

## Year 6 Newsletter 07-12-18

Dear Parents

Chanukah Sameach! Chanukah is always a special time in school and this week has been no exception. The children have enjoyed the different candle lightings over the week, especially the one with Stephen Melzack, who joined all the children in a loud Chanukah sing-song. We are looking forward to our trip to the Mayor's office next week (If you are able to Volunteer for this trip please inform the School Office by Monday 10/17/18 thank you). Please remember **that your child must have a non-school uniform cap for the trip next week.**

**English** – The class has been looking at features of explanation texts. The children have been asked to bring in a variety of examples for us all to look at next week. The features that we are identifying are that explanations answer questions, have a clear title, ideas are grouped in paragraphs, the first paragraph introduces the subject and the vocabulary used - such as time conjunctions and cause and effect conjunctions. Explanations are written in the present tense and may have sub-titles, diagrams and a glossary.

**Maths** – This week we have been plotting Chanukah-themed shapes on co-ordinate grids and looking at the effects of reflecting shapes in the axes. We noticed that when a shape is reflected in the y-axis, the sign of the x co-ordinate is reversed and when a shape is reflected in the x-axis, the sign of the y co-ordinate is reversed. We have also been translating shapes into the different quadrants of the grid.

**Topic** – The children enjoyed making Chanukah cookies this week – Yum. Our Chanukah door is still up; the children made a Chanukah on a window sill of a lounge, with curtains and presents. At the back (through the window) was the night sky, with twinkling stars. The children made working circuits with switches to allow the stars to go on and off. There is also a doorbell which when pressed, has a recording of the children singing Chanukah songs.

**JS** – This week in Jewish studies the children learnt the meaning behind the words of Maoz Tsur, the song which we sing every night after candle lighting. We discussed the idea that Maoz Tsur is a tour of history throughout the ages and we thank Hashem for saving from our enemies in every generation.

**Reminders** – The children must be reading their scheme books out loud every evening. Please ask them comprehension questions about the text they are reading and date and sign the blue diary each time. The children should also be reading their 'home' books as well. The school library books can be changed or renewed on Tuesdays or in Library Club on Wednesdays. Children must be in a routine of learning the spellings which can be found on our website.

Please ensure your child has their blue diary each day. If they are being collected by someone else to usual, this must be recorded in the diary on the day.

**All boys need a spare kippah in their tray and all children need a non-uniform cap in their tray too.**

This week the Science Squad launched our **Chanukah Science Competition**. There will be prizes for FS, KS1 and KS2. Winners will be announced in the end of term newsletter. The children can

represent any science learning they have done at home on **Light and Dark**. It can be represented in a creative way of their own. All entries must be marked with name and class.  
Good Luck!

Our week's attendance was 98.46%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

**Best wishes**

**Mrs Levy and the Year 6 team**