council meeting was held on during the first week of the term and members from each class attended. They are looking forward to working together on some exciting things in the coming weeks and months! At this meeting everyone introduced themselves, they discussed their creative ideas for Purim and Pesach enrichment including art and sensory tray activities. They are planning their Chinese New Year project and chose Save the Children as a charity to support. Look out for more updates on their efforts soon!

## Kodesh Corner

Last Shabbat, synagogues started the second book of the Torah. The Hebrew names of the 5 books of the Torah reflect their main themes: 1) Bereishit talks about 'creation', 3) Vayikra of the High priests being 'called' to holiness, 4) Bamidbar is about the 40 years 'in the desert', and 5) Devarim of Moshe's final 'words'. However, the second book, Shemot, contains the story of slavery in Egypt, the Exodus, the 10 plagues, splitting of the sea, and the giving of the Torah. There are so many names that could be given to this book which reflect these key themes, yet it is called Shemot referring to the 'names' of the people who went to Egypt. Why are 'names' more important than the major events that happened?

An idea is that a name represents who a person is and where one comes from. Even during the difficulties of being slaves in Egypt, the Israelites kept their names, holding on to their identity, heritage and values of those people who went down to Egypt. Our sages teach that this was one of the reasons they were freed. The book of Shemot reminds us that before, during and after these miracles and great events, it is strong character and a clear sense-of-self that matters most. As we begin this term, we look forward to not only seeing our students grow and succeed in their learning, but just as importantly, see them positively develop and strengthen their character, thereby carrying their "name" and core values with confidence wherever life takes them. Shabbat Shalom.

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## Keren Class: New Project



Keren class have started their project on electricity and sustainability through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). They have been working on drawings, signs and models of things like batteries made from foil and pipe cleaners to decorate their classroom door. This project gives Keren the opportunity to learn all about how we use electricity with the aim to figure out ways they can use STEM to find solutions to problems like energy waste.



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## 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

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**Primary:** If you opened a shop, what would you sell?

**Secondary:** What's been your most embarrassing moment in school so far?

## 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 ([zahra.axinn@gesherschool.com](mailto:zahra.axinn@gesherschool.com)) and we will include in a future edition.