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PASS THE KINDNESS

For the last year, we have been running our "Football Kindness" program, which has been designed to build relationships and strengthen communication skills through the power of sport. It's all about helping our students develop teamwork,positive language, and social confidence, all while enjoying the game they love. Each session is split into two thoughtful halves. The first part focuses on putting football skills into practice with an emphasis on effective, supportive communication. Students learn how to encourage their teammates using positive language, while also picking up key technical vocabulary so they can follow coaching instructions with confidence. The second half is dedicated to gentle reflection. Students gather to talk through how they communicated on the pitch and explore real-life scenarios where those same skills matter most. By connecting the game to everyday situations, the program teaches lasting life skills such as building empathy, cooperation, and self-belief. We can't wait to see the positive impact Football Kindness brings to our school community.







Student Spotlight: On the Pitch with Rosa

This term, we caught up with Rosa - one of our Gesher FC players - to chat about teamwork, friendship, and what makes being part of the squad so special. Here's what she had to share:

What is your absolute favourite thing about playing for Gesher FC?
"I get to play football with my friends."

If you could change one thing about the team, what would it be?
"More people! There is currently me and 7-8 people on the team and I wish there was more."

Do you feel like you belong as a team member here?
"Yeah, I can just be myself. I feel like I belong in the team (even though they are very loud) haha."

What do you and your teammates do when someone is having a tough day?
"Cheer for them. Last week my teammate didn't really wanna play, I mentioned I would pass the ball to them more. It's fun to share the positions around and it means I get to score goals (which I did)."

How has football impacted your life off the pitch?
"More confident outside of school, support my teammates more. It's helped build friendships and brought me closer to people at school in different grades."

If a friend with similar needs was thinking about joining, what would you tell them?
"You can always play with me!"

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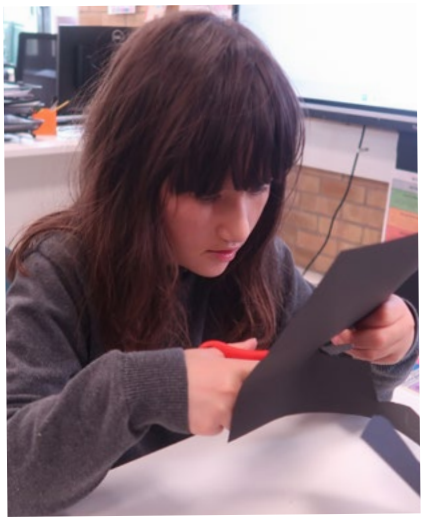
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Art with Sharon King-Chai

On Wednesday last week, we were delighted to welcome Sharon King-Chai to the school to help with our Keren class Art lesson. Sharon is the award-winning illustrator of some of our favourite Julia Donaldson books, and we are delighted to have her as part of our school community! We made some beautiful "stained glass" star crafts, where students needed to tear coloured paper and stick it to the back of their star. The students showed just how creative they can be! Whilst Sharon can't share too many specifics of her next project just yet, she has said that she's "creating a festive school scene for a project I'm working on." We can't wait to see the project come to life!







Staff News

A huge congratulations to **Miss Bella** on welcoming her brand new baby boy, Asher last week! We cannot wait to meet him!

We send our warmest congratulations to **Miss Safa**, who recently got married!

Congratulations to **Miss Bushra** on her new role as TA for Class Malchut! It has been wonderful to see the positive impact she's already having in the class.

Kodesh Corner

These past few weeks we have been learning about the weekly parsha (Torah portion) including the creation of the world, Adam and Chava (Eve) eating from the tree of knowledge, Noach and the flood and Avraham believing in 1 God, Hashem. They are all very interesting stories, but what is fundamental about them and lives on throughout every generation is the morals, values and ideals that they can teach us and how we can integrate them into our daily lives today. For example Hashem created the world in 6 days and then rested on the 7th. Do we follow Hashem's lead and take time out for ourselves regularly? Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the snake after eating from the tree. Do we take responsibility for our actions or blame external features? Noach built the ark over 120 years even though the people mocked him. Do we dedicate ourselves to something worthwhile or do we give up at the first hurdle? Avraham was the only person in his generation who believed in 1 God whilst others worshipped many idols. Do we follow our peers and society even when they might be wrong or don't make sense? These are just some of the ideals, morals and values that we have been learning about in our Kodesh lessons to help ensure all our students know the positive and right ideals that we should live by in order to be upstanding and able role models within the school, within their community and throughout their future lives. Shabbat Shalom and have a great half term.

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ADVAIT'S ANGLE!

Hi there gang! Guess what guys? I'm the new school president! Along with Olivia! Thank you to all the people for voting for me. I am glad to have the role during the 10th year of Gesher School! We had our first football trip! It went great! I am excited to announce that I will go on the next trip too as I enjoy them. Enjoy my Explosion Rockstars comic.



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Give It A Go

Football Chat at Home

Primary

Tell Me About Your Team

Aim: To practise talking about a shared interest (this doesn't need to be football!), answering questions and keeping a conversation going.

How to do it:

1. Ask your child to talk about their favourite football team or a recent match.
2. Spend 5 minutes chatting about it together.
3. Take turns asking questions, sharing opinions and adding comments.

Questions to try:

- Who is your favourite player?
- What was the best bit of the match?
- What do you think will happen in the next game?
- If you could sign any player, who would you choose and why?

Keep it fun! Follow your child's interests, share your own opinions and model how to keep a conversation going.

Secondary

Pick a football debate (or replace it with an actor/singer/celebrity/other sport etc). You can extend the conversation by asking Why? after each response.

- Who is the best football player in the world right now?
- Which team has the best fans?
- What do you think of VAR?
- Who would you put in your all time dream team?
- Which footballer would you most like to meet?
- What is the best football stadium you have visited?
- If you could change one rule in football, what would it be?

Meet the Therapists

Recently we asked a Tamar student, Sami, to chat with one of our new Therapists. Miss Alex has been with us since June and Sami was very excited to have his moment as the interviewer and asking some questions of his own.

Where are you from?
"I'm from Melbourne, Australia."
Do you need to visit your family?
"I do need to visit, but they come to visit me often."
What is your favourite colour?
"Green is my favourite."
What is your favourite book?
"Hmmm, I can't pick a favourite book. There are too many!"
What is your favourite part about your job?
"I love playing games with the kids."
Do you copy Miss Hannah (previous SaLT)?
"Yes I guess I have, because I took her old job."
When do you do PPA?
"I do PPA on Monday mornings"



Parent Teacher Community (PTC)

Message from the Chair of the PTC

10 Acts of Kindness at Gesher

As Gesher heads into the Autumn Term, we're getting ready to launch our 10-year celebrations! Throughout November, the children will be taking part in 10 Acts of Kindness, discovering new ways to help others, give back and make a difference.

Across Primary, each class will be exploring kindness in its own way. Seorah and Gefen will be spreading kindness at home, whether that's making their beds, washing up after dinner or even preparing a snack for their family. These everyday acts are a wonderful way for the children to show how a little help can go a long way.

Rimon will be helping to keep Roxbourne Park tidy by picking up litter, while Chitah will be collecting clothes from home to donate to the charity container at school. Tamar will be spreading some Chanukah cheer by sending cards to residents at Norwood.

In Secondary, Keren will be packing bags and writing notes for the charity Small Acts of Kindness, while Hodaya will be giving up some of their playtime to spend time with and engage with the Primary children. Chesed will be visiting a Jewish Care home to chat with residents and brighten their day, while Gevurah will be collecting donations for Dogs Trust in Uxbridge.

Tiferet will be lending a helping hand to Miss Caroline over lunchtime, and Malchut will be spreading a little appreciation by sending thank-you cards to a family member or a member of the Gesher team. From helping at home to supporting charities and connecting with others in the community, each act is an opportunity for our children to discover that kindness comes in many forms. As we celebrate 10 years of Gesher, we hope these small acts will inspire big smiles and remind us all of the difference we can make when we think of others.

Prizes & Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for prize donations to help make our events extra special! If you have a business that could donate a prize or voucher, or you'd simply like to contribute towards our prizes, we'd love to hear from you. All the money we raise through our events will go towards gym equipment and large trikes for the playground, helping us provide even more opportunities for our children to play, stay active and have fun!

These events wouldn't be possible without the support of our wonderful Gesher families, so please do get involved if you can. Every donation, big or small, really does make a difference! We're also looking for volunteers to help bring our events to life. Even if you can spare just a little time, it would be hugely appreciated.

Fancy getting involved? Please email us at gesherptc@gmail.com or send me a private message on WhatsApp.

Thank you for helping us make our 10-year celebrations extra special and for supporting our wonderful children!

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